



Skate Pittsburgh
Hosted by
Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club @ RMU Island Sports Center
July 9 & 10, 2022

The Skate Pittsburgh 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 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, and who are currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, *June 9, 2022*, in the discipline the skater is entering. ***Athletes may skate up one level above that for which they qualify but they may not skate down in any event.***

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger

Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older

Intermediate must be under the age of 18

Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

ALL SKATERS MUST BE CURRENT MEMBERS OF US FS/LTS USA FOR THE 2022-23 SEASON, BY THE START DATE OF THE COMPETITION, IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN SKATE PITTSBURGH.

ADULT EVENTS

Age classes for all free skate 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

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through adult bronze free skate events (based on the Adult Competition Series rules). Men and ladies will not be combined in adult silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION & ENTRY FEES

All registrations will on-line through Entryeeze @ www.entryeeze.com

Deadline for online entries is June 9, 2022, 11:59 PM, (based on PFSC host club time zone). The Competition Committee reserves the right to limit the number of entries or cancel an event due to lack of entries. Events with only one skater will be exhibitions. Entries will be processed on a first come, first serve basis. The computerized IJS Mini System will be in use.

Included in the registration fee for the first event, **every individual skater will get one digital video and one digital photo of the Freestyle Program or basic skill event during the competition from RES Video & Media**. The video/photo will be of a skater's freestyle program with music unless RES Video is notified otherwise. (Some skaters only perform a compulsory program so that will be chosen.) RES will choose and select a nice photo during the program performance. Opening, ending pose or possibly a skater moves image. Photos will be posted online for any additional orders. Video/digital image will be sent to each individual email and downloaded off the RES website within 10 days after the competition end. A custom website will be made and available for Skate Pittsburgh for competition skaters to review photos/videos online.

EVENT FEES (First Registration Fee Includes a Video & Photo from RES Video – as listed above)

- FIRST IJS EVENT: \$175
- EACH ADDITIONAL IJS EVENT: \$95
- FIRST 6.0 EVENT: \$135
- EACH ADDITIONAL 6.0 EVENT: \$60.00
- FIRST COMPETE USA BASIC SKILLS & FREE SKATE EVENT: \$75.00
- SECOND LEARN TO SKATE USA BASIC SKILLS & FREE SKATE EVENT: \$50

There is no admission fee for spectators.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after June 9, 2022, unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Payment of the registration fee(s) will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. No changes to the schedule will be allowed due to personal conflicts, schedule requests will not be permitted. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available at the Skate Pittsburgh home page on www.entryeeze.com

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. A competition schedule will be available as soon as possible, all participants will be notified via email once available.

FACILITIES

The competition will be held at **RMU Island Sports Center, 7600 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225**. Events will be held on the Olympic Arena (Olympic Size) & Clearview Arena (NHL Size) The Ice House Bistro will be open for food and beverages. All IJS events will be held in the Olympic Arena.

MUSIC

The official competition music must be uploaded on Entryyeeze by July 1, 2022 at 11:59 PM.

MUSIC UPLOAD CRITERIA

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
- 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 and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

Deadline: JULY 1, 2022 – IJS EVENTS

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than July 1, 2022. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **late fee**.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, **Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club** and **RMU Island Sports 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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN EVENT DAY(S)

The Check-In Desk will open on Saturday, July 9, 2022 and end after the last event on Sunday, July 10, 2022. Check-In will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located inside the main entrance of RMU Island Sports Center. Competitors must register at least one hour before their scheduled event.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport](#) page).

Please click here to review the [Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy](#).

PRACTICE ICE

Registration for unofficial practice ice will be available online at the Skate Pittsburgh home page on www.entryeeze.com. The cost will be \$20 per 20 minute session. Practice ice, if available, may be purchased on the day of the event for \$25 per minute session.

PHOTO/VIDEO

RES Video & Media will provide professional event photography & video. 1st event registration fee includes a video & photo for each skater.

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

AWARDS

All events are final rounds. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers in each group and ribbons will be awarded to 4th, 5th & 6th place finishers. Awards will be available, at the registration desk, directly after results are posted. Awards must be picked up by the close of the competition and will not be mailed.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating. Skaters with multiple coaches will only be permitted to have one designated coach at the door. If the skater's coaches are putting other skaters out in the same event/ warm-up group, they are permitted to assist the skater during that event.

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check.
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 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. *
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. *
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check.
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 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)
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* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

www.usfsaonline.org → Person Icon → Account → Member Profile → Compliance

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

SECTION 2: EVENTS OFFERED

Please see the following events that are offered at Skate Pittsburgh. The links below direct you to the page with the appropriate charts. [Please click through the links below to see and/or print the latest, updated US FS chart of requirements for your event\(s\).](#) See current rulebook or click [here](#) for current rules and requirements. **Knowledge of and compliance with these requirements is the responsibility of the participants.**

SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.**

****PLEASE BE SURE TO REFER TO UPDATED CHARTS FOR THE 2022-23 SEASON ON THE US FS WEBSITE. ALL EVENTS WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE 2022-23 SEASON RULES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR EVENTS. PFSC NOT RESPONSIBLE IF THE LISTED LINKS ARE BROKEN TO THE CURRENT SEASON RULES, WHICH MAY BE UPDATED AFTER THE POSTING OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.**

[Chart below was updated on April 13, 2022 \(see: \[Showcase New Event Implementation\]\(#\)\)](#)

Skate Pittsburgh Events

SINGLES	IJS/6.0
Excel Free Skate 6.0 for all levels Pre-Juvenile & Under	6.0
Excel Free Skate All Plus Levels, Juvenile through Senior	IJS
Well Balanced Short Program (2022-23)	IJS
Well Balanced Free Skate (2022-23) Pre-Juvenile through Senior	IJS
Well Balanced Free Skate (2022-23) No Test – Preliminary	6.0
Adult Free Skate Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr	IJS
Adult Beginner, High Beginner Free Skate, Pre-Bronze & Bronze	6.0
SPECIALTY	JUDGING
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Preliminary)	6.0
Jumps Challenge (Pre-Juvenile - Senior)	IJS
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Preliminary)	6.0
Spins Challenge (Pre-Juvenile–Senior)	IJS
SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION**	JUDGING
Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0
Duets (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0
Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)	6.0
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0
Compete USA Manual	

JUDGING SYSTEM:

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

- Juvenile - Senior Short Program
- **Well-Balanced Free Skate: Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile – Senior, Jumps Challenge and Spins Challenge, Excel Plus Events & Excel Juvenile – Senior**
- Adult Gold, Adult Silver, Adult Masters Intermediate/Novice and Adult Masters Junior/Senior Well-Balanced Free Skate
- Specialty Events: Jump & Spin (Pre-Juvenile – Senior)

JUDGING SYSTEM – 6.0:

The **6.0 Majority Judging System** will be used for:

- Introductory Free Skate Events (Beginner & High Beginner)
- Well Balanced Program Events: Beginner through Preliminary
- Excel Freeskate Events: Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile
- Specialty Events: Compulsory Moves (Beginner – Senior), Jump, Spin (Beginner – Preliminary)
- All Compete USA Events

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact competition chairs:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Area Hotels:

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Pittsburgh-Neville Island

5850 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225
(412) 264.4722

Double Tree Hotel in Moon Township

8402 University Blvd, Moon, PA 15108
(412) 329-1400