



**2023 Madison Open
September 29 – October 1, 2023**

Hosted by



Madison Ice Arena • 725 Forward Dr. • Madison, WI 53711

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 43rd Annual Madison Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or current Compete USA handbook as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating [website](#).

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

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA® member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

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.
 - Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their highest singles test level 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 participated in the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS series will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - If an athlete has participated in 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.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of the same type and same level (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate) at the same competition. However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of different types (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- 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
- If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

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

[Click HERE to view the program requirements for the current season.](#)

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Well Balanced Short Program (Juv-Senior)	IJS	\$165	\$40
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Senior)	IJS	\$165	\$40
Excel/Excel Plus Free Skate (Pre-Prelim and above)	IJS	\$165	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$165	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Bronze)	6.0	\$140	\$40
Excel/Excel Plus Free Skate (Beg-High Beginner)	6.0	\$140	\$40
Adult Beginner and High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$140	\$40
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$140	\$40
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$140	\$40
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$140	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$140	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$140	\$40
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$140	\$40
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$140	\$40
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	No Test (6.0)	\$140	\$40
	Others (CJS)	\$165	\$40
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	No Test (6.0)	\$140	\$40
	Others (CJS)	\$165	\$40
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	No Test (6.0)	\$140	\$40
	Others (CJS)	\$165	\$40
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	No Test (6.0)	\$140	\$40
	Others (CJS)	\$165	\$40
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	No Test (6.0)	\$140	\$40
	Others (CJS)	\$165	\$40
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	No Test (6.0)	\$140	\$40
	Others (CJS)	\$165	\$40
Mini Production Ensemble	No Test (6.0)	\$140	\$40
	Others (CJS)	\$165	\$40
Production Ensemble	No Test (6.0)	\$140	\$40
	Others (CJS)	\$165	\$40
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Solo Free Dance (Pre-Juv-Senior)	6.0	\$140	
Adult Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$140	
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price

Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$35
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$35
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$35
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$90	\$35
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$90	\$35
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$90	\$35
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0	\$90	\$35
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$90	\$35

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

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 received, 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.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Entries are only accepted online with secure credit card payment at the competition EntryEeze registration site linked on the [club's competition webpage](https://www.fscmadison.com/madisonopen.html)
<https://www.fscmadison.com/madisonopen.html>.

Online entry must be COMPLETED by 11:59pm CT on Tuesday, August 29, 2023. When using the online registration, it is the skaters' and coaches' responsibility to verify that the skater has entered the correct event and level. Late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee for a \$45 fee.

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 full ice events with music entered.
- Online video download of full ice events with music from KRPhotogs Photography.

LIST OF FEES

- Open Registration Fee for First Event: \$140 - \$165*
- Open Additional Events Fee: \$40 each
- Compete USA Registration Fee: \$90*
- Compete USA Additional Events Fee - Each Additional: \$35
- Practice Ice Fee Reserved During Online Registration \$20.00/session
- Practice Ice Fee at Competition (if available) \$25.00/session
- Event Change Fee (after entry deadline): \$25
- Test Credit Fee: \$25**
- Late Registration (at the discretion of the Chief Referee) Fee: \$45
- Late Music Fee: \$25
- Late or Missing PPC Fee \$25
- An additional online processing fee of 3.8% will be added to each transaction.

ADD/CHANGE EVENT

Registered events can be changed, and new events can be added without penalty before 11:59pm on the entry deadline. Any event change request after this deadline of **11:59pm CT on Sunday, September 10, 2023**, will NOT be accepted.

TEST CREDIT

Skaters may purchase a test credit one-week prior to the start of the competition via EntryEeze. The Test Credit Fee is \$25.00. All test credit registrations must be purchased in advance of the competition and testing forms must be completed and turned in by **11:59pm on Friday, September 22, 2023**. You may turn in your test credit forms by emailing FSCMMadisonOpen@gmail.com. Review the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) for more information.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD

Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via EntryEeze by the music deadline of **Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 11:59pm CT**. 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 or M4a format**. Skaters will not be able to register without their music uploaded. Any music file submitted through EntryEeze after the deadline will incur a **\$25 late fee**. Music submitted to EntryEeze for the competition will be deleted after the competition is complete.

Skaters must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a CD (standard CD-R format only) or cell phone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone will be used as backup and it does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

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

All individual competitors skating in IJS events at the Madison Open must submit their Planned Program Content (PPC) via their EntryEeze competition account. Once you register for an event you will have the ability to enter your PPC. It is the responsibility of the coach/athlete to ensure the PPC is turned in prior to the deadline. If the PPC is not submitted prior to the deadline skaters are technically not registered for the competition. [PPC Paper Form](#) for planning purposes.

The deadline to submit PPC is **Sunday, September 12, 2023, at 11:59pm CT**. Failure to complete PPCs will result in a \$25 late fee per event. Also, skaters will not be allowed to officially register until the late fee is paid and the missing PPCs are received.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline on August 29, 2023 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. No exceptions.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Figure Skating Club of Madison, Madison Ice Inc., and Madison Ice 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.

FACILITIES

The Madison Open 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'. The temperature of the rink can vary day to day and while it is usually a comfortable rink for spectators we do recommend dressing in layers or bringing a jacket or blanket to stay warm. There is no admission fee for the competition and food and beverages will be available onsite.

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. Skaters are expected to arrive at the rink ready to compete. Skaters will be provided with an area to put on skates, but changing will

not be permitted in these spaces.

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

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.

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 at www.fscmadison.org. All participants will be notified via email once available. Actual skating order is posted the day of the competition at the event. Please also check the website for changes or corrections to this announcement.

PRACTICE ICE

Practice ice will be available for purchase on the EntryEeze competition website. No phone calls or emails will be accepted for practice ice and practice ice will not be sold at the rink. It is suggested that you reserve your practice ice when you register so that you will have first choice of times once the schedule is posted online. 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.

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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN

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.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

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 highest combined score of the Intermediate Ladies Championship in memory of Dorothy's commitment to the Figure Skating Club of Madison and the sport of figure skating.

PHOTO/VIDEO

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Registration & Practice Ice Reservation Opens	Sunday, July 30, 2023
Registration & Practice Ice Reservation Closes	Monday, August 28, 2023
IJS Planned Program Content Deadline	Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Music Upload Deadline	Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Competition Schedule Published **TENTATIVE**	Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Practice Ice Selection Opens **TENTATIVE**	Monday, September 18, 2023
Additional Practice Ice Purchase Opens	Wednesday, September 20, 2023
Competition Begins	Friday, September 29, 2023

All Registrations and Payments are to be completed online. Links can be found at:

www.fscmadison.org

CONTACT INFORMATION

Additional information can be found at www.fscmadison.org

If you have questions, please email FSCMMadisonOpen@gmail.com