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Registration Deadline:  
Feb. 5th 2023

## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The 2023 Columbus Invitational 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.

Skaters 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 INFORMATION:**

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#).

### **SERIES INFORMATION:**

The 2023 Columbus Invitational competition is part of the 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Excel Series and the 2023 Indiana State Championship Series. Skaters 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](#) | [Excel Series Information](#)

## **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](#).

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

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

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Preliminary)	6.0	\$105	\$60
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus – Senior)	IJS	\$130	\$75
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$130	\$75
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Senior)	IJS	\$130	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Beginner – Bronze)	6.0	\$105	\$60
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$130	\$75
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Compulsory Moves (No Test – Senior)	6.0	\$105	\$60
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg. – Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$105	\$60
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beg. – Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$105	\$60
Jumps Challenge (Beginner – Senior)	6.0	\$105	\$60
Spins Challenge (Beginner – Senior)	6.0	\$105	\$60
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance (Beginner – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$75
Choreographic Artistry (Beginner – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$75
Lyrical Pop (Beginner – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$75
Character Performance (Beginner – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$75
Comedic Impressions (Beginner – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$75
Duets/Trios (Beginner – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$75
Interpretive	CJS	\$130	\$75
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$50
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$50
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$80	\$50
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$80	\$50
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$80	\$50
Compete USA – Showcase (Basic 1-6)	6.0	\$80	\$50

### **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.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

## **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (does not include SYS and TOI team registration):**

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: 02/05/2023 11:59 PM ET**

**Late Registration Deadline: 02/12/2023 at 11:59PM ET + \$50 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 "2023 Columbus Invitational" 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 SKATERS:**

Non-U.S. skaters 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:**

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at the registration desk or pre-purchase during registration through EMS. Test Credit Forms must be requested prior to the last IJS event of the competition. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. All test credit packets will incur a \$25.00 fee.

### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **FEB. 17th 2023 11:59pm ET** . After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater'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 skater credential onsite.

**MUSIC DEADLINE: DATE 02/17/2023 11:59pm ET**

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

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

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

### **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:**

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **FEB. 17th 11:59pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater'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 skater credential onsite.

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### **COMPETE USA EVENTS:**

All program events will be held on full ice. All element events are to be skated in a program format.

### **REFUND POLICY**

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

**LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, Lincoln Center Skate Club, and Hamilton Community 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.

**IV. COMPETITION DETAILS****FACILITIES:**

Hamilton Community Center and Ice Arena  
2501 Lincoln Park Drive, Columbus IN 47201

[Rink Website](#)

Concessions available onsite, as well as food truck vendors throughout the competition.

**LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:****GENERAL LOCKER ROOM:**

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 under 11 years old 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).

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:**

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check their EMS account and the [Competition Website](#) frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition. Such announcements shall constitute sufficient notice to competitors, coaches, chaperones, and officials.

The 2023 Columbus Invitational will utilize a live results link provided by U.S. Figure Skating. The link will be sent to participants via email and also be posted on site the day of the competition.

**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:**

Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI) will be available for purchase online through the [EMS Competition Portal](#). The fee to pre-purchase practice ice is \$15 per 20-minute session, if purchased prior to February 13th, 2023. 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.

**PREMIUM PRACTICE ICE:** These are middle-of-the-day practice sessions and will be announced by email once the schedule has been released. The cost is **\$25 per 20-minute** session and can be paid electronically or with cash during onsite check-in/registration. Previously purchased UPI sessions may not be exchanged or transferred for Premium Practice Ice. No Exceptions.

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

- [Pre-Purchase and Selection | Open Sales](#)

**ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

Check-in will be located in the entry hall of the rink lobby and will open 1 hour prior to the first scheduled event on all days of the competition.

**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.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:**

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.

**TEST SESSION:**

If time allows, the Lincoln Center Skate Club will host a test session on Friday, March 3rd, 2023. Skaters interested in testing should contact the test chair, Hong Li at [hong.s.li@cummins.com](mailto:hong.s.li@cummins.com)

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Competition website: <https://www.lcscolumbus.org/columbus-invatational>

For questions, please contact:

Competition Chairs: Heather Lehnert & Taylor Burdekin - [sk8columbus@gmail.com](mailto:sk8columbus@gmail.com)