



39th Annual
Margaret Faulkner Springtime Invitational
Hosted by the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club
May 18-21, 2023



Registration via [EMS](#) - Registration Deadline: April 1, 2023 at 11:59 PM EDT

EMS upload deadline for Music and Planned Program Content: May 10, 2023 at 11:59 PM EDT

Online purchase of practice ice sessions will be available through EMS

Chief Referee Emerita: Margaret Faulkner

LOC Chair: Ann Dougherty

Chief Referee: Pine Kopka-Ross; Dance Referee: Carol Wooley

Chief Accountant: Linda Ogawa

Chief Technical Accountant: Jim Achtenberg

**IJS for Singles & Pairs Well Balanced Preliminary and Above, Solo & Partnered Dance,
Excel Plus, and Excel Juvenile-Senior Events, and all Showcase events.**

Go to www.annarborfsc.org for more information.

CONTACTS

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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 lobby for spectators; lower lobby for skates and coaches. Practice ice rink is very cold.

SANCTIONING

This non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating (32084) and Skate Canada (22005-2023). The Margaret Faulkner Springtime 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.

Skaters must be a 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. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the rulebook for more information.

SERIES INFORMATION

This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of the **2023 National Solo Dance Series and the 2023 Excel Competition Series**.

National Solo Dance Series Information:

- [NSD Series Registration](#) (Deadline to Register is April 1, 2023)
- [NSD Series Handbook](#)

Excel Competition Series information:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event

and an Excel Free Skate event at the same non-qualifying competition.

- [Excel Series Registration](#) (Deadline to Register is March 1, 2023, or prior to your first Excel competition, whichever is earlier)
- [Excel Program Series Handbook](#)
- [Excel Series Technical Information](#)

ELIGIBILITY & TEST LEVEL

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 at which they can compete).

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 or refer to the information sheet [HERE](#).

Entrants in Spins or Jumps may enter any level at or above that which they qualify but may not skate down in any event. Not all events need to be skated at the same level.

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: Women – 13 years or older; Men – 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 and gender should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

JUDGING SYSTEM & REQUIREMENTS

Both the International Judging System (IJS) and the 6.0 Majority System will be used to judge events. All event requirements will be according to 2023-2024 rules.

Events Offered – See page 5 for comprehensive details!

- Well Balanced Singles, including Adult events
- Well Balanced Pairs, including select Adult events
- Excel Free Skate
- Showcase events
- Select Specialty Events,
- Partnered Dance, including select Adult events
- Solo Dance, including select Adult events

REFEREE

The decision of the Chief Referee on all matters will be final. The Chief Referee, along with the LOC, shall have the right to exclude any person(s) whose behavior is unruly, unsportsmanlike, or does not comply with U.S. Figure Skating, SkateSafe, or the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club's (LOC) policies. Additionally, the Referee reserves the right to combine or split events to best accommodate the number of entries and schedule of events.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE

Coaches: To be an eligible coach at a non-qualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and be 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.

A MAXIMUM of two coaches may be credentialed per registered athlete. Please note that no coach will be allowed to enter the facility without a credential.

Coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "My Coaches" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources:

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

Mandatory Athletes: Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training. *

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport™ 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.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION

Entries will be accepted via EMS with credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline:
April 1, 2023 at 11:59PM EDT

Late entries may be accepted, if space permits, until April 7th, 2023 for an additional \$45 fee.

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating
 - 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 "39th Annual Margaret Faulkner Springtime Invitational" from the list of non-qualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

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 "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

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.

ENTRY FEES

All-Inclusive fees include video download. Online payment via credit card is the ONLY accepted form of payment.

• First IJS Event	\$150.00
• Second IJS event	\$ 60.00
• IJS Combined Event	\$190.00
• First 6.0 Event	\$100.00
• Second 6.0 Event	\$ 50.00
• Third or more 6.0 event	\$ 40.00
• Partnered Dance, Shadow Dance, Pairs	\$150.00/Team
• Second partnered event	\$100.00/Team

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

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. However, a partial credit may be granted for the next year's competition entry fee -- accompanying physician's note required. Online processing fees are not refundable.

SCHEDULE

The competition and practice ice schedule will be set by the Chief Referee in coordination with the LOC after the close of entries and is subject to change. Please note that competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. Notification of competition and practice ice times, schedules and announcements will be sent to your email through EMS. Listing a valid email address when you register online is required! Competition information and updates can be found at www.annarborfsc.org.

FINAL ROUNDS

Final Rounds may be offered for all Well-Balanced Free Skate events if entries warrant them, *depending* on the schedule and ice availability as determined by the Chief Referee and LOC Chair. IJS Free Skate events with more than 24 skaters may or may not be divided into groups as specified in rule 2466 as determined by the Chief Referee, based on random draws. Final Rounds in Free Skate events will be based on the Championship Round in Rule 2466.

MUSIC SUBMISSION

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than May 10th @ 11:59PM EDT. 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.

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

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:

- 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)

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than May 10th @ 11:59PM EDT. 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.

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

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LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club and the Ann Arbor Ice Cube 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

Onsite check-in will be open Thursday through Sunday one hour before the start of competition through the end of competition each day. Skaters should check in at least one hour before their first practice or event.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Locker rooms and changing areas will be available for athletes. 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](#)).

VIDEOGRAPHY and PHOTOGRAPHY

All events are recorded by KrPhotogs Photography LLC, found at www.KrPhotogs.com, and will be available on their website. Skaters will receive a video of each of their music events. Some events will be Live Streamed and available for a nominal pay-per-view fee. Action photos will also be taken by KrPhotogs and will be available for preview and purchase online. Skaters

will receive an email from KrPhotogs after registration is complete with more details. Note, [per U.S. Figure Skating policy](#), photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

AWARDS/RESULTS

Medals are awarded for 1st – 4th places; ribbons are awarded to all others. Final Rounds: Medals only 1st – 4th (if held). Results will be posted online and printed results will not be available.

TEST CREDIT

You may sign-up for Test Credit through [EMS](#) during online registration for \$10 for Juvenile Free Skate (including Excel) and above. Test Credit Packets should be picked up at registration.

CRITIQUES

Critiques will be offered for all Juvenile and above well-balanced Singles Free Skate, Pairs, and Couples Dance events. You must sign up for your critique prior to skating your event, either through our online form (to be shared via email after the close of entries) for \$15, or on site at our registration desk no later than one hour prior to the scheduled start of your event for \$20.

PRACTICE ICE

All sessions are 20 minutes in duration. There are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used. No music is played on practice ice. (exception: standard music will be played for pattern dance practice).

Sessions will be available Thursday through Sunday and will be designated by level and discipline (FS, Dance, Pairs). Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions online but you MUST indicate the number of sessions you want and you MUST pay for

them when you register online. Practice ice sessions will be limited as follows:

- Singles Sessions: no more than 15 athletes
- Pairs Sessions: no more than four teams
- Partnered Ice Dance Sessions: no more than five teams

Pre-Purchase: Practice Ice will be available for pre-purchase after registration has been completed. Practice Ice will be selected by skaters during the session-selection window. After close of entries, you will receive an email in order to access your practice ice record and select your sessions via EMS. Practice ice will be \$15 per person if you pre-purchase sessions. A maximum of 2 Practice Ice sessions may be pre-purchased per skater, per eligible event.

Pre-Purchase Session Selection: The session selection window will begin no later than May 3, 2023. More information will be emailed to competitors after the close of entries and the schedule of events has been finalized.

Open Sales: Following the close of the pre-purchase selection window, skaters will have the opportunity to purchase and select additional PI sessions for \$18 per session. More information will be emailed to competitors once the schedule of events has been finalized. The Open Sales window will close on Tuesday, May 16th at 7:00 pm EDT.

On Site: Practice ice sessions will be sold on site at the event for \$20 at the practice ice desk or via EMS.

Please direct practice ice questions to Melissa Sperling 734-323-5043 or springtimePI@gmail.com



Events Offered

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here:
usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements

Event Requirements will be set for the **2023-2024** Competitive Season wherever possible.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS

SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate (All "Plus" Events, Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$60	\$60
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$40
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$60	\$60
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary - Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$60	\$60
Well Balanced Free Skate (No-Test & Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$150	\$60	\$60
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$40
PAIRS	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Short Program	IJS	\$150	\$100	\$60
Free Skate	IJS	\$150	\$100	\$60
Adult Pairs Free Skate	IJS	\$150	\$100	\$60
PARTNERED ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Pattern Dance (Pre-Juvenile - Novice)	IJS	\$150	\$100	\$60
Rhythm Dance (Junior - Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$100	\$60
Free Dance (Pre-Juvenile - Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$100	\$60
Adult Partnered Pattern Dance (Preliminary - Centennial)	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$40
Adult Partnered Pattern Dance (Pre-Gold – Masters Open)	IJS	\$150	\$100	\$60
Adult Partnered Free Dance	IJS	\$150	\$100	\$60
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$40
Jumps Challenge (No Test–Pre-Juvenile)	IJS	\$100	\$60	\$50
Spins Challenge (No Test–Pre-Juvenile)	IJS	\$100	\$60	\$50
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60	\$50
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60	\$50
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60	\$50
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60	\$50
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60	\$50
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$150	\$60	N/A
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$190	N/A	N/A
Shadow Dance	IJS	\$150	N/A	N/A
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$40
Adult Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$40

Lodging for the 2023 Margaret Faulkner Springtime Invitational

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

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

Holiday Inn Express & Suites West (officials' hotel)

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

*****Holiday Inn & Suites \$134/night**

3155 Boardwalk Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734)-213-1900 Fax: 734-213-2700

Courtyard by Marriott
3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)995-5900

*****Hampton Inn South - \$129/night**
925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)665-5000

Hyatt Place
3223 S. State St
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734-995-1234 fax 734-995-3080