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Entry Deadline: February 12, 2022

U.S. Figure Skating Sanction #: 30534

The Lincoln Center Skate Club invites you to participate in the 2022 Columbus Invitational on March 5 – 6, 2022, at Hamilton Center Ice Arena located at 2501 Lincoln Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47201.

The 2022 Columbus Invitational 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.

COVID-19 Information:

Lincoln Center Skate Club and Hamilton Center Ice Arena will be complying with all federal, state, and local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of the 2022 Columbus Invitational. This includes recommendations from U.S. Figure Skating. U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 resources may be found [here](#).

Masks are required to be worn indoors by ALL people (including fully vaccinated people) attending any U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned event or activity despite local, state or facility policies. Sanctioned activities include competitions (U.S. Figure Skating and Compete USA), exhibitions/performances and test sessions. (Exceptions: Athletes practicing or competing on the ice and warming up outside.)

Spectators: Spectators are allowed at Hamilton Center Ice Arena. If changes occur with regards to spectators, the final policy will be communicated prior to the start of the competition.

Chaperones: All athletes age 17 and under are permitted to have ONE chaperone/guardian.

Series Information:

The 2022 Columbus Invitational is part of the 2022 Indiana Championship Series. More information may be found on the Indiana Figure Skating Council [website](#).

Eligibility/Test Level:

Competition level is based on the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the athlete is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but athletes may not skate down in any event. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same type event at the same competition.

All Snowplow Sam and Learn To Skate USA skaters through Basic 6 must skate at the 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.

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

Athletes 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.

Male athletes may be combined with female athletes in events at the Pre-Juvenile level and below.

Single athlete entries for any 6.0 events will be contacted to choose whether the athlete desires to skate alone for gold, skate up a level (if possible), or receive a refund.

Age Restrictions/Requirements for Adult Events:

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment 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](#)), and all levels of compulsory moves, solo dance, solo free dance, jumps, spins and dramatic/light entertainment events. Men and ladies will not be combined in adult silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

Judging System & Requirements:

The International Judging System (IJS), the 6.0 Majority System, and the Component Judging System (CJS), will be used to judge events. All event requirements will be according to 2021 – 2022 rules. See pages 9 and 10 for more details on events offered and judging system used for each event.

Entry Fees*:

6.0 Event	\$100
Each Additional 6.0 Event	\$60
IJS Event	\$125
Each Additional IJS Event	\$75
Compete USA Event	\$75
Each Additional Compete USA Event	\$50
Pre-purchased Unofficial Practice Ice	\$15/ 20 minutes
Unofficial Practice Ice at Registration	\$20/ 20 minutes
Registration Late Fee (after 2/5/2022)	\$50
Music Upload Late Fee (after 2/19/2022)	\$25
PPC Late Fee (after 2/19/2022)	\$25
Contested Credit Card Fee	\$25
Test Credit Fee	\$25

*Videos are included in the cost of registration. Athletes will receive an email with directions to download a video for each event in which they registered and participated.

Competition Registration via [EMS](#):

Entries will be accepted via EMS with credit card only.

Each transaction is subject to a 3% credit card fee.

Registration Deadline: 2/12/2022 at 11:59PM Eastern Time

Late Registration Deadline: 2/14/2022 at 11:59PM Eastern Time + \$50 Late Fee

EMS Registration Instructions:

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org/ems>.
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating number and password if Compete USA events are offered, enter 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.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration".
4. Choose "2022 Columbus Invitational" from the list of competitions.

If you need assistance completing your registration, email: productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

[EMS Skater Portal](#):

Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Skater Portal for this competition. This is where you will manage music and PPC upload as well as purchase practice ice, view the competition schedule (once available) and update coach information. To access your skater portal, click the BLUE Event Management System button on the [Members Only](#) landing page then select the competition name from options at the bottom of the screen.

Foreign Skaters:

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

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.

Mandatory Athletes:

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one minor athlete must complete SkateSafe training.

Minor Athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SkateSafe 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 for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

Refund Policy:

Entry fees will not be refunded unless no competition exists or the event is cancelled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable.

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. The competition schedule is subject to change at all times and competitors must be ready to skate up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled event start time.

Facilities:

The competition will be held at [Hamilton Center Ice Arena](#) located at 2501 Lincoln Park Drive, Columbus, IN 47201. The ice surface measures 85 feet x 200 feet with slightly rounded corners. There will be ample seating and parking during the competition. One concession stand and minimal vendors will be made available during the competition. No admission fees will be charged.

EMS Music Upload:

DEADLINE: 2/19/2022 at 11:59PM Eastern Time

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music [to EMS](#) no later than February 19, 2022, at 11:59 PM Eastern Time. After this date, athletes will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$25 late fee. The late fee will be automatically added to each athlete's cart who does not meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the athlete credential onsite.

Click [here](#) for instructions on how to upload music on EMS.

If you need assistance, email 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.

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. It is preferred 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 or digital copy (such as an upload on a phone) 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.

Skaters competing in the Snowplow Sam and Basic 1 – 6 program events will need to provide their own music. Also note that Snowplow Sam and Basic 1 – 6 program events will be full-ice events.

Planned Program Content (PPC):

DEADLINE: 2/19/2022 at 11:59PM Eastern Time

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC [in EMS](#) no later than February 19, 2022 at 11:59PM Eastern Time. After this date, athletes will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$25 late fee. The late fee will automatically be added to each athlete's cart who does not meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

Click [here](#) for instructions on how to upload PPC on EMS.

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

Liability:

U.S. Figure Skating, Lincoln Center Skate Club, and Hamilton Center Ice Arena 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:

Registration will open on Saturday, March 5, 2022 and will be located in the lobby of the Hamilton Center Ice Arena. The registration desk will be open one hour prior to the first practice ice each day and will close after the last event of the competition each day.

Locker Rooms:

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 SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

Practice Ice:

Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI) will be available for purchase online through the [EMS Skater Portal](#). The fee to pre-purchase practice ice is \$15 per 20-minute session, if purchased prior to February 25, 2022. Skaters who pre-purchase will need to go back online to EMS after the schedule is posted to self-schedule their practice ice. Skaters are limited to one practice ice per event. No program music will be played during practice ice.

Open sales opportunities for practice ice are not guaranteed and will be permitted only as space allows on a first-come, first-served basis for \$20 per 20-minute session. Open selection will begin once pre-purchase practice ice selection has closed.

Videography:

828 Studios will be providing professional video services. Every skater will receive an email with easy to follow directions, including a link, for each event in which they registered and participated. Videos of every registered event are included in the cost of registration. Other videotaping must be done from the spectator's stands. Electrical outlets in the arena may not be used.

Photography:

Professional photography will be provided for the competition. Other photography must be done from the spectator's stands. Electrical outlets in the arena may not be used. Absolutely no flash photography is allowed during the competition, as it is a hazard to skaters.

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

Awards:

All skaters will receive an award immediately following the posting of the results for their event. All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to first, second, and third places in each group. All other places will receive ribbons. Skaters receiving awards should appear dressed in their competition outfits and skates for the award ceremony. Should changes occur due to COVID-19 restrictions, an award ceremony may not be held and skaters may pick up their awards individually after the posting of the results for their event.

Team Trophy:

A team trophy will be awarded to the club/rink earning the most combined points for all events excluding the host club. The following point system will be used: 1st place = 10 points, 2nd place = 7 points, 3rd place = 4 points, 4th place = 3 points, 5th place = 2 points, 6th place = 1 point.

Official Notices:

An official bulletin board will be maintained during the competition with information regarding schedules and important announcements. Such announcements shall constitute sufficient notice to competitors, coaches, chaperones, and officials.

Test Session:

If time allows, the Lincoln Center Skate Club will host a test session on Sunday, March 6, 2022. Skaters interested in testing should contact the test chair, Karen DeSanto at karendesanto@comcast.net.

Test Credit:

You may sign-up for Test Credit through EMS during online registration for \$25. Test Credit Packets will be emailed to the email address listed in EMS after the competition has concluded.

Coaches:**EMS Coach Resources:**

[My Competitions](#)

[My Skaters](#)

[Coach Schedule](#)

Important Notice For All Coaches:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non-qualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

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. *
 - 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 SkateSafe 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. *
 - 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 SkateSafe 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)

* 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.

Contact Information:

For questions or additional information, please contact the competition chairs, Heather Lehnert or Taylor Burdekin at sk8columbus@gmail.com.

Columbus Information:

For more information on Columbus, IN, visit the Visitor's Center website at <http://www.columbus.in.us>

Hotel:

The 2022 Columbus Invitational has a courtesy block of rooms for competitors and coaches at [Hotel Indigo](#), 400 Brown Street, Columbus, IN; 812-375-9100

Competitors:

To make reservations choose one of the following:

1. Call Hotel Indigo directly at 812-375-9100 and ask for the **Figure Skating – Competitors** group block rate.
2. Navigate to www.hotelindigo.com/columbusin and select book now, then more options. Input **FSC** in the group block code to access your rate then click continue.
3. Follow the link below to get to only your rates for online convenience.
Booking Link for Competitors: [Hotel Indigo Booking Link - LCSC Competition Skaters Block](#)

Coaches:

To make reservations choose one of the following:

1. Call Hotel Indigo directly at 812-375-9100 and ask for the **Figure Skating – Coaches** group block rate.
2. Navigate to www.hotelindigo.com/columbusin and select book now, then more options. Input **FSI** in the group block code to access your rate then click continue.
3. Follow the link below to get to only your rates for online convenience.
Booking Link for Coaches: [Hotel Indigo Booking Link - LCSC Competition Coaches Block](#)

Events Offered:

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

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$60
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus – Senior)	IJS	\$125	\$75	\$75
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$125	\$75	\$75
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Senior)	IJS	\$125	\$75	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$60
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$125	\$75	\$75
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$60
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Compulsory Moves (No Test – Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$60
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beginner – Excel Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$60
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner – Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$60
Jumps Challenge (Beginner – Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$60
Spins Challenge (Beginner – Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$60
SHOWCASE (See additional information below.)	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Individual Entertainment (Beginner – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60	\$60
Duets (Beginner – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60	\$60
COMPETE USA EVENTS				
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program w/ Music (See info below.)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements (See additional info below.)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Compete USA Manual				

Additional Event Information:

Snowplow Sam and Basic 1 – 6 Program Events:

Snowplow Sam program events and Basic 1 – 6 program events will be **full-ice** events. Skaters in these events will need to provide their own music.

Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Element Events:

Skaters in the Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 element events will perform their elements as a compulsory **program** without music (1:00 max). Element events will be held on **half-ice**.

Showcase Events – Adapted for the 2022 Columbus Invitational:

The 2022 Columbus Invitational will be using three categories for its individual showcase events. Skaters should register for their desired level and category. Referee will divide each category into a High level, Low level, or Adult level as needed. The High level will be Preliminary through Senior and the Low level will be Beginner through Pre-Preliminary. The Adult level will be open to all adult skill levels. High-level events will have a 2:40 max time; Low-level events have a 1:30 max time; Adult-level events have a 2:10 max time. Test levels and other information may be found in the Non-qualifying Competition Showcase Guidelines Handbook. Scoring will be done by the Component Judging System (CJS) for theatrical and artistic qualities.

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

The duet showcase event will be divided into a High and Low level and Adult level. The High level will be Preliminary through Senior and the Low level will be Beginner through Pre-Preliminary. The Adult level will be open to all adult skill levels. High-level events will have a 2:40 max time; Low-level events have a 1:30 max time; Adult-level events have a 2:10 max time. Test levels and other information may be found in the Non-qualifying Competition Showcase Guidelines Handbook. Scoring will be done by the Component Judging System (CJS) for theatrical and artistic qualities.