

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE

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Basic Skills Competition

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Sponsored by Chaparral Ice Learn to Skate

2525 W. Anderson Lane Austin, Texas 78757

Learn to Skate USA Competition Approval # 33438

The Winner's Circle Compete USA Competition will be held at Chaparral Ice Northcross, 2525 W. Anderson Lane, Austin, Texas 78757 on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

COVID-19 POLICIES

Chaparral Ice will follow all local and state guidelines and regulations pertaining to reduction of transmission risk of COVID-19.

- Masks are optional.
- All guest are reminded to wash hands frequently or utilize one of the hand sanitizer stations located throughout the building.
- If you are sick, please stay home.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

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

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic 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 moves in the field or individual dances.

For Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Excel, Well-Balanced, and Adult levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest badge level or free skate level passed.

Skaters may skate at the highest level passed OR one level higher, but not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

ENTRIES AND FEES: All entries must be received no later than **Sunday, March 12, 2023.** Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizers and fees will be doubled. Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The first event is *\$50* and <u>each</u> additional event is *\$25*. NO refunds after closing date unless event is canceled by Chaparral Ice.

REGISTRATION:

- Register events online at http://www.sk8stuff.com. After online event registration at sk8stuff.com, click the payment link provided on the registration page to process payment.
 - Note: This is a two-step registration process.
 - Step 1: Enter skater information and select events at sk8stuff.com.
 - Step 2: Pay for event entries at chaparralice.com.
- All registrations must be completed electronically.

AWARDS: Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to first, second, and third places. ALL other places will receive ribbons. ALL awards will be given at appropriate times throughout the competition.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Will be emailed to competitors and posted at Chaparral Ice approximately four days prior to competition. Information regarding groups and skating times will be available prior to the beginning of competition.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice may be available on Sunday, March 26, prior to the start of the competition, if number of entries and time allows. Time TBD.

MUSIC: The music for all free skating, showcase, and Theatre on Ice programs must be provided in digital mp3 format. Please email music to https://www.dropbox.com/request/Nb6RmYnJ1PmYzYNo35FE. Music file must include the name of the skater and event entered. Competition music must be received no later than Tuesday, March 21. Please see individual event information for time/music duration and whether or not a 10 second leeway applies. Music for ice dancing events will be provided by Chaparral Ice.

VIDEOGRAPHY AND PHOTOGRAPHS: Personal photography and videography of skating events both on-ice and at the awards stand are permitted, *however parents may not enter the hockey box or skater entrance areas for these activities.*

COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Questions about this event should be directed to the competition director at Kathy@chaparralice.com.

EVENTS OFFERED: See below.

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ELIGIBILITY AND TEST REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic 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 moves in the field or individual dances.

For the Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Excel, Well-Balanced, Adult and Adaptive levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest badge level or free skate test level passed. Skate United skaters have the option to compete in the standard track or Skate United track; accommodations may be made upon request. Special Olympics events are for skaters with intellectual disabilities. Skate United events are for skaters with physical disabilities. Adaptive events are for skaters with any type of disability. Moves in the field test level will not determine a 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. *For Synchronized Skating eligibility and requirements refer to the Synchronized Skating page. *

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 below his/her badge or test level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper level, even if it is 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.

Competitive Progression Through the Levels of U.S. Figure Skating

Singles athletes begin with the 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.

SKATE UNITED

Skate United competition events parallel standard track events and maintain the same eligibility and program requirements, but are for skaters with physical disabilities who will compete in a separate Skate United group.

COMPETE USA

Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Hockey 1-4, Pre-Free Skate 1-6, Adult 1-6, Adaptive Skating and specialty events.

EXCEL LEVELS	WELL-BALANCED	ADULT LEVELS
Beginner*	No-Test*	Adult Beginner*
High Beginner*	Pre-Preliminary*	Adult High Beginner* Adult Pre-Bronze*
Pre-Preliminary*	·	Adult Pre-Bronze*
Preliminary/ Preliminary	Preliminary	Adult Bronze Levels above the dotted line may be
Pre-Juvenile/ Pre-Juvenile Plus	Pre-Juvenile	Levels above the dotted line may be
Juvenile/ Juvenile Plus	Juvenile/ Open Juvenile	offered at Compete U.S. Adult Gold offered at Compete U.S. competition and U.S.
Intermediate/ Intermediate Plus	Intermediate	Masters Intermediate-Novice Figure Skat nonqualifyi competition
Novice	Novice Junior	Intermediate-Novice
Junior	Senior	Masters Junior-Senior
Senior		

*Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test, Pre-Preliminary and Pre-Bronze require current Learn to Skate USA and/or U.S. Figure skating full membership; all other levels require a current full U.S. Figure skating membership.

Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Elements

- 1. Skater will perform one element at a time in the <u>order listed below</u> (no excessive connecting steps or choreography)
 - 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.
 - Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:00 max	 March followed by a two-foot glide and dip Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row Forward snowplow stop Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
BASIC 1	1:00 max	 Forward two-foot glide and dip Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 2	1:00 max	 Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot Scooter pushes, 2-3 each foot Moving snowplow stop Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 3	1:00 max	 Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Forward slalom Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
BASIC 4	1:00 max	 Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
BASIC 5	1:00 max	 Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive Forward outside three-turn, right and left Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions Hockey stop
BASIC 6	1:00 max	 Forward inside three-turn, right and left Mohawk, right to left and left to right Bunny hop Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position 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
- · Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

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

Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 1-6 **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 half-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.
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

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 One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free foot position, minimum 3 revolutions Mazurka – right or left Waltz jump
FREE SKATE 1	1:15 max	 Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes Backward outside three-turn, right and left One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions Toe loop 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 Backward inside three-turn, right and left Beginning back spin, optional entry and free-foot position, maximum 3 revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump
FREE SKATE 3	1:15 max	 Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions Loop jump 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 Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions Half loop jump Flip jump
FREE SKATE 5	1:15 max	 Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions Waltz jump-loop jump combination Lutz jump
FREE SKATE 6	1:15 max	 Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot Camel, sit spin combination, minimum of 4 revolutions total Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination 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
- · Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

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 One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free, foot position, minimum 3 revolutions Mazurka, right or left Waltz jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-side toe hop-waltz jump
FREE SKATE 1	1:40 max	 Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions Toe loop jump Half flip jump 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 Beginning back spin, optional entry and free foot position, maximum 2 revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination
FREE SKATE 3	1:40 max	 Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions Loop jump Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination NOT ALLOWED – Waltz-loop jump combination
FREE SKATE 4	1:40 max	 Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions Half loop jump Flip jump 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 Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions Waltz-loop jump combination Lutz jump
FREE SKATE 6	1:40 max	 Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, mohawks and toe steps, half-ice Camel-sit spin combination spin, minimum of 4 revolutions total Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination 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 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
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
EXCEL BEGINNER	1:15 max	 Waltz Jump Salchow jump One-foot upright spin, minimum 3 revolutions Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER	1:15 max	 Loop jump Salchow-toe loop jump combination Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL PRE- PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Flip jump Loop-loop jump combination Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions Choreographic step sequence
EXCEL PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Lutz jump Flip-loop jump combination Camel-sit combination spin, minimum 6 revolutions total 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
- · Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
NO TEST	1:15 max	 Loop jump Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel) Upright spin with change of foot, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot Choreographic step sequence
PRE- PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Lutz jump Single jump-single jump (no Axel) combination Spin with one change of position and no change of foot, minimum 6 revolutions total Choreographic step sequence
PRELIMINARY	1:15 max	 Axel jump Single jump-single jump (may not include Axel) combination Spin combination with one change of foot, minimum 3 revolutions on each foot Choreographic step sequence

Excel Free Skate

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Skaters may <u>not</u> 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 to one level higher
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

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

EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX				
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JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES		
 Maximum 5 jump elements: Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) Single rotation jumps: toe loop, Salchow, Euler (half loop), loop Flip, Lutz, and Axel NOT permitted Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences. One 3-jump combination is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump Maximum 2 of any same jump 	Maximum 2 spins: Both spins must be in a single position No change of foot No flying entry Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, camel Permitted back spins: upright Minimum 3 revolutions Max Level: Base Both spins may be of the same character	Maximum 1 Sequence: • Choreographic step sequence* (ChSt) o Must use one-half of the ice surface o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence		

EXCEL PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:40 MAX

<u>Must not</u> have passed higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre- preliminary free skate test *means required element

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

EXCEL PRELIMINARY — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS

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

Well-Balanced Free Skate Program

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Skaters may <u>not</u> 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.
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

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

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

PRELIMINARY — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS		
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
 1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump* 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) o Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed 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 o Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Max 2 jump combinations or sequences 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 	Max 2 Spins Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs. These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))	Max 1 Sequence • Step sequence o Choreographic step sequence full ice o Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements o Jumps may be included in the step sequence If IIS is used, then ChSt

Adult 1-6, Beginner-Bronze Compulsory

- The skating order of the elements is optional; elements may only be attempted once
- To be skated on half ice in simple program format with limited connecting steps
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element missing, repeated or from a higher level

ADULT 1 — 1:30 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 — 1:30 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, clockwise 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
- ½ 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 (½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ 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
- · Forward spiral (any edge)

ADULT BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- · Single Salchow
- Jump combination or sequence consisting of ½ 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)

Adult 1-6 Free Skate with Music

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
- 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 two feet or one foot

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 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 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 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 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)

Adult Beginner - Bronze Free Skate Program with Music

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice; 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.

JUMPS 1:40 MAX	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS
Max 4 Jump Elements Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and waltz jump Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps Max. 2 of any same jump	Max 2 Spins • Two forward upright spins, no change of foot, 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 HIGH BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX				
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS	
 Max 4 Jump Elements: Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, toe loop, Salchow Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps Max. 2 of any same type jump. 	Max 2 Spins: 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: Max 2 combinations or sequences 1 jump combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) Only single and half-revolution jumps are permitted (half flip and half lutz are permitted) No single Lutz, single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted 	 Max 2 Spins: Max Level 1 Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E) Min 3 revs Spins with a flying entry are not permitted 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. Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	

ADULT BRONZE — 1:50 MAX				
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS	
Max 4 Jump Elements: Max 2 combinations or sequences 1 combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel) No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted	Max 2 Spins: Max Level 1 Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E)) Min 3 revs total if no change of foot Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot Min 2 revs in each position No flying spins are permitted	 Max 1 Sequence: 1 choreographic step sequence, fully utilizing at least ½ of the ice surface (may include moves in the field and spirals) 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	

Spin Challenge

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- · Spins may be skated in any order
- · Connecting steps are allowed but will not be taken into consideration when scoring
- Spins may not be repeated; only required elements may be included
- All events are skated on half-ice
- Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

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

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)

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

ELEMENTS

- 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

Jumps Challenge

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted
- · To be skated on half-ice
- · Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

BEGINNER — 1:15 MAX

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)

Solo Pattern Dance

GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:

- · Levels are based upon the skaters' highest pattern dance test passed
- · A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing two solo pattern dances
- The patterns to be skated depend upon which quarter of the year the competition is held. The skater will perform the two pattern dances listed for his/her level, based upon the date of the competition. If the competition falls over two quarters (for example, June 30–July 2), the dance will be selected based on the start date of the competition listed in the announcement (in this example, the second quarter).
- Skaters will complete both dances at each level. Dances will be scheduled at the discretion of the chief referee for each competition and may be competed consecutively or with a break in-between pattern dance groupings.
- · Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

PRELIMINARY			
JANUARY 1-MARCH 31	APRIL 1-JUNE 30	JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30	OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31
Dutch Waltz Canasta Tango	 Rhythm Blues Dutch Waltz 	 Canasta Tango Rhythm Blues 	1.Rhythm Blues 2. Dutch Waltz

PRE-BRONZE			
JANUARY 1-MARCH 31	APRIL 1-JUNE 30	JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30	OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31
 Swing Dance Cha-Cha 	1 Fiesta Tango 2 Swing Dance	 Cha-Cha Fiesta Tango 	 Swing Dance Cha-Cha

ADULT PRELIMINARY

Qualifications: No higher than one pre-bronze dance test (partnered, solo, standard, adult/adult 21+ or adult 50+/masters)

SELECTED DANCES FOR THE SEASON (NUMBER OF SEQUENCES TO BE DANCED IN PARENTHESES)

Dutch Waltz (2)

Canasta Tango (2)

ADULT PRE-BRONZE

Qualifications: The complete preliminary dance test and no higher than one bronze dance test (partnered, solo, standard, adult/adult 21+ or adult 50+/masters)

SELECTED DANCES FOR THE SEASON (NUMBER OF SEQUENCES TO BE DANCED IN PARENTHESES)

Rhythm Blues (2)

Swing Dance (2)

Showcase Events

Showcase events are open to skaters in the Basic, Free Skate, limited beginner, preliminary and adult bronze levels. 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 skaters 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.

Show costumes are permitted if they do not touch or drag on the ice. Costuming and makeup 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 every 10 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 loss 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. The 6.0 judging system 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 usfigureskating.org.

Showcase categories may include:

- Levels may 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

Showcase Events

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
BASIC 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 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. Half- rotation 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

Team Compulsory

FORMAT: The designated skater from each team will perform their chosen element in sequence on full ice with no music and will follow this format:

- 1. Minimum of three to four skaters on a team; each skater will do at least one required element
- 2. Teams will be directed to find a "base" for their team along the boards on the ice where they will stay for the remainder of the event
- 3. The announcer, referee or judge-in-charge will call the first element (e.g. jump or stop) to be performed
- 4. The team member performing the element will step forward and execute the skill, with the element first being performed by the skater on team one, then team two, then team three and so on
- 5. Once all the teams have had their skaters complete the element, the next element will be called
- 6. Judging is done with one mark for each element (skater) for total team points

LEVEL	JUMPS/STOPS	SPINS/TURNS/GLIDES	SKATING SKILLS
SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 3, HOCKEY 1-4	Wiggles, two-foot swizzles forward or backward (4-8 in a row) Snowplow stop (one or both feet) or hockey stop (with skid)	Curves, glide turns or hockey turns (right and left, forward) March then glide on two feet or forward one-foot glide on left and right foot (one-time skater's height, forward)	Forward half-swizzle pumps or forward C-cuts on a circle (right and left, 6-8 consecutive)
BASIC 4 – BASIC 6	Side toe hop, bunny hop, ballet jump or mazurka -Waltz jump	Forward inside pivot or two-foot spin (min. 3 revs.) One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free foot position (min. 3 revs.)	Moving forward to backward two-foot turns on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise (from Basic 3)
PRE-FREE SKATE AND FREE SKATE 1 – 6 LEVELS	Single jump (no Axel) Jump combination or jump sequence (no Axel allowed)	Solo spin (scratch spin, layback, camel or sit, min. 3 revs., no flying entry) -Combo spin: one change of foot, change of position optional (min. 3 revs. on each foot)	Spiral sequence (from Free Skate 2)
ADULT 1-6	Forward snowplow stop Lunge	Forward swizzles, 4-6 in a row Backward one-foot glide, right and left	Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
ADULT BEGINNER/ ADULT HIGH BEGINNER	Bunny hop Waltz jump	Beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers Backward inside three-turn, right and left	Alternating right and left forward outside edges across width of the rink
ADULT PRE- BRONZE/ ADULT BRONZE	Half Flip Salchow jump	Forward upright spin Backward upright spin	Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down and cross behind, one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise