



COPPER STATE CLASSIC 2019

May 10-12, 2019 Gilbert, AZ

REGISTRATION: ENTRYEEZE.COM

SANCTIONED BY U.S. Figure Skating Association

2019 Excel Series Qualifying Competition

National Showcase 2019 Qualifying Competition

HOSTED BY: COPPER STATE SKATING CLUB

www.copperstateskatingclub.com

ENTRY DEADLINE MIDNIGHT, APRIL 16, 2019

CHIEF REFEREE: TRISH WILKINS

AZ Ice Gilbert
2305 E. Knox Rd.
Gilbert, AZ 85296



Copper State Classic 2019 will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which 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, 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. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

CONTACT INFO:

If you have questions, contact Michelle McGinty LOC, president@copperstateskatingclub.org or 480.773.4213. Please, no phone calls after 8:00 PM Arizona time.

EXCEL SERIES:

Copper State Classic is a designated Excel Series competition for the 2019 Excel Series. As an Excel Series event, skaters entered in the Series at eligible levels will earn points for their placement here in order to qualify for the National Festival to be held in Coral Springs, Florida, June 7 – 9, 2019. **Skaters must be registered for the Excel Series prior to competing at designated competition or by March 1;** registration is available by [clicking here](#) and additional information is available on U.S. Figure Skating's [Excel webpage](#). For any questions related to the Excel Series, please contact ExcelSeries@usfigureskating.org.

SHOWCASE EVENTS:

All Showcase Events offered will be scheduled on **Sunday, May 12, 2019**. The competition surface will measure approximately 145 ft. by 85 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 55 ft by 85 ft. No warm-ups will occur on the competition surface. Showcase events will be a special competition under rule 3200, where many non-USFS officials may be used.

2019 NATIONAL SHOWCASE QUALIFYING:

Singles competitors at Preliminary through Senior, and Adult Bronze through Masters, may qualify for National Showcase by placing first, second, third or fourth in their event (all events except exhibitions). Basic Skills through Pre-Preliminary and Adult Pre-Bronze events will be offered, but do not qualify for National Showcase.

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 www.copperstateskatingclub.com to obtain a test form application to submit by mail. Once opened, the Test Session will also be available to register online [here](#).

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Copper State Classic is open to all skaters who are current eligible members of U.S. Figure Skating. **Test and age cutoff date is April 16, 2019.** Skaters may compete at the highest Free Skate test passed level OR one level higher. Skaters may not compete in more than one level in the same event.

Basic Skills Event Levels – Each skater should enter events based on their skill level as of the closing date of entries.

- **Snowplow Sam Through Basic Skills 1-6:** Skaters 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, Excel and Well-Balanced Levels:** Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT only one level in the same competition. Skaters may have passed the Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field.

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. Skaters who placed in the top four in a final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

Age restrictions/requirements:

- Juvenile: Girls 12 years of age or younger; boys 13 years of age or younger at close of entries
- Open Juvenile: Girls 13 years of age or older; boys 14 years of age or older
- Intermediate: 18 years of age or younger

Skaters entering beginner – pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group. Adult age qualifications and test qualifications for all adult events will be those specified in the 2018 – 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

ENTRIES:

- EntryEeze is the only method used for this competition registration. All entries must be completed by 11:59pm (MST) on April 16, 2019. Online fees include the entry fee and a nominal processing fee, which will be charged at time of registration.
- Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee and the competition committee, and will be subject to a **\$25.00 late fee**, which will be charged at the time of entry.
- **Any level/event changes due to skater/parent/coach error made after the close of entries will incur a \$25.00 change fee.**
- Two entries constitute an event. Events with a single entrant will be offered an exhibition or refund. Competitor’s response will be binding. Exhibition skaters will receive a medal.

ENTRY FEES:

Short Program and Free Skate Programs will be considered separate events. Scores will not be combined. Skaters may compete in ONE Free Skate Event. Skaters may compete in two short program events (but not at the same level).

Singles Events

First IJS Event: Well-Balanced Program Free Skate: Pre-Preliminary – Senior Short Program: Intermediate – Senior Young Adult/Adult Free Skate: Bronze – Gold and Adult Masters Well Balanced Program	\$95.00
Additional IJS Singles Event	\$65.00
No Test, Pre-Preliminary -- Senior Excel, Adult 1 – Young Adult/Adult Pre--Bronze (6.0)	\$80.00
Additional 6.0 Singles Events	\$50.00

All singles skaters choosing to enter a Freestyle event should select one of the above. All other singles events entered are classified as additional events. Any singles event entered above shall be considered the “First Event” when calculating fees due.

Singles Skaters Not Entering any Freestyle Event

First Event	\$80.00
Additional Event	\$50.00
Showcase Duets (per person)	\$40.00
Mini Production & Production	\$80 plus \$10 for each member

All skaters not entering a singles Freestyle event should use the above fee schedule.

Learn to Skate Events

First Event	\$70.00
Additional Events	\$50.00

Special Skaters

First Event	\$50.00
Additional Event	\$40.00

Any Special Skater events entered will be classified as “additional events” if the skater also enters any other type of event in this competition.

REFUND POLICY:

Refunds will only be issued if the competition is not held per U.S. Skating Rule #3048. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online/credit card processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for insufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$35 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.



FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at AZ Ice Gilbert in Gilbert, Arizona. AZ Ice Gilbert is a double surface indoor rink with NHL surface 200 ft. by 85 ft. with slightly rounded corners. The rink is located at 2305 E. Knox Rd., Gilbert, Arizona 85296, (480) 503-7080. Please note the reduced competition surface for all Showcase events on the first page of this announcement.

MUSIC

Competitors must provide music for all events, as appropriate. Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via the online registration system by the music deadline of **Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 11:59 pm**. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can log out of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "my music."

Music Criteria:

1. File Format: MP3 (the online system will automatically check this).
2. Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher (to be checked by the music chairperson who may request you upload a corrected file).
3. Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz (to be checked by the music chairperson who may request you upload a corrected file).
4. 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 bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties at time of event. **Registration will not be collecting CDs.** Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted. CDs must only have one piece of music per CD. Please keep additional copies of your music readily available rink side during competition events. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the hosting club cannot be responsible for music left at the end of the competition. **Anyone not submitting their music by the deadline date will be assessed a \$10.00 admin fee that will be collected at the registration desk before the skater is allowed to skate.**

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
- Adult Free Skate Events: Bronze through Masters

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

2019 Excel Series Judging:

- IJS judging system for all Excel "PLUS" levels (Preliminary PLUS, Pre-Juvenile PLUS, Juvenile PLUS), and Intermediate through Senior.
- 6.0 system for Excel levels: Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile levels.

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

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT:

All competitors skating in any IJS events must submit their planned program content forms online through EntryEze.com. All planned program content forms MUST be submitted by May 1, 2019. NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

RESULTS:

Results will be posted in the lobby of AZ Ice Gilbert (North Pole) as soon as they are available. Copies may be purchased at the registration desk. Medals with ribbons will be given for all participants in 6.0 events. Awards will be given to IJS competitors for 1st through 4th place. Once results are posted, skaters receiving awards are required to report to the awards area wearing their costume and skates.

AWARDS: 2019 Copper State Classic Specialty Awards

Each recipient will receive an award presented by the sponsor or competition volunteer. Awards will be presented at the event unless the recipient is no longer on site, when it will be mailed. Additionally, each award category will be recognized with a perpetual banner displayed at AZ Ice Gilbert. Names of recipients will be added to the banners annually.

AZ Ice Gilbert Excellence Award: For the most technically outstanding Singles Free Skating performance at the Juvenile – Senior level. (Sponsored by AZ Ice Gilbert)

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 – Freeskate 6 level. (Sponsored by Gordon Zaft)

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice can be purchased via EntryEeze from the competition website, and will be available for \$20 per 30-minute session with specific times dependent upon on the final competition schedule. Skaters must sign up and pay for practice ice and indicate their preference for practice sessions. Practice ice times will be posted via EntryEeze.com. **Refunds will not be issued for unused Practice Ice sessions unless a session was unavailable prior to the skater's event.** Skaters arriving before the competition may practice on regular freestyle sessions at the current walk-on rate per session at AZ Ice Gilbert. Refer to www.azice.com/gilbert, for the current freestyle schedule and pricing.

REGISTRATION:

The registration desk will be located in the lobby of AZ Ice Gilbert, to the right of the entrance (North Pole side). It will open one hour before the first event of the day and remain open until the last event of the day. Competitors must register upon arrival and check in at least **one hour** prior to their event.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Copper State Skating Club, and AZ Ice Gilbert accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official USFS Rulebook. Participant/Guardian electronic signature on the entry form indicates acceptance of the stipulation.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official list will be maintained in the lobby of the ice rink. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the list frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive one hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE AND UPDATES:

EntryEeze.com will house final schedules, other competition updates may be found on copperstateskatingclub.com

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. All participants, coaches, officials, parents, and guests must follow facility rules.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY:

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

1. All Basic Skills Skaters (Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6) are encouraged to participate in the group photo.
2. The LOC recommends skaters who have placed 1st through 4th have a group photo taken; *purchase of photo is optional.*
3. Individual photos will be taken upon request regardless of placement.
4. Personal cameras/video cameras are permitted but **may only be used to film your skater's performance for personal use.** It is strictly prohibited to photograph or record any other skater's performance, or portions of performance. The LOC reserves the right to deny admittance to anyone who violates this rule. Only battery powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted.
5. A digital photographer will be in attendance for professional quality action shots.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES: U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- A. Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- B. Completed background check (green light status)
- C. Completed SafeSport Training*
- D. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- E. Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Coaching Compete USA athletes:

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

*SafeSport training is available through www.usfsaonline.org for full members of US Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for two seasons.

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

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation, which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to: <http://usfsa.org/story?id=84159>

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Juvenile Singles and above will be grouped by random draw.
2. Skaters will not be seeded in this competition.
3. Short Program and Well-Balanced Program Free Skate are separate events. No final rounds will be held.
4. Male skaters will be combined with female skaters in Pre-Juvenile and below Well-Balanced Program events, all Showcase, Basic Skills Free Skate, Compulsory Moves and Specialty events (except jumps) in order make an event.
5. Different levels of non-Free Skate events may be combined in order to make an event at the discretion of the Chief Referee.
6. Excel Series events with one or more registered Series skater will not be merged with another excel event due to low skater registration or for any other reason.
7. Single entries for any skater in No Test – Senior Free Skate levels will be able to choose either an exhibition or a refund during the registration process. They will be contacted after the close of entries to confirm in cases of refund. Response to exhibition or refund during registration completion on EntryEeze will be binding.
8. Basic Skills events (Snowplow – Free Skate 6) are open to eligible skaters (ER 1.00) who are members of either the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program and/or full members of a U.S. Figure Skating full or provisional club, in accordance with Rule 3060a. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing.
9. U.S. Figure Skating events (No Test – Senior) are open to members of non-U.S. Figure 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.
10. Special Olympics Skaters must be members of U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills or State/National Special Olympics for insurance purposes. However, if a Special Olympic Skater has entered any non-special skater events, they must comply with the eligibility requirements for those events.

CRITIQUES:

Critiques will be offered for \$10 each and are available for all IJS events. You must purchase your critique(s) online at the time you register for your events. The critique schedule will be posted at the registration desk on the day of the competition. Critiques may be attended only by the skater and their coach, and will be conducted as close to the competition of the event as reasonably possible.

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition
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TEST CREDIT:

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at Registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of competition. Please request the test credit packet as soon as results are posted and submit payment of \$7.00 to Copper State Skating Club.

ADMISSION:

There is no admission charged for Copper State Classic.

OFFICIAL HOTEL:

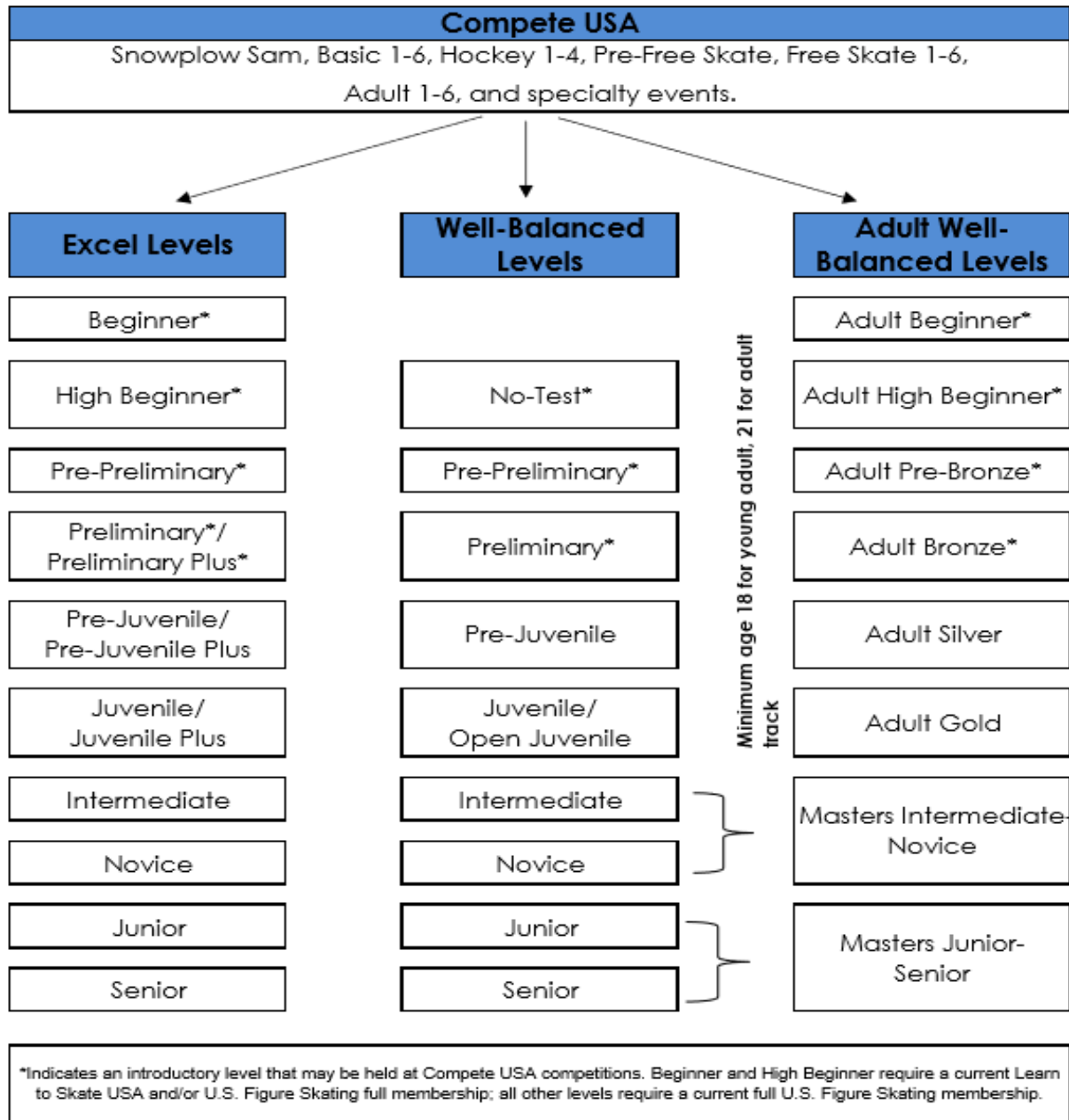
Will be announced on our competition entry page when available, as well as on www.copperstateskatingclub.com

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



COMPETITIVE PROGRESSION THROUGH THE LEVELS OF U.S FIGURE SKATING

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



See current rulebook or [click here](#) for current rules and requirements.

FREE SKATE & SHORT PROGRAM SINGLES

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

[Excel Free Skate Requirements](#) (new for 2018-19 season)

[2018-19 Singles Free Skate Elements for No Test – Senior](#)

[2018-19 Singles Short Program Elements for Juvenile – Senior](#)

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

[2018-19 Adult Singles Elements](#)

SHOWCASE EVENTS

[Compete USA Showcase Events](#)*

*Note: Guidelines for Compete USA Interpretive Events are listed on [page 21 of the Compete USA Manual](#)

[Showcase Events - Dramatic Entertainment Events](#)

[Showcase Events - Interpretative Events](#)

[Showcase Events - Light Entertainment Events](#)

[Showcase Events - Duet Events](#)

[Showcase Events - Mini Production Ensemble Events](#)

[Showcase Events - Production](#)

COMPULSORY MOVES – SINGLES

[Snowplow Sam - Free Skate 6 Compulsory](#)

[Excel Compulsory \(Excel Beginner - Excel Preliminary\)](#)

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

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

[Adult Compulsory Moves](#)

SPECIALITY EVENTS - SINGLES

[Jumps Challenge](#)

[Spins Challenge](#)

See the next page for Special Skater Events

SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS

Special Skater Events Please note: Skaters who register for Special Skater events must be either full/regular or Therapeutic/Special Olympics members of a USFS Club, or a Learn to Skate member either through a rink or club, or a member of National/State Special Olympics organization (for insurance purposes). Additionally, special skaters may elect to compete in the mainstream events at their coach's best discretion - standard rules regarding time allowed for getting onto the ice will apply.

Groups will be divided by gender and age if entries permit. Special Skater events are open to any skater with a disability including mental and physical challenges. Please note any special limitations of the skater, such as hearing or vision impairment, as well as any other physical limitations that would require special consideration (such as special equipment like walkers), and include it with the entry form. All programs may be skated to instrumental or vocal music. Please note: in the event of only one entrant in a particular event, it shall be the Referee's discretion whether to eliminate the event or have it skated as exhibition. If an exhibition is skated, a medal will be awarded. Also, warm-ups may be combined to maximize ice time. Any combined warm-ups will be noted on the skate order posting.

Special Skater Free Skate 1

Program must include at least 3 of the 5 following skills: Forward swizzles, backward swizzles, one foot snow plow stop, two foot dip, beginning stroking (T-position and push). 1:00 minute.

Special Skater Free Skate 2

Program must include at least 7 of the following 10 skills: Forward stroking, forward swizzle, backward stroking, backward swizzle, one foot slide left and right, two foot spin, forward to backward turn, backward to forward turn, snowplow stop, T-stop. 1:30 minutes.

Special Skater Free Skate 3

Program must include at least 7 of the following 10 skills: Forward to backward turn, backward to forward turn, snowplow stop, T-stop, forward outside 3 turn, lunge, two foot spin, bunny hop, forward crossover, backward crossover. 2 minutes.

Special Skater Free Skate 4

Program must include at least 9 of the following skills: Forward outside 3 turn, forward inside Mohawk turn, lunge, shoot the duck, bunny hop, waltz jump, spiral, forward pivot, sit-spin, camel spin, 1 foot spin, T-stop. 2 minutes.

Special Skater Free Skate 5

A well-balanced program that includes jumps, spins, and footwork elements from the previous levels, and may include: single rotation jumps, single rotation jump combinations or sequences, and combination spins that change position and/or foot. 2:30 min. No Axel allowed.

Special Skater Showcase Events There will be five levels of Special Skater Showcase events, which correspond to the Special Skater Free Skate levels. There are no required elements. Duration: 1:30 minutes, +/- 10 seconds for all levels.