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**Copper State Classic 2023**  
Hosted by Copper State Skating Club  
May 19 – 21, 2023  
Coyotes Community Ice Center

Chief Referee: Trish Wilkins  
Deadline for Entries: April 12, 2023  
Sanctioned by US Figure Skating



## I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The **Copper State Classic** 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.

Competitors 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.

### **COVID-19 EVENT POLICIES:**

As of March 15, 2022, and consistent with updated CDC guidance on mask use, face coverings are no longer required to be worn indoors at U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned events or activity if community levels are Low or Medium. We do encourage masks to be worn indoors if your community is in the High category based on the CDC Community Levels by County Map. **Please check the competition website for the latest information.**

- [CDC Community Levels by Count Map](#)
- [US Figure Skating Covid-19 Policies](#)

**SERIES INFORMATION:** This competition is a qualifying event for the [Excel Series](#) 2023, and [National Showcase](#) 2023.

**Competitors must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings. Excel Series Registration is due March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023.**

[Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Series Information](#)

**NOTE:** Solo dance events offered **ARE NOT** part of the Solo Dance Series.

## II. ELIGIBILITY

### **TEST LEVEL:**

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

*Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.*

*Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not*

established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

CompeteUSA Event Levels:

Each competitor should enter events based on their skill level as of the closing date of entries.

- Snowplow Sam Through Basic Skills 1-6: Competitors must skate at the highest level passed and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Moves-in-the-Field or individual dances.
- Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6: Competitors may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT only one level in the same competition. Competitors may have passed the Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field.

Competitors 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.

**For Adult Events:**

Age classes for all free skate and showcase events:

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

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

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

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the Chief Referee and/or the competition committee.

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

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

**NEW FOR 2023!!! ALL PRICES INCLUDE VIDEO\*\* OF YOUR PROGRAM!**

**DANCE EVENTS OFFERED ARE NOT PART OF THE SOLO DANCE SERIES.**



<b>U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS – NOTE! ALL PRICES INCLUDE VIDEO!</b>				
<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
Excel Free Skate (Beginner - Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$120	\$100	\$100
Excel Free Skate (All Plus events and Excel Juvenile - Senior)	IJS	\$140	\$100	\$100
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$140	\$100	\$100
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$140	\$100	\$100
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$140	\$100	\$100
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$120	\$100	\$100
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$80	\$65	\$65
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$80	\$65	\$65
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult 1-6, Beginner – Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$80	\$65	\$65
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$80	\$65	\$65
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$80	\$65	\$65
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$80	\$65	\$65
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$80	\$65	\$65
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
Individual Entertainment (Preliminary – Senior, Adult Bronze & above)	CJS	\$130	\$85	\$85
Individual Entertainment (Beginner – Pre-Preliminary, Adult Pre-Bronze)	6.0	\$120	\$85	\$85
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult Bronze & above) (PRICE FOR ALL)	CJS	\$130	\$85	\$85
Duets/Trios (Beginner – Pre-Preliminary, Adult Pre-Bronze) (PRICE FOR ALL)	6.0	\$120	\$85	\$85
Interpretive	6.0	\$120	\$85	\$85
Mini Production Ensemble (PRICE FOR ALL)	6.0	\$150	\$150	\$150
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> EVENT</b>
Solo Pattern Dance ( <b>not participating in series</b> )	6.0	\$120	\$90	\$90
Solo Free Dance ( <b>not participating in series</b> )	6.0	\$120	\$90	\$90
Solo Combined Dance ( <b>not participating in series</b> )	6.0	\$180	\$180	\$180
Shadow Dance (Price for BOTH) ( <b>not participating in series</b> )	6.0	\$120	\$90	\$90
Adult Solo Pattern Dance ( <b>not participating in series</b> )	6.0	\$120	\$90	\$90
Adult Solo Free Dance ( <b>not participating in series</b> )	6.0	\$120	\$90	\$90
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> EVENT</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$110	\$85	\$85
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$110	\$85	\$85
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$110	\$85	\$85
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$90	\$65	\$65
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$90	\$65	\$65
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$100	\$85	\$85
<a href="#">2022-23 Compete USA Manual</a>				
<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS/ADAPTIVE SKATING</b>				
Freeskate Special Skater (Levels 1-6)	6.0	\$100	\$85	\$85



Showcase Special Skater (Levels 1-6)	6.0	\$100	\$85	\$85
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**\*\* Video is included in registration fee for all registered events. Video is NOT included for Skate-off events.**

**SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:**

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: [www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe](http://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe).

**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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

**MANDATORY ATHLETES**

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training. \*

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport™ Training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

**III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:**

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

**Registration Deadline: April 12, 2023 at 11:59 PM Arizona Time (April 13, 2023 2:59 a.m. ET)**  
**Late Registration Deadline: April 19, 2023 at 11:59 PM Arizona Time (April 20, 2023 2:59 a.m. ET)+ 40 Late Fee**

1. Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA member number and password
  - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then “Competition Registration”
4. Choose “**Copper State Classic**” from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

**PARTNERED EVENTS:**

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**



### **FOREIGN COMPETITORS:**

Non-U.S. competitors intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

### **TEST CREDIT:**

Competitors that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at Registration. Please request the test credit packet as soon as results are posted and submit payment of \$10.00 to the Copper State Skating Club. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of competition.

### **CRITIQUES:**

Critiques will be offered for levels: Open/Juvenile through Senior. Excel events are not eligible for critiques. You **must register** for your critique(s) online at the time you register for your events, the fee is **\$15**. The critique schedule will be posted at the registration desk on the day of competition. Critiques may be attended only by the competitor and their coach and will be conducted as close to the completion of the event as reasonably possible.

**Two entries** constitute an event. Events with single entrants will be offered an exhibition or refund, or the event may be combined with another event at the Referee's discretion. Exhibition competitors will receive a medal.

**Notification of competition times** will be available on EMS approximately one week after late registration ends. All registered competitors will be notified via email when the schedule is published.

Competitors and coaches **must check in** at the registration table **at least 60 minutes** before their events. Any unresolved fee must be paid at this time.

### **EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:00 PM PT/Arizona time**. After this date, competitors will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$40 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each competitor's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the competitor credential onsite.

### **EMS COMPETITOR MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)**

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below. The Music Coordinator may contact you if your music does not meet these criteria.

### **MUSIC CRITERIA:**

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
  - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone/MP3 player and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the competitor competes. If the phone 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 device should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

### **EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) (IJS):**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:00 PM PT/Arizona time**. After this date, competitors will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$40 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each competitor's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the competitor credential onsite.

**EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO:** [CLICK HERE](#)

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

### **REFUND POLICY**

**Entry fees will not be refunded** after the entry deadline of April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:59 PM PT (April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 2:59AM ET), unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Contested credit card charges will be issued a \$35 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the competitor is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

### **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Copper State Skating Club, and Coyotes Community Ice Center 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.

### **JUDGING SYSTEM:**

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

- Well-Balanced Program Free Skate Events Pre-Preliminary through Senior
- Short Program Events: Intermediate through Senior
- All Excel Plus events
- Excel Juvenile – Senior events
- Adult Free Skate Events: Bronze through Masters

**NEW IN 2023!** The **Component Judging System (CJS)** will be used for all Showcase event levels that are eligible for National Showcase competition, i.e., Preliminary and above (including Open Juvenile and Young Adult) and Adult Bronze and above. The 6.0 Majority judging system will be used for all other Showcase events.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all other events, **including dance events. Copper State Classic 2022 is NOT part of the Solo Dance Series.**

Showcase events will be under rule 3200, where non-USFS officials may be used.

## **IV. COMPETITION DETAILS**



**FACILITIES:** The competition will be held at [Coyotes Community Ice Center](#), 140 N Country Club Drive, Mesa, AZ 85201. Phone 602-612-2607. Coyotes Community Ice Center is a single surface indoor rink with NHL surface measuring 200 ft. by 85 ft. with slightly rounded corners. **Please note the reduced competition surface for all Showcase events.** There is a snack bar on site.

**LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker rooms are not available at this competition. Athletes may change in the restroom, but if possible athletes should arrive at the facility ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on. Athletes with multiple events/costumes may change in public restrooms.

**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](#).

**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. All participants will be notified via email once available.

**PRACTICE ICE:**

Practice ice will be sold, subject to schedule availability, via Open Sales in EMS **after** the schedule has been finalized. **Music will not be played.**

**EMS (COMPETITOR) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES:**

- **Competitor:** [Open Sales](#)

**ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

The registration desk will be located in the lobby of Coyotes Community Ice Center. It will open one hour before the first event of the day and remain open until the last event of each day. Competitors and coaches must register upon arrival and check in **at least one hour** prior to their first event.

**AWARDS:**

Medals with ribbons will be given for all participants in Compete USA events. For all other events, awards will be given to competitors for 1st through 4th place. Once results are posted, competitors receiving awards are required to report to the awards area located in the lobby wearing their costume and skates. Awards will also be given for the winners of the Showcase Skate-Off (see Skate-Off below).

**Annual Copper State Classic Specialty Awards:**

Each recipient will receive an award presented by the sponsor or competition volunteer. Awards will be presented at the awards ceremony specified on the competition schedule, unless the recipient is no longer on site, in which case it will be mailed. Additionally, each award category will be recognized with a perpetual banner displayed at Coyotes



Community Ice Center. Names of recipients will be added to the banners annually.

❖ **Copper State Excellence Award:** For the most technically outstanding Singles Free Skating performance at the Juvenile – Senior level. This award is for free skating performance (short program or free skate).

❖ **Madison Defler Memorial Award:** Madison is remembered for her work ethic and pure love of skating. In her memory, this award will celebrate the most inspirational performance at the Basic 5 – Free Skate 6 level. This award is for free skating performance. (Sponsored by Gordon Zaft)

❖ **Leighton Accardo “This is Me” Award:** Leighton was a bright shining star, a true one-of-a-kind performer. She was a fierce competitor! She sold every program with attitude and personality. To be awarded to the competitor that embodies her flair for performance. This award is for showcase singles performance only and is the top showcase award. (Sponsored by The Accardo Family)

**NOTE:** Competitors may only win a specialty award once. The Accardo award winner need not be nominated for a skate-off to win. The Accardo award winner is not eligible to win a skate-off award; if they are first in their skate-off, the runner-up will receive the skate-off award.

### **PHOTO/VIDEO:**

Spectators are reminded that flash photography is dangerous to competitors and will be strictly prohibited. A professional photographer will be available in the awards area.

❖ All Compete USA competitors (Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6) are encouraged to participate in a group photo.

❖ The LOC recommends competitors from No Test and above events who have placed 1st through 4th have a group photo taken; purchase of photo is optional.

❖ Individual photos will be taken upon request regardless of placement.

❖ Personal cameras/video cameras are permitted but **may only be used to film your competitor’s performance for personal use**. Only battery powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted.

❖ **NEW FOR 2023! Professional videography of your skater's performance is INCLUDED in your registration fee! Video for Skate-off events may be purchased from the vendor.**

❖ A digital photographer will also be in attendance for professional quality action shots.

**NOTE:** Per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own competitor is strictly prohibited. Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Competitor Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member’s Only. The LOC reserves the right to deny admittance to anyone who violates this rule.

### **LIVESTREAM:**

Livestream of the full competition will be provided by our videographer (Coronado Productions). All competitors will receive a link.

### **TEST SESSION:**

A Test Session may be offered during the competition dates. Exact time/date to be determined based on final competition schedule. Please go online to <http://www.copperstateskatingclub.com> for information. Once opened, the Test Session will also be available to register online.

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES:**



Official notices will be posted at <https://www.copperstateskatingclub.com/>.

### **CONTACT INFO:**

Please, **NO PHONE CALLS** after 8 p.m.! Emails **strongly preferred**.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
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Courtney Stanley	Practice Ice Coordinator	competecsc+practiceice@gmail.com	

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

#### **Rules and Conduct of the Competition**

The decision of the referee on all matters will be final. The referee, along with the competition LOC, shall have the right to exclude any person whose behavior is unruly or unsportsmanlike. Facility rules must be followed by all participants, coaches, officials, parents, and guests.

#### **General Information:**

1. Competitors will be grouped by random draw and will not be seeded in this competition.
2. Short Program and Free Skate are separate events. No final rounds will be held.
3. Male competitors will be combined with female competitors in all Showcase, Compulsory and Challenge (except jumps) events in order to make an event.
4. Different levels of non-Free Skate events may be combined in order to make an event.
5. Single entries for any event **will be contacted** to choose an exhibition or refund, or the event may be combined with another at the Referee's discretion.
6. Competitors must be a current registered member of USFS as a full, LTS, collegiate or individual member, in accordance with Rule 3060a.
7. USFS events are open to members of non-USFS skating associations but must provide proof of current membership in good standing and have a letter of permission from their federation allowing them to skate in the competition or are released from their federation. In addition, if competitors are entered from Canada there would also need to be a Skate Canada sanction. See Section 3060 in the current Rulebook.
8. Special Olympics Competitors must be members of USFS or State/National Special Olympics for insurance purposes.

#### **Travel arrangements:**

Please wait until the tentative schedule is posted before finalizing travel arrangements.

#### **Admission:**

Admission to all events is free of charge. Seating may be limited.

#### **Official Hotel:**

[Hyatt Place](#)

1422 W. Bass Pro Drive  
Mesa, AZ 85201



(480) 969-8200

### **Airport Information:**

There are 2 airports to choose from when flying into the area.

- ❖ Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (approx. 12 miles from Coyotes Community Ice Center)
  - <https://www.skyharbor.com>
- ❖ Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (approx. 22 miles from Coyotes Community Ice Center)
  - <https://www.gatewayairport.com>

### **Vendors:**

Please check our website, [www.CopperStateSkatingClub.com](http://www.CopperStateSkatingClub.com), for vendors attending event.

### **SHOWCASE EVENTS:**

All Showcase Events offered will be scheduled on **Sunday, May 21, 2023 (Showcase Sunday)**. The competition surface will measure approximately **150 ft. by 80 ft.** Although practice ice sessions will be offered for the competition, no practice ice will be conducted on the reduced surface. The area used for warm-up will be located behind the set/curtain. It will measure approximately 50 ft by 80 ft. All warm-ups will occur on the partitioned warm-up surface, with the exception of the Interpretive events, which will occur on the competition surface. Showcase events will be a special competition under rule 3200, where non-USFS officials may be used.

### **INTERPRETIVE EVENTS:**

- **USFS Interpretive:** The program will be a performance choreographed by the competitor, unaccompanied and unassisted, to music that is supplied by the LOC. Approximately 1 hour before the scheduled event time, competitors will gather where the music will be played continuously during a 30-minute off ice session in a room. The room will be attended only by the adult monitors assigned to play the music, and the competing skaters. No additional items may be provided to the skater once the skater enters the gathering area where the music is heard. Cell phone and outside contact, once entering the room, is strictly prohibited and could result in a skater being withdrawn from event. Furniture (such as folding chairs) is not allowed.

The music will be played twice during a warm-up on full ice. After the warm-up skaters will go back to the room, with no music being played. Skaters will be brought to the ice when the previous skater finishes. All competitors in an event will interpret the same music. Props are permitted but must be brought into the room, using nothing larger than a carry-on luggage suitcase prior to listening to the music the very first time. All costumes and props are to be taken to the ice only when the skater is called to perform. Props may not be brought out during warm-up. Props may not be prepositioned on the performance surface.. **All USFS interpretive levels are allowed a program of 1:30 maximum.**

- **Compete USA Interpretive:** A performance choreographed by the competitor, unaccompanied and unassisted, to music provided by the LOC. During the warm-up, the competitors will hear the music twice. After the warm-up, all but the first competitor will be escorted to a sound-proof locker room or other area of the arena. The first competitor will hear the music one more time, then perform a program to the music. As each competitor performs, the next competitor in line will be brought to the arena to hear the music for a third time before performing to the music. All Compete USA Interpretive levels are allowed a program of 1:00 maximum.

### **Duet/Trio & Ensemble Events:**

- Duets/Trios: Theatrical performances by any two/three competitors. Props and scenery ARE permitted. Competitors may enter only one duet/trio, or one mini production ensemble each.
- Mini Production Ensembles: Theatrical performances by four to seven competitors. Props and scenery ARE permitted.

## **SKATE-OFF**

In each group on Showcase Sunday (excluding interpretive and production events), judges have the option to nominate competitors to compete in a final skate-off. A competitor will know if they have been nominated if it is noted next to their name on the results sheet. The judges will be looking for outstanding performances and are free to nominate as many competitors as they wish. Nominations are based not on technical difficulty, but on theatrical performance. The judges will look for outstanding character portrayal, interpretation of music, theatrics, emotion, entertainment value, etc.

At the end of the day, there will be six skate-offs. The event levels are as follows:

- Singles
  - Compete USA
  - No-Test – Juvenile
  - Intermediate – Senior
  - Adult
- Duets/Trios
  - Basics – No Test
  - Pre-Preliminary – Senior

The skating order for each skate-off will be posted shortly after the last showcase event for that category. There are no skate-offs for mini-production or interpretive events.

It is possible for a competitor to be nominated in more than one event. In this case, we ask that you prepare for the second skate-off as quickly as possible, and we will do our best to leave you enough time to do so. If a competitor only wishes to participate in one skate-off, they may choose to do so. The competitor must advise the registration table of their decision. If a competitor is nominated more than once, the competitor may choose the order of the programs to be skated.

Skate-off awards will be presented at the awards ceremony immediately following the competition.

**NOTE:** there is no fee to compete in the skate-off events. Video for skate-off events **IS NOT INCLUDED** in your registration fee.