



**2020 Madison Open  
18, 19, 20 September 2020**

**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 may be required for entry to the Madison Ice Arena. More specific information will be given as the date gets closer. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The 39<sup>th</sup> 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
6/10/20	Locker room availability update
6/10/20	Special COVID-19 statement added
6/10/20	Opening of registration changed to July 19, 2020
6/10/20	Changed recommendation that skaters arrive 30 minutes prior to their event instead of 45
6/16/20	Updated judging diagram to include Intermediate Excel Plus
8/8/20	Updated broken link for required elements

## 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 may be limited due to COVID-19 regulations. Information will be sent to skaters about the availability of locker rooms prior to the event.

## 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: 17 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: 17 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

EVENT TYPE	ENTRY FEE	COMMENTS
Open Events		
First Event	\$135	Includes IJS & 6.0: Well Balanced FS, Excel Levels, Compulsories, Jumps, Spins, Dramatic and Light Entertainment, Duets
Subsequent Events	\$40	
Compete USA Event		
First Event	\$90	
Subsequent Events	\$25	
Ensembles		
Mini Production (3-7 skaters)	\$20/group + \$10/skater	
Production (8+ skaters)	\$20/group + \$10/skater	
Practice Ice Reservations/Online Purchase		Maximum 1 reservation per event entered
Singles	\$20/session	
Duets	\$20/session per skater	
Ensembles (Exclusive)	\$50/session per group	
Practice Ice Purchase (day of event)		
Singles	\$25/session	
Duets	\$25/session per skater	
Ensembles (Exclusive)	\$75/session per group	

Submittal of IJS PPC after deadline	\$15***	*** must be paid before competition
Submittal of Music after deadline	\$15***	*** must be paid before competition
Fee for late registration	\$25**	** if entry allowed by referee

### Included in the Event Registration:

- One free copy of event results per event entered, pick up at the Awards table. Additional copies available for purchase.
- 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 **midnight August 16, 2020**
- Late registrations may be accepted (at the discretion of the Chief Referee) for a \$25 fee.
- Each PPC submitted after the September 1, 2020 deadline will incur a \$15 fee
- Each Music file submitted through EntryEeze after the September 1, 2020 deadline will incur a \$15 fee.

If you are having trouble with the online registration, please email the LOC at [FSCMMadisonOpen@gmail.com](mailto: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 16, 2020 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, 2020 11:59 pm.**

**Any music file submitted through EntryEeze after the deadline will incur a \$15 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 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.

Please keep additional copies of your music readily available rink side during competition events. Music may be picked up at the registration desk following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but FSC of Madison cannot be responsible for music left at the end of the competition. Music downloaded for the competition will be deleted after the event is complete.

## IJS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT

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, 2020 11:59 pm.**

**Each instance of a PPC submitted after the deadline (either through EntryEeze or at Registration Desk) will incur a \$15 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](http://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.

## JUDGING SYSTEM

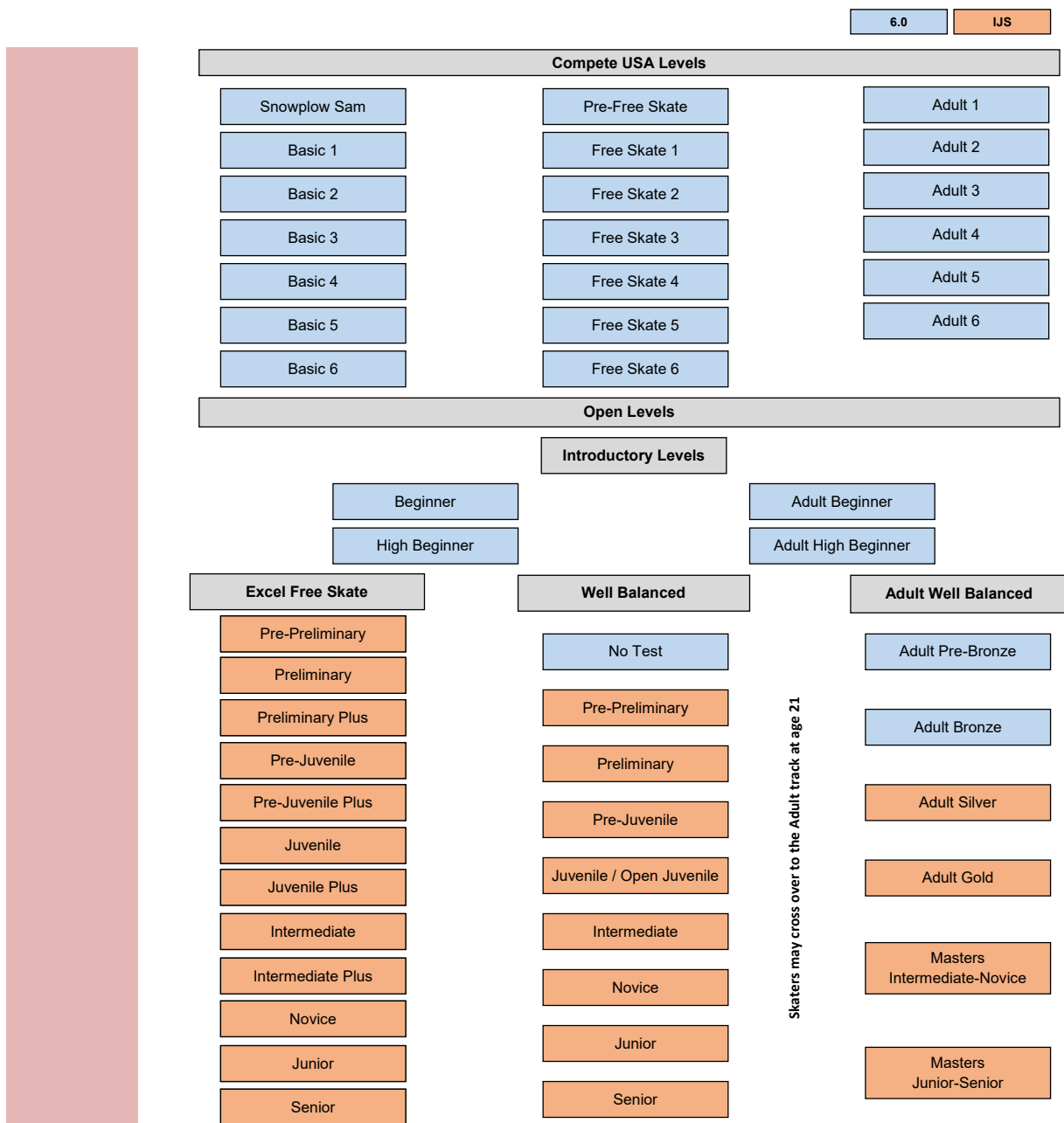
The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- Well Balanced Program Free Skate events (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)
- Excel Freeskate events (Excel Pre-Preliminary – Excel Senior)
- Adult Free Skate events (Silver, Gold, Masters Int/Nov, Masters Jr/Sr)
- Short Program events (Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior)

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- Compete USA events (Snowplow Sam –Freeskate 6, Adult1-6)
- Introductory/Well Balanced Free Skate events (No Test)
- Adult Free Skate events (Adult Beginner, Adult High Beginner, Pre-Bronze, Bronze)
- Excel Freeskate events (Excel Beginner – Excel High Beginner)
- All specialty events (Spins, Jumps, Compulsory Moves)
- All Showcase events (all levels)
- All Ensembles (Mini Production, Production)

Free Skate Judging Diagram



## 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 on 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 and type (Singles, Duets, Ensembles).

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 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 at [www.fscmadison.org](http://www.fscmadison.org). Schedules will NOT be mailed. Actual skating order is posted the day of the competition at the event.



## INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the following requirements:

### Coaching U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training\*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2020-2021 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

### Coaching Compete USA athletes:

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

\*SafeSport training is available through [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive 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. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at your competition, a background check and SafeSport Training is not required. Instead, the coach must submit a letter from their Federation stating they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

## 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](mailto:FSCMMadisonOpen@gmail.com).

Additional information can be found at [www.fscmadison.org](http://www.fscmadison.org).

### **FREE SKATE & SHORT PROGRAM SINGLES**

Snowplow Sam- Free Skate 6 Program (with music)  
[Program \(Snowplow Sam-FS 6\)](#)

Excel Free Skate  
[Excel Free Skate](#)

Singles Short Program (Juvenile - Senior)  
[Well Balanced Short Program](#)

Singles Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test - Senior)  
[Well Balanced Free Skate](#)

### **COMPULSORY MOVES – SINGLES**

Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6 Program  
[Program \(Snowplow Sam-FS 6\)](#)

Excel Compulsory (Excel Beginner – Excel Preliminary)  
[Excel Compulsory Moves \(Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.\)](#)

Compulsory Moves (No Test – Senior)  
[Compulsory Moves \(No Test–Senior\)](#)

### **SPECIALITY EVENTS – SINGLES**

Jumps Challenge  
[Jumps Challenge \(Beginner–Senior\)](#)

Spins Challenge  
[Spins Challenge \(Beginner–Senior\)](#)

### **ADULT EVENTS**

Adult 1-6 (Program with music)  
[Adult 1-6 Free Skate](#)

Adult Introductory Free Skate Beginner and High Beginner  
[Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate](#)

Adult 1-6 and Introductory Compulsory  
[Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves](#)

Adult Singles Free Skate  
[Adult Singles Free Skate \(Adult Pre Bronze-Masters Jr/Sr\)](#)

Adult Compulsory Moves  
[Adult Compulsory Moves \(Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr\)](#)

Adult Jumps Challenge

[Adult Jumps Challenge \(Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr\)](#)

Adult Spins Challenge

[Adult Spins Challenge \(Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr\)](#)

## **SHOWCASE EVENTS**

Showcase

[Dramatic Entertainment \(No Test – Senior, Adult\)](#)

[Light Entertainment \(No Test – Senior, Adult\)](#)

[Duets \(No Test – Senior, Adult\)](#)

[Mini Production Ensemble](#)

[Production Ensemble](#)

## DATES TO REMEMBER

All Registrations and Payments are to be completed online  
Links can be found at [www.fscmadison.org](http://www.fscmadison.org)

Registration & Practice Ice Reservation <b>Opens</b>	Sunday, July 19, 2020
Registration & Practice Ice Reservation <b>Closes</b>	Sunday, August 16, 2020
IJS Planned Program Content Deadline Music Upload Deadline	Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Competition Schedule Published <b>**TENTATIVE**</b>	Sunday, September 6, 2020
Practice Ice Selection Opens <b>**TENTATIVE**</b>	Tuesday, September 8, 2020
Additional Practice Ice Purchase Opens	Thursday, September 10, 2020
Competition Begins	Friday, September 18, 2020