

**34th Annual**  
**Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Competition**  
**May 17, 18, 19, 20, 2018**

New This Year – *IJS for Pre-Juvenile and above with critiques*

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**Location**

Ann Arbor Ice Cube (three-rink facility with ice surfaces – 200' x 100' and 200' x 85') 2121 Oak Valley Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48103; Rink Phone: 734-213-1600. AAFSC Office Phone: 734-213-6768. Lockers rooms: 8; full snack bar. Upper and lower lobbies; practice ice rink is very cold.

**Sanctioning**

This non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and Skate Canada. It will be conducted in accordance with the rules 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, except as modified in this announcement. Canadian skaters wishing to enter the competition should email [EMSSupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:EMSSupport@usfigureskating.org).

**Series Information**

This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of the National Solo Dance Series.

**Judging System**

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events: *Well-Balanced Program free skate events Pre-Juvenile – Senior, and Open Adult; Short program events, Pairs events, Couples Dance events and Solo Dance events.*

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for *Well-Balanced free skate events (pre-preliminary–preliminary); Introductory free skate events (beginner, high beginner, no-test); All Test Track events; All specialty singles events (spins, jumps, compulsory moves, showcase, etc.).*

**Planned Program Content (PPC)**

All competitors skating in IJS events are required to submit their PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT as part of their registration. Competitors may update their PPC at any time, after registration, by logging into “Members Only” at [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org), clicking the blue EMS button and selecting the competition. **PPC is due May 8.** Failure to meet this deadline to upload PPC will result in an automatic \$10 fee.

**Closing Date:**

**Entries must be registered online by March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 PM ET. Spaces are limited.** Late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a late fee of \$45. No refunds after closing date unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There are no medical refunds. However, credit may be granted for the next year's competition entry fee. Accompanying physician's note required.

**Eligibility and Test Level**

Eligible competitors are current members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating. Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline (**March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 PM**) 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 or skate more than one level in any one event.

**Beginner, High Beginner & No Test Levels (Compete USA)**

Eligible competitors for Beginner, High Beginner & No Test events may be members of a Learn to Skate USA Program or full members, in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating. Eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed (Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher, but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same type event at the same competition.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Skaters entering Juvenile Short Program or Well-Balanced Program Free Skate events must be under 13 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering Open Juvenile Short Program or Well-Balanced Program Free Skate events must be 13 years of age or older at the close of entries.

Skaters entering beginner-preliminary events will be divided as closely as possible by age groups of 7-10 skaters whenever possible. Final Rounds will be offered in Well-Balanced Free Skate if entries warrant them. All IJS events with more than 24 skaters will be divided into groups as specified in rule 2466, based on random draws. Final Rounds in Free Skate events will be based on the Championship Round in Rule 2466. A minimum of two entries will be required for all flights to be scheduled. Compulsory Moves, Jumps, Spins, Showcase, and Solo Dance events may be ladies and men combined.

**Registration Desk**

The Registration Desk is on the **Lower Level**. It will be open Wednesday evening during practice ice, and beginning Thursday through Sunday one hour before the start of competition through the end of competition each day. Skaters must check in at least one (1) hour prior to their first event. Registration will be your final confirmation of competition time.

**Videography**

All events are recorded by Ledin Video (313) 928-9097. [www.ledinvideo.com](http://www.ledinvideo.com). A DVD of each of event is included with your entry fee. DVDs must be picked up before the competition has ended; they are not mailed.

**Photography**

Action photos will be taken by KrPhotogs Photography LLC, found at [www.KrPhotogs.com](http://www.KrPhotogs.com) and will be available for purchase on site.

**Awards**

Medals are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> — 4<sup>th</sup> places; ribbons are awarded to all others. Final Rounds: Medals only 1<sup>st</sup> — 4<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Locker Room/Changing Room Policies:**

The locker room/changing room policy for U.S. Figure Skating has been updated. All skaters, parents/guardians and coaches are encouraged to review prior to the competition. Additional information can be found [here](#).

**Online registration is the ONLY method available for entry into the Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational and must be submitted online via Members Only ([www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)) by 11:59 am ET on March 31<sup>st</sup>.** Late Entries may be accepted, if space permits, until April 10, 2018 for an additional \$45 fee.

[CLICK HERE FOR DIRECT REGISTRATION LINK](#)  
[CLICK HERE FOR EMS HOW TO](#)

- Log on to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)
- Input your membership number and password
  - If you do not already have a password, go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) and follow the online instructions. Need additional help? Email [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
- Select 'Events' on the top left menu
  - Select 'Registration/Administration'
- Select 'Event Registration & Information' – '34<sup>th</sup> Annual Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Competition'

If you have questions or need assistance with the online registration process, email [EMSSupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:EMSSupport@usfigureskating.org). A detailed EMS How To, can be found here.

**All-Inclusive fees include DVD, program, souvenir, water. Online payment via credit card is the ONLY accepted form of payment:**

<b>First Singles Event</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>First Compete USA Level Event</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>
(Beginner, High Beginner, No-Test)	
<b>Second Singles event</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>Third or more singles event</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
 <b>Dance, Pairs:</b>	 <b>\$120.00</b>
<b>Second partnered event</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

*\*For partnered/duet events, one entry fee is assessed. The partner/team member who registers for the event will have access to submit music (PPC if applicable) and purchase practice ice.*

Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$30 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Any change after deadline is subject to a \$40 change fee.

#### **EMS Competition Portal:**

All registered competitors are required to update their EMS Skater Portal accordingly. The portal consists of music upload, PPC (if IJS events), coach management and practice ice. A skater's competition profile consists of their Planned Program Content for IJS events and uploaded competition music. Please note, music and PPC are due no later than **May 8**. Failure to meet this deadline to upload PPC will result in an

automatic \$10 fee.

**MUSIC UPLOAD AND SUBMISSION:** online music submission is the ONLY accepted method to submit program music. The uploaded program music **MUST** conform to the following specifications:

Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short program, free skate etc.) per file is allowed and must be in MP3 format. If your music is not in MP3 format, please consider using the free applications – [Format Factory](#) (PC) or [Audacity](#) (Apple). Please note, U.S. Figure Skating/LOC does not endorse any conversion software.

#### **Information Regarding Coaches:**

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Registration

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 contingent on their registered skaters:

#### **COMPETE USA EVENTS (Beginner, High Beginner & No Test):**

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating OR current Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership
  - Completed Background Check ("green light status")

#### **ALL OTHER EVENTS:**

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check ('green light' status)
- CER (B or A) for the 2017-18 Competition Season
- Proof of Liability Insurance

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 proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, click [here](#).

#### **New This Year:**

- Beginner, High Beginner & No Test levels are open to Learn to Skate USA Members
- IJS will be used for Pre-Juvenile and Open Juvenile Well-Balance Free Skate events, and Solo Dance events.
- Critiques will be available for all IJS Singles, Pairs, and Couples Dance events.

#### **Practice Ice:**

Practice ice is not included in your entry fee & can only be purchased through the EMS Competition Portal. Please review the information below in full prior to emailing the host club AND purchasing practice ice.

**PRE-PURCHASE:** Registered competitors have the opportunity to pre-purchase unofficial practice ice (UPI) session credits based on events entered after they register through April 15th for \$15/session. No music will be played on the 20 minute sessions (except pattern dance). There are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used. After the schedule is released for review, competitors will self-schedule these sessions around their personal schedule using their pre-purchased credits beginning Tuesday May 1st at 7:00 pm ET through Sunday, May 6th at 7:00 pm ET.

**OPEN SALES:**

Following the pre-purchase selection window, on Sunday, May 6th at 7:01 pm ET, skaters have the opportunity to purchase additional PI sessions for \$20. The Open Sales window will close on Monday, May 14th at 7:00 pm ET.

**ON SITE:**

Practice ice sessions will be sold on site at the event for \$20 at the practice ice desk.

Please direct practice ice questions to [EMSSupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:EMSSupport@usfigureskating.org) for purchasing assistance and/or Melissa Sperling 734-323-5043 or [practiceicesperling@gmail.com](mailto:practiceicesperling@gmail.com).

# Single Free Skate

## \*\*\* Final Rounds for all Well-balanced Free Skate Events \*\*\*

(Qualifying round is free skate only. IJS will be used for Pre-Juvenile – Senior events.)

- Entrants may “skate up” a level, and may enter EITHER the test track OR the Well-Balanced free skate events but NOT both.
- **Free Skate and Short Program are separate events – not combined.** Enter either or both events for your level.
- Well-Balanced program requirements are defined in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook

## Well-balanced programs judged on 6.0 system

<b>No-Test:</b>	<b>1:40 max sec</b>	<b>Preliminary:</b>	<b>1:30 +/- 10 sec</b>
Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests			Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test & no higher.
<b>Pre-Preliminary:</b>	<b>1:40 max sec</b>		
Must have passed the Pre-Prelim Free Skate test & no higher.			
<b>Well-balanced programs judged using the International Judging System (IJS)</b>			
<b>PreJuvenile:</b>	<b>2:00 +/- 10 sec</b>	<b>Senior</b>	<b>Ladies – 4:00; Men – 3:50-4:40 sec</b>
Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.			Must have passed the Senior Free Skate test.
<b>Open Juvenile</b>	<b>2:20 +/- 10 sec</b>	<b>Open Adult</b>	<b>Max 2:10 minutes</b>
Must be 13 years old or older as of closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.			Open to all Adult Skaters, must have reached the age of 21 years old as of the closing date. Must qualify as an adult skater any level, female or male.
<b>Juvenile</b>	<b>2:20 +/- 10 sec</b>	Jumps: 4 different jumps of skater's choice from: single, double, combination, sequence	
Must be under 13 years old as of the closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate test & no higher.			Spins: 2 different spins, minimum 3 revolutions from: upright, sit, or camel position spin; combination spin with or without change of positions, with or without change of foot
<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>2:40 +/- 10 sec</b>	Steps: Choreographic Step sequence using minimum 1/2 of the ice surface containing steps, turns, moves in the field including spirals, Ena Bauers, spread eagles	
Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate test & no higher.			
<b>Novice</b>	<b>Ladies – 3:00; Men – 2:50-3:40 sec</b>		
Must have passed the Novice Free Skate test & no higher.			
<b>Junior</b>	<b>Ladies – 3:30; Men – 3:20-4:10 sec</b>		
Must have passed the Junior Free Skate test & no higher.			

**New This Year: Skater Critiques:** Critiques for Free Skate and Short Program IJS events can be pre-purchased online. Please refer to the competition website for additional information. The critique schedule will be posted at the registration desk. For events with Final Rounds, critiques will be after the Initial Round only.

## Short Program (with music)

(Short Program is a separate event. No Final Round for SP. All Short Programs judged using IJS)

Additional program requirements as defined in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook

<b>Open Juvenile Short Program:</b>	<b>max 2 min 10 sec</b>	<b>Junior Short Program:</b>	<b>2:40 +/- 10 sec</b>
As stated by the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook for the Intermediate short program as modified by TN 194.			Requirements can be found at usfigureskating.org, subject to change by the ISU.
<b>Juvenile Short Program:</b>	<b>max 2 min 10 sec</b>	<i>Elements to be skated will be for the 2018-19 competitive season</i>	
As stated by the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook for the Intermediate short program as modified by TN 194.			
<b>Intermediate Short Program:</b>	<b>max 2 min 10 sec</b>	<b>Senior Short Program:</b>	<b>2:40 +/- 10 sec</b>
As stated by the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook			Requirements can be found at usfigureskating.org, subject to change by the ISU
<b>Novice Short Program:</b>	<b>max 2 min 30 sec</b>		
As stated by the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook			

# Test Track Free Skate Program – Introductory to Senior levels

General event parameters:

1. Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
2. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
3. Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or "skate up" to one level higher.
4. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in ( ) following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
5. The following deductions will be taken:
  - 0.1 from each mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
  - 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element included.
  - 0.1 from the technical mark for any spin that is less than the required minimum revolutions.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner 1:40 maximum	<p><i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front).</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same jump</li> </ul>	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests
High Beginner 1:40 maximum	<p><i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop)</li> <li>• Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only.</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate tests
Pre-Preliminary 1:40 maximum	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop)</li> <li>• Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop only.</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two spins of a different nature, one position only. No change of foot, no flying entry. (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<b>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels).</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<b>Maximum of 2 spins:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry. (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> <li>• One spin consisting of a front scratch to back scratch; exit on spinning foot not mandatory. (Min. 3 revolutions per foot)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than the preliminary free skate test
Pre-Juvenile 2:00 +/- 10 sec.	<b>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels).</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<b>Maximum of 2 spins:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> <li>• One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin; change of foot optional (Min. 6 revolutions). Spins may not fly.</li> </ul>	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test
Juvenile 2:20 +/- 10 sec.	<b>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any single jumps, including Axel, are permitted.</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<b>Maximum of 2 spins:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One solo spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 4 revolutions).</li> <li>• One combination spin with one change of foot and at least one change of position, must include two of the basic spin positions. (Min. 4 revolutions per foot)</li> <li>• <i>Only solo spin may fly</i></li> </ul>	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test
Intermediate 2:40 +/- 10 sec.	<b>Maximum of 6 jump elements:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any single jumps.</li> <li>• Double jumps permitted: double Salchow and double toe loop.</li> <li>• Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<b>Maximum of 2 spins:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One must be a flying spin (min 5 revolutions),</li> <li>• One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum 4 revolutions per foot).</li> </ul>	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Novice  Ladies: 3:00 +/- 10 sec. Men: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 7 jump elements for men and 6 for ladies:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any single jumps.</li> <li>• Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop.</li> <li>• Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<i>Maximum of 3 spins, of a different nature:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (min 5 revs per foot)</li> <li>• The other spins are the option of the skater (min 6 revolutions per foot)</li> <li>• <i>All spins may fly</i></li> </ul>	One step sequence or spiral sequence fully utilizing ice surface  (see rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks)	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating intermediate free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than novice free skate test
Junior  Ladies: 3:30 +/- 10 sec. Men: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any single jumps.</li> <li>• Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and double flip</li> <li>• Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<i>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions)</li> <li>• One flying spin (Min. 6 revolutions)</li> <li>• One combination spin consisting of all three basic positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5) revolutions per foot)</li> </ul>	One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface  (See rule 4105 for remarks)	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating novice free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than junior free skate test
Senior  Ladies: 4:00 +/- 10 sec. Men: 4:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any single jumps.</li> <li>• Must include at least four different double jumps, one must be a double Lutz.</li> <li>• Triple jumps are not permitted</li> <li>• Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<i>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions)</li> <li>• One flying spin (Min. 6 revolutions)</li> <li>• One combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5 revolutions per foot)</li> </ul>	<i>Men:</i> Two different step sequences, one being of advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface.  (See rule 4105 for remarks)  <i>Ladies:</i> One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence. (See rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks.)	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test

## Compulsory Events

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional

- To be skated on ½ ice
- No music is allowed
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- *Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program*

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Waltz jump</li> <li>2. ½ jump of choice</li> <li>3. Forward two-foot or one-foot spin, minimum three revolutions (free leg position optional)</li> <li>4. Forward or backward spiral</li> </ol>
High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Toe loop jump</li> <li>2. Salchow jump</li> <li>3. Forward scratch spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>4. Forward or backward spiral</li> </ol>
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Loop jump</li> <li>2. Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel)</li> <li>3. Solo spin - sit <u>or</u> camel spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>4. Spiral sequence, must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves may be included.</li> </ol>
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Single Toe Loop</li> <li>2. Jump combination: single/single (no Axel)</li> <li>3. Sit spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>4. Spiral sequence with one forward spiral and one backward spiral (any edge)</li> </ol>
Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Single Lutz</li> <li>2. Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel)</li> <li>3. Back upright spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>4. Forward inside spiral</li> </ol>
Pre – Juvenile	1:15 max.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Single jump (may include Axel)</li> <li>2. Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel)</li> <li>3. Layback spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>4. Step sequence – circular</li> </ol>

## Jumps Challenge

1. Each jump may be attempted twice; the best attempt will be counted.
2. Pre-juvenile and lower will be skated  $\frac{1}{2}$  ice; Juvenile – senior will be skated on full ice
3. Jumps with an “\*” must be preceded with connecting steps (Intermediate – senior)

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	1. Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) 2. $\frac{1}{2}$ flip or $\frac{1}{2}$ Lutz 3. Single Salchow
High Beginner	1:15 max.	1. Waltz jump (from backward crossovers) 2. Single Salchow 3. Jump combination – waltz jump-toe loop
No-Test	1:15 max.	1. Single toe loop 2. Single loop 3. Jump combination – Any two $\frac{1}{2}$ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Pre – Preliminary	1:15 max.	1. Single toe loop 2. Single flip 3. Jump combination - Any two $\frac{1}{2}$ or single revolution jumps (no Axel)
Preliminary	1:15 max.	1. Single flip 2. Single Lutz 3. Jump combination – Any single jump + single loop (may be Axel)
Pre – Juvenile	1:15 max.	1. Single Axel 2. Single or double jump 3. Jump combination – single/single (no Axel)

## Spins Challenge

1. Spins may be skated in any order. Connecting steps are allowed, but will not be taken into consideration in scoring. Spins may not be repeated. On required elements may be included.
2. All events are skated on  $\frac{1}{2}$  ice.
3. Minimum number of revolutions are noted in parentheses.

Level	Time	Skating rules / standards
Beginner	1:30 max.	1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
High Beginner	1:30 max.	1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
No-Test	1:30 max.	1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright two-foot spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
Pre – Preliminary	1:30 max.	1. Upright one-foot spin (3) 2. Upright back scratch spin (3) 3. Sit spin (3)
Preliminary	1:30 max.	1. Forward scratch to back scratch spin (3) 2. Combination spin with no of foot (4) 3. Sit spin (3)
Pre – Juvenile	1:30 max.	1. Camel spin (3) 2. Combination spin – camel to sit spin; no change of foot (6) 3. Forward to backward scratch spin (3 per foot)

## Pairs

**Balanced program requirements as defined in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook**

*Short Program Elements to be skated will be for the 2018-19 competitive season*

**6.0 judging**

**Pre-Juvenile FS**

Must have the Pre-Juvenile Pair test & no higher.

**IJS judging**

**Juvenile FS**

Must have the Juvenile Pair test & no higher.

**Intermediate SP and FS**

Must have passed the Intermediate Pair test & no higher

**Novice SP and FS**

Must have passed the Novice Pair test & no higher.

**Junior SP and FS**

Must have passed the Junior Pair test & no higher

**Senior SP and FS**

Must have passed the Senior Pair test

**New This Year: Skater Critiques:** Critiques for all IJS Pairs events can be pre-purchased online. Please refer to the competition website for additional information. The critique schedule will be posted at the registration desk.

## Couples Dance—Pattern Dance

*Skaters may compete at two levels of dance. Pattern Dances for 2018-2019 season, as listed below. Pattern Dances judged under the IJS system. Each couple may provide their own music for each dance. Chosen music may be +/- 2 beats/min from the tempo as stated in the dance description. May include vocals. Final dance will break a tie.*

**Preliminary:** For beginning couple dancers.

*Dances: Dutch Waltz, Cha Cha*

**Pre-Juvenile:** Both must have passed 2 Preliminary dance tests but no higher than the Pre-Bronze Dance test.

*Dances: Cha Cha, Swing Dance*

**Juvenile:** Both must have passed the Preliminary Dance test.

*Dances: Willow Waltz, Fiesta Tango*

**Intermediate:** Both must have passed the Bronze Dance test.

*Dances: Rocker Foxtrot, European Waltz*

**Novice:** Both must have passed at least one Silver dance test.

*Dances: Starlight Waltz, Paso Doble*

## Couples Dance—Short Dance

*Skaters may compete at two levels of dance. Short Dance rules for 2018-2019 season. Short Dance judged under the IJS system. These are NOT combined events – couples may enter only Short Dance, only Free Dance, or both (as separate events)*

**Levels:** Junior, Senior

## Couples Dance—Free Dance

*Skaters may compete at two levels of dance. Free Dance rules for 2018-2019 season. Free Dance judged under the IJS system. These are NOT combined events – couples may enter only Pattern Dance, only Short Dance, only Free Dance, or both (as separate events)*

**Levels:** Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior

**New This Year: Skater Critiques:** Critiques for Couples Short Dance and Free Dance events can be pre-purchased online. Please refer to the competition website for additional information. The critique schedule will be posted at the registration desk.

## Open/NSD Solo Pattern Dance

The Open Solo Dance event follows the guidelines listed below for the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events. This event is **open to all qualified skaters**, not just those participating in the National Solo Dance Series. **Skaters may not use their own music**. Levels include Preliminary, Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Pre-Silver, Silver, Pre-Gold, Gold, and International. Judging will be IJS. The selected dances are listed below. Testing requirements are as part of the National Solo Dance requirements and can be found at [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org). Skaters may enter only one level of Open/NSD Solo Pattern Dance.

## Open/NSD Combined Pattern/Free Dance or Short/Free Dance

The Combined Solo Dance event follows the guidelines listed below for the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events. This event is **open to all qualified skaters**, not just those participating in the National Solo Dance Series. **New this year - skaters may use their own music for the pattern dance portion of the combined events**. Levels include Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice who will do one pattern dance and a solo free dance; Junior and Senior levels will do a short dance and a solo free dance. Judging will be modified IJS. Full list of dance and testing requirements are as part of the National Solo Dance requirements and can be found on the Programs/Solo Dance Series part of the usfigureskating.org website. Skaters may enter only one level of Open/NSD Combined Pattern/Free Dance or Short/Free Dance.

## Open/NSD Shadow Dance

The Shadow Dance event follows the guidelines listed below for the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events. This event is **open to all qualified skaters**, not just those participating in the National Solo Dance Series. **Skaters may not use their own music**. The Shadow Dance event is offered for the Preliminary through Senior levels. Judging will be IJS. For the shadow dance rules and event details, please refer to the Solo Dance Series Handbook found at [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org). A team may be comprised of two females, two males or one female and one male. In any case, the steps skated shall be the lady's steps as specified in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Skaters may enter only one level of Open/NSD Shadow Dance.



## 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Events

The Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational is a participating competition within the 2018 Solo Dance Series.

*The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the Solo Dance Series Handbook found at [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org). Please refer to the Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.*

**Solo Pattern Dance Event:** The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two dances at each level. This event is being offered at the Preliminary, Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Pre-Silver, Silver, Pre-Gold, Gold and International levels.

	Preliminary	Pre-Bronze	Bronze	Pre-Silver	Silver	Pre-Gold	Gold	International
Dances in each level	Canasta Tango Dutch Waltz	Cha Cha Swing Dance	Willow Waltz Ten Fox	Fourteenstep European Waltz	Rocker Foxtrot Tango	Kilian Starlight Waltz	Viennese Waltz Argentine Tango	Cha Cha Congelado Rhumba

Refer to the Solo Dance Series Handbook for the solo pattern dance event rules, test requirements and details found at [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org)

**Solo Combined Dance Event:** The solo combined dance event is comprised of both of the following:

- 1.) **JUVENILE, INTERMEDIATE, NOVICE:** One solo pattern dance chosen by the referee out of two possible dances as selected by U.S. Figure Skating. This dance will not be posted until the starting order is posted at the competition.  
**Pattern Dance Selection for Juvenile:** Willow Waltz or Hickory Hoedown  
**Pattern Dance Selection for Intermediate:** Foxtrot or European Waltz  
**Pattern Dance Selection for Novice:** American Waltz or Tango  
**JUNIOR, SENIOR:** One short dance
- 2.) One solo free dance

The pattern dances competed in the combined dance event are separate from those in the solo pattern dance event and the results will not count towards the solo pattern dance event or results. **This event is offered at the juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior levels.** Refer to the Solo Dance Series Handbook found at for the combined event rules and details.

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**Shadow Pattern Dance:** The Shadow Pattern Dance event is offered for the preliminary through senior levels. A team may be comprised of two females, two males or one female and one male. In any case, the steps skated shall be the lady's steps as specified in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

**Preliminary:** Canasta Tango (3 seq)  
**Juvenile:** Fiesta Tango (3 seq)

**Intermediate:** Foxtrot (3 seq)  
**Novice:** Tango (2 seq)

**Junior:** Blues (2 seq)  
**Senior:** Argentine Tango (2 seq)

# Showcase Events

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will negatively affect the competitor's/team's mark. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence. Theatrical elements evaluated will include but are not limited to reflection of the musicality as it pertains to the concept of the program, projection, energy, timing, acting, skating skills that relate to the music, age appropriateness to skater, use of props and scenery, interaction (Duets and Ensembles only), note: prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged. One mark will be awarded by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be used.

**Props and scenery must be placed and removed unaided, within one minute total on and off.**

## General event parameters:

1. Level will be determined by the highest free skate or dance (solo or partnered) test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
2. The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline

Current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org), under "Resources" on the National Showcase page.

## Events:

1. **Dramatic:** Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. The entire gamut of emotions may be expressed including intense joy and/or introspectiveness.
2. **Light Entertainment:** Programs should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
3. **Duet:** Duets are theatrical or artistic performances by any two competitors.  
**(Duets must compete at the highest test level of the two skaters)**

Duration: 2:10 max. Age: 14 – 17 years.

### Beginner, High Beginner

Must not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free  
skate tests

No age restriction

Duration: Max 1:30 min.

½ rotation jumps only plus the following full rotation jumps:

Salchow and toe loop.

### No Test, Pre-Preliminary Showcase Program

Must not have passed Preliminary FS test.

No age restriction.

Duration: Max 1:30 min. No Axels or double jumps.

### Preliminary Showcase Program

Must have passed Prelim FS test.

But not PreJuv FS or Juvenile FD test.

Duration: 1:40 max. Max age 20.

### PreJuvenile Showcase Program

Must have passed PreJuv FS test.

But not Juvenile FS or Juvenile FD test.

Duration: 1:40 max. Max age 20.

### Juvenile Showcase Program

Must have passed Juvenile FS or Juvenile FD test.

But not Intermediate FS or any Intermediate FD test.

Duration: 2:10 max. Age: 13 and under

### Teen Showcase Program

Must have passed Juvenile FS or Juvenile FD test.

But not Intermediate FS or Intermediate FD test.

**Intermediate Showcase Program**

Must have passed Intermediate FS or Intermediate FD test.

But not Novice FS or Novice FD test.

Duration: Max 2:10 min. Age: 17 and under

**Young Adult Showcase Program**

Must have passed Juvenile FS or Juvenile FD test.

But not Novice FS or Novice FD test.

Duration: 2:10 max. Age: 18 – 20.

**Novice Showcase Program**

Must have passed Novice FS or Novice FD test.

But not Junior FS or Junior FD test.

Duration: 2:10 max. No age restriction.

**Junior Showcase Program**

Must have passed Junior FS or Junior FD test.

But not Senior FS or Senior FD test.

Duration: 2:40 max. No age restriction

**Senior Showcase Program**

Must have passed Senior FS or Senior FD test.

Duration: 2:40 max. No age restriction.

**Adult Bronze/Silver Showcase Program**

May not have passed Gold FS or any Pre Gold dance test.

Duration: 1:40 max. Age 21 and older.

**Adult Gold/Masters Showcase Program**

Must have passed Gold FS or one Pre-Gold dance test.

Duration: 1:40 max. Age 21 and older.

## **Lodging for the 2018 Ann Arbor Springtime Invitational Competition**

There are over 30 hotels and/or motels within a 15-mile range of the Ice Cube (I-94; Exit 175). Rooms have been blocked at a number of them. You must indicate your affiliation with the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club, or figure skating to get these rooms. Block rooms will be released a month before the competition; make your reservations before April 16.

For additional information call the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 888-9487 or visit their Web site at [www.annarbor.org](http://www.annarbor.org)

### **HOTELS: Please tell the reservation clerk you are with the Ann Arbor Figure Skating at the Ice Cube (\*\*\*Hotels with AAFSC Room Blocks)**

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323 N. Zeeb Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
734-827-1100

**\*\*\*Hyatt Place \$129/night**  
3223 S. State St  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
734-995-1234 fax 734-995-3080

**\*\*\*Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites \$124/night**  
3155 Boardwalk Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
(734)-213-1900 Fax: 734-213-2700

**Hilton Garden Inn**  
1401 Briarwood Circle,  
Ann Arbor, MI 48108  
(734) 330-2799

**\*\*\*Courtyard by Marriott - \$119 /night**  
3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)995-5900

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites**  
600 Hilton Blvd, Ann Arbor, 48104  
(734)761-2929

**\*\*\*Fairfield Inn - \$110 /night**  
3285 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)995-5200

**Kensington Court**  
610 Hilton Blvd,  
Ann Arbor, 48104  
(734)761-7800

**\*\*\*Hampton Inn South - \$124/night**  
925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)665-5000

**Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest**  
1275 S Huron Street,  
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197  
(734)-487-2000

**\*\*\*Residence Inn - \$/night Studio Suite;  
\$/2-Bedroom Suite**  
800 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)996-5666; (800) 331-3131

**Sheraton Inn Ann Arbor**  
3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108  
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