



37th Annual

The Margaret Faulkner Springtime Invitational

Hosted by the Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club

May 20-23, 2021



Registration via EMS - Registration Deadline: **April 3, 2021 at 11:59 PM EDT**

EMS upload deadline for Music and Planed Program Content: **May 12 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

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

Go to www.annarborfsc.org for more information.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- The Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club and Ann Arbor Ice Cube will be **complying with all Federal, State, and Local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of the competition, including recommendations from US Figure Skating**. We thank you in advance for your full cooperation. **In the event that a cancellation is required a FULL refund, less processing fees, will be issued.** Competition safety plans will be communicated to all participants once registration is closed.
- **All attendees are required to wear face coverings properly** over their nose and mouth and secured under their chin while in a facility (exception: at this time, skaters may remove masks when competing). This is not only for your protection, but for the protection of others and is applied to all attendees.
- **Social distancing must be maintained at all times.** The CDC recommends a distance of 6 feet and separate pathways will be established within the venue (minimizing crossover and contamination).
- **Chaperones/Spectators:** Two Chaperones and/or spectators (inclusive of friends, children, etc.) per registered competitor will be permitted in Ann Arbor Ice Cube and must be credentialed. Chaperones and/or spectators will only be allowed in the facility immediately prior to and during their respective competitive events.
- **Pre-Event Meeting:** a pre-event meeting outlining event logistics and Covid-19 procedures will be held for all attendees prior to the start of competition. This will be held the week of May 10th and additional information will be sent via email after the close of entries.

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 (currently closed). Upper and lower lobbies; practice ice rink is very cold.

SANCTIONING

This non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating (#29751). 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, 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.

SERIES INFORMATION

This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of the 2021 National Solo Dance Series and meets the requirements for qualification of competitors to the Excel Series Final.

National Solo Dance Series Information:

- [NSD Series Registration](#) (**Deadline to Register is June 1, 2021**)
- [NSD Series Handbook](#)

Excel Series general event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same non-qualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed as

CONTACTS

- **Ann Dougherty, Competition Chair:** apdoug829@gmail.com | 734.417.2727
- **Pine Kopka-Ross, Chief Referee:** kopkap@umich.edu | 231.883.2748

of the Excel Series Registration Deadline (May 2, 2021). Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or “skate up” to one level higher.

- [Excel Series Registration \(Deadline to Register is May 2, 2021\)](#)
- [Excel Program Series Handbook](#)
- [Excel Series Technical Information](#)

ELIGIBILITY & TEST LEVEL

Test Level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. For the 2020-2021 competition season, athletes may skate up two levels above that for which they qualify but they are not eligible for IJS Test Credit. Note, athletes may not skate down in any event. Exception: 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: Ladies – 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 2021-2022 rules (exception: Adult events follow 2020-21 rules).

Events Offered – See page 5 for more comprehensive details!

| Excel | |
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| Beginner – Pre-Juvenile | 6.0 |
| Excel “Plus” Events | IJS |
| Juvenile – Senior | IJS |
| Well Balanced Singles | |
| Singles Short Programs | IJS |
| No Test & Pre-Preliminary FS | 6.0 |
| Preliminary – Senior FS | IJS |
| Adult Pre-Bronze & Bronze | 6.0 |
| Adult Silver – Masters Jr/Sr | IJS |
| Compulsory Events | |
| No Test – Open Juvenile | 6.0 |
| Well Balanced Pairs | |
| Novice – Senior SP | IJS |
| Juvenile – Senior FS, Adult Gold-Masters | IJS |
| Partnered Dance | |
| Pattern Dance (Preliminary – Novice) | IJS |
| Adult Pattern Dance | 6.0/IJS |
| Rhythm Dance (Junior & Senior) | IJS |
| Free Dance (Pre-Juvenile – Senior) | IJS |
| Adult Free Dance | IJS |
| Open/National Solo Dance Series | |
| Solo Dance (Preliminary – Gold/Int.) | IJS |
| Combined (Juvenile – Senior) | IJS |
| Shadow Dance (Preliminary – Gold/Int.) | IJS |
| Adult Solo Dance | 6.0 |
| Showcase | |
| Individual Showcase Events | CJS |

COMPETITION REGISTRATION

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.

Registration Deadline:

April 3, 2021 at 11:59PM EDT

Late entries may be accepted, if space permits, until April 10, 2021 for an additional **\$45 fee**.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.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.
3. Click EMS then “Competition Registration”
4. Choose “**2021 Margaret Faulkner Springtime Invitational**” from the list of nonqualifying 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.**

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 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 SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email safesport@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

ENTRY FEES

All-Inclusive fees include video download. Online payment via credit card is the ONLY accepted form of payment. Due to COVID-19, entry fees have increased slightly to help offset the additional expense of with hosting this event within CDC, state, and county guidelines and requirements.

- **First IJS Singles Event** \$150.00
- **Second IJS Singles event** \$ 60.00
- **First 6.0 Event** \$100.00
- **Second 6.0 Event** \$ 45.00
- **Third or more singles event** \$ 35.00
- **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 skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Any change after deadline is subject to a \$30 change fee.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. However, a 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 cooperation 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, dependent 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 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.

MUSIC SUBMISSION

Competitors participating in events with music are **required to upload their music to EMS** no later than **May 12th @ 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
 - 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. 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 12th @ 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](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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 no more than one hour before their first event, keeping in mind that we will have specific entry/exit requirements due to COVID-19. Further information will be shared via email and in our Pre-Event Meeting.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

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

Locker room availability is not known at this time due to COVID-19. However, if available, locker rooms may be used for changing purposes only (for skaters with multiple events on a single day). Competitors should arrive at the arena fully dressed with hair and makeup complete. More information will be provided after the close of entries and will be covered in our Pre-Event Meeting.

VIDEOGRAPHY

All events are recorded by Hagerman video and distributed online at www.vimeo.com/hagermanvideo/vod_pages. Every skater will receive an email with easy to follow directions, a link and a promo code for each event they participate in.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Action photos will be taken by KrPhotogs Photography LLC, found at www.KrPhotogs.com and will be available for preview and purchase online. You will receive an email from KrPhotogs. **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. No award ceremonies will be held. The distribution of awards will be outlined in the Pre-Event Meeting.

TEST CREDIT

You may sign-up for Test Credit through EMS during online registration for \$10. Test Credit Packets will be emailed to the email address listed in EMS after competition has concluded. Please note, competitors skating up TWO levels are not eligible to receive test credit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only ONE coach may be credentialed per registered athlete.** Please note that no coach will be allowed to enter the facility without a credential.

EMS Coach Resources:

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

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 SafeSport Training.*
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics.*
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement.*
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check.*
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training.*

- The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website: www.usfsaonline.org → Person Icon  or 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.

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 (except the 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 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 12 athletes
- Pairs Sessions: no more than four teams
- 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 skater 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 if you pre-purchase sessions. A maximum of 2 Practice Ice sessions may be pre-purchased per skater, per eligible event.

Session-Selection: The session-selection window will begin no later than May 5, 2021. 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 18th 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 or via EMS.

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

Events Offered

See Current [Rulebook](#), the [U.S. Figure Skating Website](#), or individual event links for rules/requirements.

Event Requirements will be set for the **2021-2022** Competitive Season. NOTE: US Figure Skating Charts have not yet been updated; however, you may view [ISU Communication 2382](#) for more info.

| 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 | \$45 | \$35 |
| Well Balanced Short Program | 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 | \$45 | \$35 |
| Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr) | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze & Bronze) | 6.0 | \$100 | \$45 | \$35 |
| PAIRS | JUDGING | 1 st EVENT | 2 nd EVENT | 3 rd + EVENT |
| Short Program (Novice-Senior) | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Free Skate (Juvenile-Senior) | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Adult Pairs Free Skate | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| PARTNERED ICE DANCE | JUDGING | 1 st EVENT | 2 nd EVENT | 3 rd + EVENT |
| Pattern Dance (Pre-Juv.-Novice) | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Adult Pattern Dance (Preliminary - Centennial) | 6.0 | \$100 | \$45 | \$35 |
| Adult Pattern Dance (Pre-Gold – Masters Open) | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Rhythm Dance (Junior-Senior) | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Free Dance (Pre-Juv-Senior) | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Adult Free Dance | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| SPECIALTY | JUDGING | 1 st EVENT | 2 nd EVENT | 3 rd + EVENT |
| Compulsory Moves (No Test – Open Juvenile) | 6.0 | \$100 | \$45 | \$35 |
| SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION** | JUDGING | 1 st EVENT | 2 nd EVENT | 3 rd + EVENT |
| Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult) | CJS | \$100 | \$45 | \$35 |
| SOLO DANCE (Open or Series Participant) | JUDGING | 1 st EVENT | 2 nd EVENT | 3 rd EVENT |
| Solo Pattern Dance | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Solo Free Dance | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Solo Combined Dance | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Shadow Dance | IJS | \$150 | \$60 | \$60 |
| Adult Solo Pattern Dance | 6.0 | \$100 | \$45 | \$35 |
| Adult Solo Free Dance | 6.0 | \$100 | \$45 | \$35 |



Lodging for the 2021 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

*****Hampton Inn South - \$119/night**
925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)665-5000

*****Holiday Inn & Suites \$129/night**
3155 Boardwalk Drive
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
(734)-213-1900 Fax: 734-213-2700

*****Hyatt Place \$124-\$134/night**
3223 S. State St
Ann Arbor, MI 48108
734-995-1234 fax 734-995-3080

*****Courtyard by Marriott - \$114 /night**
3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)995-5900

Fairfield Inn
3285 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)995-5200