



**2023 Boise Ice Classic**

**April 21-23, 2023**

**Test Session: April 23, 2023**

**Entry deadline: March 24, 2023**

**(All entries must be submitted online through U.S Figure Skating [Event Management System](#))**

**[URL Link: https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/32360](https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/32360)**

- **Free Skate – Short Program – Compulsory Moves**
- **Excel Series Events**
- **International Judging System (IJS) for No Test – Senior and Adult Silver - Masters**
- **Compete USA Competition**
- **Showcase Events (CJS)**

**Idaho IceWorld**  
7072 S. Eisenman Road  
Boise, Idaho 83716

**For updates to this announcement and schedule changes, go to:**

**[www.boisefsc.com](http://www.boisefsc.com)**



## 2023 Boise Ice Classic Competition

2023 Boise Ice Classic 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](#). The referee and LOC reserve the right to make necessary modifications at any time, in order to ensure a safe environment and comply with local and facility rules.

### **EXCEL SERIES:**

The 2023 Boise Ice Classic Competition is a designated [Excel Series Competition](#) for the 2023 Excel Series. The Excel Series National Festival will be held on July 13-16 in Austin, TX, hosted by Austin Figure Skating Club.

The deadline to register for the Excel Series is March 1, 2023, or prior to your first competition, whichever is earlier. Please visit U.S. Figure Skating's Excel webpage [here](#). For any questions related to the Excel Series, please contact [ExcelSeries@usfigureskating.org](mailto:ExcelSeries@usfigureskating.org)

### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test Level:** For competitions held after December 1, singles athletes may register based their highest test passed as of the entry deadline OR the level of their paid EMS Series Application for the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel) which will establish the athlete's competitive level ("floor") deadline.

For 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. For additional information on these eligibility updates, click [here](#).

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. Skaters are allowed to skate up one level at 2023 Boise Ice Classic.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email

[events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements on close of entries March 24, 2023.

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years of age or younger; Boys – 13 years of age or younger

Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years of age or older; Boys – 14 years of age or older

Intermediate: 17 years of age or younger

Open Intermediate: 18 years of age or older

Adults must be 21 years of age or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

The LOC and Chief Referee reserve the right to combine events.

### **COMPETITION ENTRIES:**

Entries must be received online through the Boise Ice Classic Competition page at by **March 24, 2023**, at 9:30 p.m. MT, using U.S Figure Skating [EMS](#). Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee and the Boise Figure Skating Club and will be subject to a \$30.00 late entry fee. No entries will be accepted after the schedule has been completed. An email will be sent to the skater's primary coach and home club when a skater's entry is processed to verify accuracy of entry. One or more entries in a category will constitute an event. Groups may be divided or combined by age, sex, or randomly at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Changes or additions to event entries after skating groupings are posted are not permitted unless deemed necessary by the Chief Referee.

### **SAFESPORT TRAINING:**

Competitors 18 years of age or older as of the competition start date and who will be competing on a team or in couple/duet with at least one minor competitor (unless the adult is an immediate family member or legal guardian) must complete SafeSport training prior to being allowed on any practice or competition ice (accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website -> Person Icon or account -> Member Profile -> Compliance)

### **FEES:**

The entry fee for no-test through adult masters will be \$110.00 for the first event and \$65.00 for each subsequent event entered. The entry fee for the Learn to Skate USA/Compete USA competition is \$70.00 for the first event and \$50.00 for each subsequent event. This includes a hospitality fee.

The Boise Figure Skating Club is offering Basic Elements events for Snowplow Sam through Basic 6, Adaptive Skating Assisted levels 1-6, Adaptive Skating unassisted levels 1-6, and Compulsory Events for Pre-free and Free Skate 1-6 at a discounted rate of \$20.00 either as a first and only event or as a second event entered.

### **REFUND POLICY:**

There will be no refunds given for withdrawal after the close of the entries on March 24, 2023. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$25.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be

required before the skater can participate in practice ice or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available on [U.S Figure Skating EMS](#).

In any event with only one entry, the skater will be offered the choice of either competing as an individual competitor in accordance with Rule 3045A without a refund or withdrawing from the event and receiving a refund. Entry fees will be refunded if no competition exists or in the event the competition is cancelled.

The LOC and Chief Referee reserve the right to combine events.

\*\*\*You will be asked the following “survey” question during registration: “If you are the only skater in any of the events you entered, would you prefer to skate anyway, or withdraw from the single skater event with a refund.” Your response to this question is final and will help us process the schedule quicker.

All refunds, minus the online process fee, will be returned to your credit card within 30 days of the end of the competition based on determination of the LOC that a refund is due. The online processing fee is not refundable for any reason. No refunds will be issued for injuries.

#### **FACILITIES:**

The competition will be held at [Idaho IceWorld](#), 7072 S Eisenman Road, Boise 83716.

#### **MUSIC:**

**EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:** Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **April 10, 2023**, at 9:30 p.m. MT. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$30.00 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. 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](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the “competition” tab and then selecting “my music”. Your music must meet certain criteria as listed below. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach.

Music criteria:

1. File Format: MP3 (the online system will automatically check this)
2. Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher (will be checked by the music chairperson; you may be requested to upload a new file)
3. Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz (will be checked by the music chairperson; you may be requested to upload a new file)
4. Leaders and trailers (silence or “dead space” before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds

CD’s will still be required as backup. CD’s must have only one track. Skaters should have a spare CD rink side during their performance. There will be a \$30.00 late submission fee.

## **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Boise Figure Skating Club, and Idaho IceWorld 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.

## **JUDGING SYSTEM:**

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- Well Balanced Program Free Skate – No test to senior including all ‘Open’ events, and adult bronze to masters.
- Short program events, juvenile – senior

- Excel Series Free Skate - All Excel “PLUS” levels, and Juvenile through Senior levels

Each skater in IJS events will receive one copy of their protocol for free. The skater is responsible to make additional copies if needed.

**EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)** – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **April 14, 2023**, at 9:30 p.m. MT. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$30.00 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 circumstance and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

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

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

All other events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system. The Boise FSC reserves the right to use the 6.0 judging system for some events if IJS qualified officials are unavailable.

## **REGISTRATION:**

The official registration desk will be located at the lobby of Idaho Ice World and will be open one hour before the first competitive event and will run through the last event of the last day. All skaters are required to register 45-60 minutes before their scheduled event. Please register promptly upon arrival.

## **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating events are for athletes only, will be labeled according 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 click here to review the [Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy](#). More detailed information can be found in the [SkateSafe Handbook](#).

## **PRACTICE ICE:**

Practice sessions will be held for each day of the competition. Practice ice will be \$20 per 20-minute session. You are allowed to pre purchase practice ice through [EMS](#) and is a part of your entry form. Only one practice session per event is allowed. No music will be played during practice ice. The Boise Figure Skating Club cannot offer specific times for practice ice until the number of competitors and events are known. Once the competition schedule is finalized by the Chief Referee, specific practice ice times will be made available to complement the competition schedule. At such time, skaters will be able to purchase select practice ice times by logging into [EMS](#). On the day of the competition, practice ice if available will be available on [EMS](#) for the cost of \$25 per 20-minute session.

[EMS Practice Ice Pre-Purchase](#)

[Practice Ice Session Selection](#)

## On-Site Sales

There will be no refunds for those who do not appear for their reserved practice session. Every effort will be made to schedule practice ice on the same day as the event, but this is not guaranteed.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY:**

There will not be photography/videography available during this event. However, you are welcome to take your own skater's photos and videos, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited as per U.S. Figure Skating Policy. Also, please note that **no** flash photography is allowed in the arena while skaters are on the ice.

## **AWARDS:**

Each group will receive awards immediately following the posting of results for the event.

Medals will be given to the top four places of each event.

All Compete USA competitors will be awarded with either medals or participation ribbons. There will be no more than 6 skaters in each Compete USA event.

## **SPECIAL AWARD:**

### The Shauna Hill Artistry Award

Shauna Hill was a long-time member of the Boise Figure Skating Club. Her optimism and dedication have inspired her peers and competitors. She will always be remembered for her passion and enthusiasm to the sport of figure skating and to all of those around her.

The judges will give this special award to three skaters who demonstrate excellence in artistry in the **Showcase Dramatic event** at the Boise Ice Classic. Three Artistic Award trophies will be given. One each for a skater level Pre-Preliminary and below, Preliminary thru Pre-Juvenile, and Juvenile and above. These awards are sponsored by Shauna's parents, Ted, and Heidi Hill.

Note: Skaters receiving this award will not be eligible again for three years (award recipients in 2020 – 2022)

## **TEST CREDIT:**

Each skater in the IJS events who meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms from the registration desk prior to one hour before the end of the competition. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. The fee to receive an IJS Test Credit packet is \$10.00.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL 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. With EMS, 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 (not SYS or TOI):

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

EMS Coach Resources (SYS or TOI only):

- [Team Management Guide](#)

### **TEST SESSION:**

A test session will be held on April 23, 2023. Registration for the Test Session must be submitted by **April 10, 2023**, online through [Entryeeze](#). Log into the Boise FSC membership page and then click the link for test registration.

### **SKATE SAFE COMPLIANCE:**

2023 Boise Ice Classic Competition intends to enforce all SkateSafe rules and guidelines. Coaches, volunteers interacting with athletes and medical volunteers will be Safe Sport Compliant with a clean background check.

### **CONTACT INFO:**

If you have questions, please contact the Boise FSC Competition Co-chairs:

Esther Lam – (208)350-1064

Jamie Wegner – (208)863-1330

[Boiseiceclassic@gmail.com](mailto:Boiseiceclassic@gmail.com)

### **Accommodation:**

#### **Official Competition Hotel:**

The Residence Inn by Marriott located at downtown Boise and Springhill Suits by Marriott located at Boise Parkcenter are proud to be our official competition hotel. Rooms will be offered to skaters and their families at a discounted price. Please reserve your room by April 6, 2023, to qualify for the discounted rate.

Please use the following reservation link to book your stay:

[Boise Ice Classic Competition Accommodation](#)

### **Events Offered:**

#### **SINGLES FREE SKATE EVENTS**

Please see current [competing](#) site or U.S Figure Skating Website for current rules and requirements.

**Well Balanced Program Free Skate** No-Test - Senior including all “Open” events and Adult Silver – Masters  
**Singles Short Program** Juvenile - Senior

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed as of entry deadline, March 24, 2023. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher at 2023 Boise Ice Classic.
- The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for this event.

- Free Skate and Short Programs are separate events. Short Program Requirements will be for the 2022-2023 Season.

Qualifications and requirements for No-Test to Senior Free Skate and Short Program events can be found at USFSA Members only page. Please check for updates.

## COMPULSORY MOVES

General event parameters: No-Test – Pre-Juvenile: Elements skated on 1/2 ice

- Elements may be performed only once
- Music is not allowed

Qualifications and requirements for No-Test to Senior Compulsory Moves can be found on the link:

[Compulsory Moves-Singles](#)

## EXCEL SERIES

- Judging System:  
The IJS will be used for all Excel “PLUS” levels, and Juvenile through Senior levels at ALL Excel Series competitions. Please refer to the Excel Program Technical Handbook for IJS guidelines for Excel events found [here](#). 6.0 judging system will be used for the following Excel levels: Beginner, High Beginner and Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary and Pre-Juvenile.
- All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above their highest US Figure Skating free skating test passed.
- **All skaters, regardless of participation in the Excel Series, may enter these events.** Skaters may not enter both an Excel Series and a well-balanced free skate event.
- Music must be provided for events according to requirements in each competition’s announcement.
- The Excel Series Competition will follow all costume rules and requirements as stated for singles events in the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. (Rules 6030-6035)

## COMPETE USA

- Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements
- Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program with Music
- Pre-free Skate – Free Skate 6 Compulsory
- Pre-free Skate – Free Skate 6 Program with Music
- Adult 1-6, Beginner-bronze Compulsory
- Adult 1-6 Free Skate with Music
- Adult Beginner – Bronze Free Skate Program with Music
- Showcase Events - Dramatic Performance, Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop, Character Performance, Comedic Impression events and Duets/Trios.
  - Basic 1-6
  - Pre-Free skate - Free Skate 6
  - Adult 1-6
  - Adult Beginner/ Adult High Beginner/Adult Pre-Bronze
- Adaptive Free skate Assisted levels 1-6
- Adaptive Free skate Unassisted levels 1-6

Skaters are allowed to skate up one level at 2023 Boise Ice classic. Please refer to the Compete USA manual [here](#) for more detailed information.

## SOLO FREE DANCE

## Juvenile – Senior

Please refer to the Solo Free Dance Manual [here](#) for more information. 2023 Boise Ice Classic Competition is NOT a part of the Solo Dance Competition Series.

## NONQUALIFYING COMPETITION SHOWCASE GUIDELINES

### Showcase Events:

National Showcase Guidelines have been expanded to include the following events: Dramatic Performance, Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop, Character Performance, Comedic Impressions, Interpretive, Duets/Trios and Mini Production Ensembles. Please refer to the current [National Showcase](#) Guidelines. Compete USA skaters will use the event guidelines in the [Compete USA Competition](#) Manual.

### Judging and Marking:

2023 Boise Ice Classic will be using the Component Judging System (CJS) for National Showcase qualifying events only through a paper reporting system. Three Program Components – marked on a scale of 0.25 to 10.

#### 1. Showcase Skating Skills:

Showcase skating is the way an athlete uses their skating and physical ability to convey their act on the ice surface. It must show a quality to support the selected theatrical performance, and show abilities in the skating vernacular, such as balance, glide, acceleration, ice coverage, one-foot skating, etc. Technical elements often found in singles should not be directly rewarded except where they are directly integrated into the performance and advance the story/theme/concept.

#### 2. Performance & Projection:

Universe, Musicality and Feeling The physical, emotional, and artistic involvement of a skater, using their ability to create a universe. This performance has continuous development of the theme and universe from beginning to end, while displaying their musicality skills. It is a measure of how skaters use the ice, music, and the space around them to project feeling and musical awareness into the subconscious of the audience.

#### 3. Artistic Appeal with Innovation & Creativity

A performance is truly entertaining when it is in the eyes, ears, and hearts of the audience. It is a measure of how audience members remember the program, how they felt during the performance, their level of involvement during the program, what they take away from it, and how long after they will recall it. The meaning and feeling should be unique and personal. The question to be answered is: Will I remember what I have seen, and would I like to see it again?

## PERFORMANCE TIMES:

1. No test, pre-preliminary (these levels do not qualify for National Showcase): 1:20 max
2. Preliminary and pre-juvenile: 1:30 max
3. Juvenile and Open Juvenile: 2:00 max
4. Intermediate, Young adult and Novice: 2:10 max
5. Junior: 2:30 max
6. Senior: 2:40 max
7. Senior Elite/ProAm: 2:40 max
8. Adult Bronze-Adult Gold: 1:40 max
9. Masters: 2:10 max

All Interpretive levels: 1:30 max