



**NORTHERN BLADES
RISING STARS FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION
October 7, 2023
Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club
National Sports Center, Blaine, MN**

USFS Sanction 33736

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Deadline for entry is SEPTEMBER 8, 2023, Midnight**

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The NORTHERN BLADES RISING STARS FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the 2023-24 [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, or a Learn to Skate USA member (for Compete USA events), 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](#).

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles Excel and Well Balanced Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - o Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their highest singles test level allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - o If an athlete has participated in the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS series will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - o If an athlete has participated in the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of the same type and same level (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate) at the same competition. However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of different types (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).

All other singles and partner events (such as Specialty and Showcase):

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

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](#).

Skaters entering beginner–preliminary events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

COMPETE USA EVENTS:

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible members (ER 1.00) of either the Compete USA Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All **Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate, and Free Skate 1-6** skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances. Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during

the same competition.

EVENTS OFFERED:

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

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate	6.0	125.00	\$35
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	140.00	\$35
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	140.00	\$35
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	140.00	\$35
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	125.00	\$35
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	125.00	\$35
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	125.00	\$35
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	125.00	\$35
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	65.00	\$35
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	65.00	\$35
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	65.00	\$35
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	65.00	\$35
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	65.00	\$35
Adult 1-6	6.0	65.00	\$35

OUR COMMUNITY

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our

organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program received, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the most current SkateSafe® Program Handbook for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and Code of Conduct (GR 1.02), as detailed within the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

COMPLIANCE

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>.

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 two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. 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.

Coaches of foreign athletes: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

For additional information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

ATHLETES TURNING 18 THIS SEASON

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.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online entry only with secure credit card payment is supplied by The EntryEeze system. Upon receiving your application on-line an e-mail will be sent to the skater's coach to review the entry(ies) for accuracy, correct level and desired events. Additionally, an e-mail will be sent to the skater's home club official to certify the skater's standing within the club. Deadline for Entries: on-line entries must be received by Midnight on **September 8, 2023**.

The entry fee is \$140.00 for all IJS, \$125.00 for all 6.0 events, and \$35.00 for each additional single event.

The entry fee for Compete USA events is \$65.00 for the first single event and \$35.00 for each additional single event.

Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Competition Chief Referee, and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 late fee.

NOTE: A fee of \$25.00 will also be charged for any changes to entries, competition level, age, events entered, etc. made after **September 15, 2023**. **All changes are at the discretion of the Chief Referee.**

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters may purchase a test credit at the time of registration via Entryze and merchandise section. Fee is \$25. Test credit must be purchased by the registration deadline.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

ALL SKATERS MUST SUBMIT MUSIC ELECTRONICALLY VIA ENTRYEEZE. Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via Entryze by the music deadline of **September 15, 2023, midnight**. Any music file submitted through Entryze after the deadline will incur a \$25 fee.

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". All music uploads must be in .MP3 format.

CDs will only be used as BACKUP for technical difficulty. A duplicate CD should be readily available in case of any problems with upload. Music downloaded for the competition will be deleted after the event is complete. Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

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

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online, using our online registration system (Entryze). Paper submissions will NOT be accepted. If your coach has a multi-competition account with Entryze, he/she will also be able to see your PPC information and update it, prior to the deadline, if something changes or is incorrect in your information. The deadline to submit the form is **September 15, 2023, midnight**. A \$25 fee will be assessed for not submitting a PPCS.

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. The online processing fees are not refundable. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate on practice ice or in events.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, Northern Blades NSC Figure Skating Club and The National Sports Center accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

National Sports Center

1850 105th Ave NE

Blaine, MN 55449

<https://www.nscsports.org/>

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available for this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING TRAVEL POLICY:

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the [SkateSafe Handbook](#).

OFFICIAL UPDATES:

Official updates will be maintained on the Entryeze homepage. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

PRACTICE ICE:

Official practice ice is not being offered, but practice ice will be available on Saturday, October 7 for pre-purchase on-line with registration as well as after the schedule has been posted and will be sold on a first-come basis. Skater's music will not be played during practice sessions. A maximum of 20 skaters will be scheduled on practice ice. Unsold practice ice may be purchased at the Registration Desk on a first-come basis. Practice ice is \$20 per 20 minute session. **Check or Cash only, no credit accepted at Registration.**

Skaters also have the option to buy on to contract ice on Friday, October 6 at the National Sports Center at www.nsceventhq.org if space is available on contract sessions.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on at the event, in the upstairs atrium.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to all skaters placing 1st through 4th in all Rising Stars, non-compete USA events. The awards will be presented to competitors (in the upstairs atrium) immediately following the result posting. Results will be posted online via Entryze.

Compete USA events will have no more than six competitors in a group, and all six should receive an award.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

*Information to follow.