## 2023 Compete USA Competition Announcement



July 22, 2023

## Hartmeyer Ice Arena <br> 1834 Commercial Ave Madison, WI 53704

The 5th Annual Badger Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S.
Figure Skating, Learn To Skate USA as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating or Learn To Skate USA website.


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## ELIGIBILITY / TEST LEVEL

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are currently eligible (ER 1.00) members of either Learn to Skate USA and those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with Learn to Skate USA or a member club. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event and all six should receive an award.

Eligibility and Test Requirements:
Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic 1-6 skaters must skate at the highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Moves in the Field or individual dances.

For the Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Excel, Well Balanced, and Adult levels eligibility will be based only upon the highest free skate test level passed. Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level. Skaters may skate at the 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 (LOC) discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below his/her class level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this must be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. It is an ethical violation for coaches to sandbag an event.

## ENTRIES

| EVENT TYPE | ENTRY FEE | COMMENTS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| First Event Entry | $\$ 70$ |  |
| Subsequent Entry(ies) | $\$ 30$ |  |
| Practice Ice Reservation | $\$ 10 /$ session | Maximum 1 reservation per event entered |
| Practice Ice Purchase (day of event) | $\$ 15 /$ session |  |
| Late Fee (after July 9, 2023) | $\$ 20$ | $* *$ referee's approval |

## Online registration is the ONLY method available for entry into Badger Classic.

Online registration is available via secured credit card transaction at EntryEeze and must be completed by midnight July 9, 2023. No paper entries will be accepted. A link to the EntryEeze registration site can be found at www.fscmadison.org

If you are experiencing difficulty with the online registration, please email the LOC at badgerclassic@gmail.com

## REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline July 9, 2023 unless no competition exists or is canceled. No Exceptions. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable.

## FACILITIES

The competition will be held at the Hartmeyer Ice Arena, 1834 Commercial Ave, Madison Wisconsin 53719. Hartmeyer Ice Arena's main ice surface is $85^{\prime} \times 200^{\prime}$ with slightly rounded corners.

## 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 July 16, 2023 11:59 pm.

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". 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 turned in at the registration desk at the time of check-in. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted. CD-RWs will NOT be accepted due to compatibility issues. CDs must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time. CDs must only have one piece of music per CD. The official competition CD turned in at the Registration Desk is reserved for use during the event.

## JUDGING SYSTEM

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

## REGISTRATION DESK

The Registration Desk will be open throughout the competition weekend, beginning Saturday morning. Each skater must check in upon arrival, at least 45 minutes before each event. The registration table will be in the lobby of the Hartmeyer 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 with your entry online. 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 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.
- No phone calls or emails will be accepted for practice ice.


## PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

Videotaping and photography services will not be provided. Please feel free to take your own pictures both on the ice and during the award presentation. No flash photography is permitted in the ice arena.

## DRESS

All competitors are responsible for their own skating attire. It is not required that the skater wear a skating outfit. Participants should wear clothing they feel comfortable in and that allows movement. NO JEANS PLEASE. No props or items are allowed on the ice.

## 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 events will be final rounds. Awards will be presented to all levels-1st through 6th place. All awards will be presented off-ice immediately following the completion of the event and posting of the results.

## 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 45 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 online at www.fscmadison.org. Schedules will NOT be mailed.

Actual skating order is posted the day of the competition at the event.

## INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES

Any person, 18 and older, instructing in a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Basic Skills instructor member.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential - no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them.

Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:
http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching\ Compliance\ Toolkit.pdf

## LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Hartmeyer 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 badgerclassic@gmail.com Additional information can be found at www.fscmadison.org . CDMPETE

COMPETITIVE PROGRESSION THROUGH THE LEVELS OF U.S FIGURE SKATING

Singles athletes begin with Compete USA competitions. Once athletes begin the official U.S. Figure Skating test structure, they can choose to enter the Excel, Well-Balanced or Adult levels as appropriate for their ability, test level, and age. Test requirements are the same for the Excel and Well-Balanced levels. It is completely the choice of the athlete which track to follow; athletes may switch between tracks as best suits their development, but may not enter the same type of event in multiple tracks. Competitive level is determined by highest free skate test passed.

| Compete USA |
| :---: |
| Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Hockey 1-4, Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, |
| Adult 1-6, and specialty events. |


Beginner*


Levels above the dotted line may be offered at Compete USA competitions and U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competitions.


[^0]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 order listed below (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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SNOWPLOW SAM | 1:00 max | - March followed by a two-foot glide and dip <br> - Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row <br> - Forward snowplow stop <br> - Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row |
| BASIC 1 | 1:00 max | - Forward two-foot glide and dip <br> - Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row <br> - Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet <br> - Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row |
| BASIC 2 | 1:00 max | - Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot <br> - Scooter pushes, 2-3 each foot <br> - Moving snowplow stop <br> - Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward <br> - Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row |
| BASIC 3 | 1:00 max | - Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade <br> - Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive <br> - Forward slalom <br> - Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle <br> - Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot |
| BASIC 4 | 1:00 max | - Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise <br> - Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive <br> - Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive <br> - Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left <br> - Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions |
| BASIC 5 | 1:00 max | - Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise <br> - Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive <br> - Forward outside three-turn, right and left <br> - Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions <br> - Hockey stop |
| BASIC 6 | 1:00 max | - Forward inside three-turn, right and left <br> - Mohawk, right to left and left to right <br> - Bunny hop <br> - Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left <br> - Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position <br> - 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 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SNOWPLOW SAM | 1:10 max | - March followed by a two-foot glide and dip <br> - Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row <br> - Forward snowplow stop <br> - Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row |
| BASIC 1 | 1:10 max | - Forward two-foot glide and dip <br> - Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row <br> - Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet <br> - Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row |
| BASIC 2 | 1:10 max | - Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot <br> - Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot <br> - Moving snowplow stop <br> - Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward <br> - Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row |
| BASIC 3 | 1:10 max | - Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade <br> - Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive <br> - Forward slalom <br> - Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle <br> - Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot |
| BASIC 4 | 1:10 max | - Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise <br> - Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive <br> - Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive <br> - Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left <br> - Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions |
| BASIC 5 | 1:10 max | - Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise <br> - Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive <br> - Forward outside three-turn, right and left <br> - Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions <br> - Hockey stop |
| BASIC 6 | 1:10 max | - Forward inside three-turn, right and left <br> - Mohawk, right to left and left to right <br> - Bunny hop <br> - Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left <br> - Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position <br> - T-stop, right or left |

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

- USA

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 $1 / 2$ 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.

| LEVEL | TIME | SKATING RULES/STANDARDS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PRE-FREE SKATE | 1:15 max | - 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, one set each direction clockwise and counterclockwise <br> - One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free foot position, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Mazurka - right or left <br> - Waltz jump |
| FREE SKATE 1 | 1:15 max | - Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes <br> - Backward outside three-turn, right and left <br> - One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg posi- tion (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions <br> - Toe loop <br> - Half flip jump |
| FREE SKATE 2 | 1:15 max | - Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis <br> - Backward inside three-turn, right and left <br> - Beginning back spin, optional entry and free-foot position, maximum 3 revolutions <br> - Half Lutz <br> - Salchow jump |
| FREE SKATE 3 | 1:15 max | - Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right <br> - Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise <br> - Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Loop jump <br> - Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination |
| FREE SKATE 4 | 1:15 max | - Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left <br> - Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Half loop jump <br> - Flip jump |
| FREE SKATE 5 | 1:15 max | - Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions <br> - Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Waltz jump-loop jump combination <br> - Lutz jump |
| FREE SKATE 6 | 1:15 max | - Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot <br> - Camel, sit spin combination, minimum of 4 revolutions total <br> - Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination <br> - Axel jump; minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving |

## 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.

| LEVEL | TIME | SKATING RULES/STANDARDS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| PRE-FREE SKATE | 1:40 max | - 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, one set each direction clockwise and counterclockwise <br> - One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free, foot position, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Mazurka, right or left <br> - Waltz jump <br> - NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-side toe hop-waltz jump |
| FREE SKATE 1 | 1:40 max | - Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes <br> - One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions <br> - Toe loop jump <br> - Half flip jump <br> - NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-toe loop jump combination |
| FREE SKATE 2 | 1:40 max | - Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis <br> - Beginning back spin, optional entry and free foot position, maximum 2 revolutions <br> - Half Lutz <br> - Salchow jump <br> - NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination |
| FREE <br> SKATE 3 | 1:40 max | - Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right <br> - Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Loop jump <br> - Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination <br> - NOT ALLOWED - Waltz-loop jump combination |
| FREE SKATE 4 | 1:40 max | - Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left <br> - Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Half loop jump <br> - Flip jump <br> - NOT ALLOWED - Waltz-loop or Waltz-Euler-Salchow jump combination |
| FREE SKATE 5 | 1:40 max | - Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions <br> - Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Waltz-loop jump combination <br> - Lutz jump |
| FREE SKATE 6 | 1:40 max | - Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, mohawks and toe steps, half-ice <br> - Camel-sit spin combination spin, minimum of 4 revolutions total <br> - Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination <br> - Axel jump; minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving |

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 $1 / 2$ 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.
- 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 | - Waltz Jump <br> - Salchow jump <br> - One-foot upright spin, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Choreographic step sequence |
| EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER | 1:15 max | - Loop jump <br> - Salchow-toe loop jump combination <br> - Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Choreographic step sequence |
| EXCEL PREPRELIMINARY | 1:15 max | - Flip jump <br> - Loop-loop jump combination <br> - Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions <br> - Choreographic step sequence |
| EXCEL <br> PRELIMINARY | 1:15 max | - Lutz jump <br> - Flip-loop jump combination <br> - Camel-sit combination spin, minimum 6 revolutions total <br> - Choreographic step sequence |

WELL BALANCED LEVELS COMPULSORY
FORMAT: To be skated on half-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
- 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 | - Loop jump <br> - Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) <br> - Upright spin with change of foot, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot <br> - Choreographic step sequence |
| PRE- <br> PRELIMINARY | 1:15 max | - Lutz jump <br> - Single jump-single jump (no Axel) combination <br> - Spin with one change of position and no change of foot, minimum 6 revolutions total <br> - Choreographic step sequence |
| PRELIMINARY | 1:15 max | - Axel jump <br> - Single jump-single jump (may not include Axel) combination <br> - Spin combination with one change of foot, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot <br> - Choreographic step sequence |

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. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or "skate up" to one level higher.


## EXCEL BEGINNER - 1:40 MAX

Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maximum 4 jump elements: <br> - Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) <br> - Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop only <br> - Eulers (half loops) are not allowed <br> - Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences. <br> Combination jumps permitted <br> - Waltz jump/toe loop and/or <br> - Salchow/toe loop <br> Sequence permitted <br> - Waltz jump/ waltz jump (no turns or hops in between) Maximum 2 of any same jump | Maximum 2 spins: <br> - Two upright spins <br> - No change of foot <br> - No flying entry <br> Minimum 3 revolutions <br> Max Level: Base | Maximum 1 Sequence: <br> - Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <br> o Must use one-half of the ice surface <br> o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements <br> o Jumps may be included in the step sequence |

## EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER - 1:40 MAX

Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maximum 5 jump elements: <br> - Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) <br> - Single rotation jumps: toe loop, Salchow, Euler (half loop), loop <br> - Flip, Lutz, and Axel NOT permitted <br> Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences. One 3 -jump combination is allowed <br> - Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump <br> Maximum 2 of any same jump | Maximum 2 spins: <br> - Both spins must be in a single position <br> - No change of foot <br> - No flying entry <br> - Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel <br> - Permitted back spins: upright <br> Minimum 3 revolutions Max Level: Base <br> Both spins may be of the same character | Maximum 1 Sequence: <br> - Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <br> o Must use one-half of the ice surface <br> o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements <br> o Jumps may be included in the step sequence |

## EXCEL PRE-PRELIMINARY - 1:40 MAX

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre- preliminary free skate test
*means required element
Learn to Skate USA membership OR full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maximum 5 jump elements: <br> - Only single jumps allowed <br> - No single Axels <br> - Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded <br> Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences <br> - Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3jump combination is allowed <br> - Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump | Maximum 2 spins: <br> - One spin must be in a single position with no change of foot* <br> - One spin may change feet or position, but not both <br> - No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character <br> Max Level: 1 | Maximum 1 Sequence: <br> - Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <br> o Must use one-half of the ice surface <br> o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements <br> o Jumps may be included in the step sequence |

## EXCEL PRELIMINARY - 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test
*means required element
Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maximum 5 jump elements: <br> - Only single jumps allowed <br> - No single Axels <br> - Number of single jumps (except single Axel) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded <br> Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3 -jump combination is allowed <br> - Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump | Maximum 2 spins: <br> - One spin must be a camel or layback spin with no change of foot and no change of position* <br> - One spin may change feet and/ or position <br> - No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character <br> Max Level: 1 | Maximum 1 Sequence: <br> - Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <br> o Full ice <br> o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements <br> o Jumps may be included in the step sequence |

## EXCEL PRELIMINARY PLUS - 2:00 +/-10 SECONDS

Must not have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test
*means required element
Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required

| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maximum 5 jump elements: <br> - All single jumps allowed, including single Axel <br> - No double or higher jumps allowed <br> - 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) <br> - Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded <br> Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences <br> All single jumps, including the single Axel, are allowed as part of a jump combination or sequence (no double jumps) <br> Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed <br> - Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump. | Maximum 2 spins: <br> - One spin must be in a single position* <br> - No change of foot <br> - No flying entry <br> - One spin may change feet and/or position <br> - No flying entry Minimum 3 revolutions Spins must be of a different character <br> Max Level: 1 | Maximum 1 Sequence: <br> - Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) <br> o Full ice <br> o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements <br> o Jumps may be included in the step sequence |

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

| 1:40 MAX |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES |
| Max 5 Jump Elements <br> - Only single jumps allowed except single Axel <br> o No single Axels <br> o Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded <br> - Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences <br> o Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3 -jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed <br> o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump | Max 2 Spins <br> - Spins may change feet and/or position <br> - Spins may start with a flying entry <br> - Min 3 revs. <br> These spins must be of a different character <br> (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E)) | Max 1 Sequence <br> - Step sequence <br> o Must use one-half the ice surface <br> o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements <br> o Jumps may be included in the step sequence <br> If IJS is used, then ChSt |


| PRE-PRELIMINARY - 1:40 MAX |  |  |
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| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES |

## PRELIMINARY - 2:00 +/-10 SECONDS

| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Max 5 Jump Elements <br> - 1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump* <br> - All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop) <br> o Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed <br> o An Axel plus up to two different, allowed double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or combination <br> o Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded <br> - Max 2 jump combinations or sequences <br> o 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 <br> o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump | Max 2 Spins <br> - Spins may change feet and/or position <br> - Spins may start with a flying entry <br> - Min 3 revs. <br> These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E)) | Max 1 Sequence <br> - Step sequence o Choreographic step sequence full ice <br> o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements <br> o Jumps may be included in the step sequence <br> If IJS is used, then ChSt |

## 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, $1 / 2$ ice.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element MISSING, REPEATED or from a higher level

| ADULT $1-1: 30$ MAX |
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| ELEMENTS |
| - Forward marching |
| - Forward two-foot glide |
| - Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row) |
| - Forward snowplow stop on one or two feet |

## ADULT 2 - 1:30 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Forward skating across the width of the ice
- Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- Backward skating
- Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row


## ADULT 3 - 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clock- wise and counterclockwise
- Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Backward snowplow stop, right and left


## ADULT 4 - 1:30 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Hockey stop, both directions
- Backward one-foot glides, right and left


## ADULT 5 - 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Beginning two-foot spin (min 2 revs)


## ADULT 6 - 1:30 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)


## ADULT BEGINNER - 1:30 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Mazurka
- Waltz jump
- Forward beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers (min 2 revs)
- Forward moving inside open mohawk (right and left) heel to instep
- Alternating right and left forward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)


## ADULT HIGH BEGINNER - 1:30 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump
- $1 / 2$ flip
- Forward upright spin - minimum 2 revolutions
- Backward outside three- turn, right and left
- Alternating right and left backward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)


## ADULT PRE-BRONZE - 1:30 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Single toe loop
- Jump combination or sequence consisting of half revolution jumps ( $1 / 2$ flip, $1 / 2$ Lutz, $1 / 2$ loop, waltz), toe loop, or Salchow
- maximum of 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence
- Forward upright spin-minimum 3 revolutions
- Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise


## ADULT BRONZE - 1:30 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Single Salchow
- Jump combination or sequence consisting of $1 / 2$ revolution jumps and/or full revolution jumps (no Lutz or Axel) - maximum 2 jumps in combination and 3 jumps in a sequence
- Solo spin with no change of foot (min. 3 revolutions)
- Backward inside three-turn, right and left
- Spiral sequence (Minimum 2 spirals)

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.


## ADULT 1 — 1:40 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Forward marching
- Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- Forward snowplow stop on one or two feet


## ADULT 2 - 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward skating across the width of the ice
- Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- Backward skating
- Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row


## ADULT 3 - 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left


## ADULT 4 - 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward one-foot glides, right and left
- Hockey stop, both directions


## ADULT 5 - 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Beginning two-foot spin


## ADULT 6 - 1:40 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)
- 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.
$\left.\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|}\hline \text { ADULT BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX } & \\ \hline \text { JUMPS } & \text { SPINS } & \text { STEP SEQUENCES } & \text { QUALIFICATIONS } \\ \hline \text { Max 4 Jump Elements } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Max 2 Spins } \\ \text { - Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and waltz jump } \\ \text { - Max } 1 \text { combination or sequence consisting of only the } \\ \text { allowed listed jumps }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Two forward upright } \\ \text { spins, no change of } \\ \text { foot, no flying entry } \\ \text { (Min. 3 revolutions) }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Connecting moves } \\ \text { and steps should } \\ \text { be demonstrated } \\ \text { throughout the } \\ \text { program }\end{array}\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Skaters may not have } \\ \text { passed any U.S. Figure } \\ \text { Skating Free Skate tests }\end{array}\right]$


## ADULT HIGH BEGINNER - 1:40 MAX

| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES | QUALIFICATIONS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Max 4 Jump Elements: <br> - Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, $1 / 2$ flip, $1 / 2$ Lutz, $1 / 2$ loop, toe loop, Salchow <br> - Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps <br> - Max. 2 of any same type jump. | Max 2 Spins: <br> - 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 MAX

| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES | QUALIFICATIONS |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Max 4 Jump Elements: <br> - Max 2 combinations or sequences <br> o 1 jump combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps <br> o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump <br> - Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) <br> - Only single and half-revolution jumps are permitted (half flip and half lutz are permitted) <br> - No single Lutz, single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted | Max 2 Spins: <br> - Max Level 1 <br> - Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E ) <br> - Min 3 revs <br> - Spins with a flying entry are not permitted <br> - A two-foot spin is permitted as one of the spins at this level and is of a different character than a one-foot spin | Connecting steps throughout the program are required | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. <br> Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre-Preliminary Free Skate |


| ADULT BRONZE - 1:50 MAX |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JUMPS | SPINS | STEP SEQUENCES | QUALIFICATIONS |
| Max 4 Jump Elements: <br> - Max 2 combinations or sequences <br> o 1 combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps <br> o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump <br> - Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) <br> - All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel) <br> - No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted | Max 2 Spins: <br> - Max Level 1 <br> - Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E)) <br> - Min 3 revs total if no change of foot <br> - Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot <br> - Min 2 revs in each position <br> - No flying spins are permitted | Max 1 Sequence: <br> - 1 choreographic step sequence, fully utilizing at least $1 / 2$ of the ice surface (may include moves in the field and spirals) <br> - Additional moves in the field, spiral and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such. | Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate |

## SPINS CHALLENGE

General event parameters:

- Spins may be skated in any order.
- Connecting steps are allowed but will not be taken into consideration in scoring.
- Spins may not be repeated. Only required elements may be included.
- All events are skated on $1 / 2$ ice.
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.


## BEGINNER - 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3)
- Upright back spin (3)
- Sit spin (3)


## HIGH BEGINNER - 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (4)
- Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot)
- Sit spin (3)

| NO TEST - 1:30 MAX |
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| ELEMENTS |
| - Upright spin with change of foot (3 each foot) |
| - Sit spin (3) |
| - Camel spin (3) |

## PRE-PRELIMINARY - 1:30 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Spin combo without change of foot - all 3 basic positions required (3 revs)
- Backward sit spin (3)
- Camel spin (4)

PRELIMINARY - 1:30 MAX
ELEMENTS

- Spin with one change of foot and one change of position (min. 3 each foot)
- Sit spin with change of foot ( $\min 3$. each foot)
- One position spin, skater's choice (upright, sit or camel) (4)


## ADULT BEGINNER - 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Pivot
- Upright two-foot spin (2)


## ADULT PRE BRONZE - 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3)
- Upright two-foot spin (3)


## ADULT BRONZE - 1:30 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Upright one-foot spin (3 revs.)
- Solo spin with no change of foot (3 revs.), must be different from the upright spin - may not fly

General event parameters:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
- To be skated on $1 / 2$ ice

| BEGINNER - 1:15 MAX |
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| ELEMENTS |
| - Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) |
| - Half flip or half Lutz |
| - Single Salchow |

## HIGH BEGINNER - 1:15 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Waltz jump (from backward crossovers)
- Single Salchow
- Jump combination: waltz jump-toe loop

| NO TEST - 1:15 MAX |
| :--- |
| ELEMENTS |
| - Single Salchow |
| - Single loop |
| - Jump combination: Any two half or single revolution |
| jumps (no Axel) |

## PRE-PRELIMINARY - 1:15 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Single toe loop
- Single flip
- Jump combination: Any two half or single revolution jumps (no Axel)


## PRELIMINARY - 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single flip
- Single Lutz
- Jump combination: Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)


## ADULT BEGINNER - 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Mazurka or ballet jump
- Waltz jump


## ADULT PRE-BRONZE - 1:15 MAX

## ELEMENTS

- Single Toe loop jump
- Half flip, half Lutz or half loop


## ADULT BRONZE - 1:15 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Single Salchow
- Single Toe loop
- Any single jump plus a toe loop combination (no Axels allowed)


## 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 www.usfigureskating.org.

Showcase categories may include:

- Levels can be subdivided or combined, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up to ensure performances are contested as per the guidelines. Example combined events: Character Performance and Comedic Impressions.
- Emotional (formerly Dramatic) Performance: Programs should portray a story, expressing conflict, resolution and/or depth of emotion. Skater should provoke an emotional response with the audience - through related skating movements, gestures and choreographic processes. The entire spectrum of emotions should be considered when selecting the theme (e.g. love, loss, longing, fulfillment, happiness, melancholy, sadness, etc.).
- Lip synching is not permitted.
- Props and Scenery are permitted.
- No Technical Limitations.
- Character Performance: Skaters will impersonate a character, original or adapted, on the ice. Performances as a character from a movie, musical, book, original idea, original adaptation are all welcome here.
- Lip synching is required
- Props and Scenery are permitted
- No Technical Limitations
- Comedic Impressions: A humorous performance intentionally designed to achieve continuous/multiple chuckles, laughs, or audible rises from viewers. Performance is projected outward towards audience and entertaining through skating movements, gestures and physical actions deemed comedic.
- Lip synching is permitted
- Props and Scenery are permitted
- No Technical Limitations
- Lyrical Pop: Perform to your favorite song containing lyrics, without lip-synching.
- Lip synching is not permitted
- Props and Scenery are not permitted
- No Technical Limitations
- Duets/Trios: Theatrical/artistic performances by 2 to 3 skaters.
- Mini production ensembles: Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors. 2:00 maximum length.
- Production ensembles: Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. 2:30 maximum length. NOTE: Skaters may only enter one duet, one mini production, and one production ensemble.

| LEVEL | ELEMENTS | QUALIFICATIONS | PROGRAM LENGTH |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| BASIC 1-6 | Elements only from Basic 16 curriculum | Must not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level | Time: 1:00 max |
| PRE-FREE SKATE - FREE SKATE 6/ BEGINNER/HIGH BEGINNER/ADULT 1-6/ ADULT BEGINNER/ADULT HIGH BEGINNER | 3 jump maximum. Halfrotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop | May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate or free dance tests | Time: 1:20 max |
| NO TEST | No prescribed or restricted elements | Must not have passed pre-preliminary free skate or any free dance tests | Time: 1:20 max |
| PRE-PRELIMINARY | No prescribed or restricted elements | Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary or any free dance test | Time: 1:20 max |
| PRELIMINARY | No prescribed or restricted elements. | Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate or adult bronze free skate or free dance test; see National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults | Time: 1:30 max |
| ADULT PRE-BRONZE | No prescribed or restricted elements | Must have passed no higher than adult pre- bronze free skate test; see National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults | Time: 1:40 max |


[^0]:    *Beginner, High Beginner, No-Teat, Pre-Preliminary \& Pre-Bronze require a ourent Leam to Skate USA and/or U.S. Figure Skafing full membership; all other levels require a ourrent full U.S. Figure Skating membership.

