



2020 Tri-State Synchronized Skating Championships

Hosted by the Mentor Figure Skating Club

Feb. 14-15, 2020

Mentor Civic Arena
8600 Munson Rd.
Mentor, Ohio 44060

The Tri-State Synchronized Skating Competition 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 which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site.

This competition is open to all synchronized teams comprised of members who are eligible, restricted, reinstated, or readmitted persons, as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rule book regarding eligibility of non-U.S. Citizens.

The competition will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 14-15, 2020 with Practice Ice on Friday Feb. 14, 2020. Additional practice ice and events will be held on Saturday, February 15, 2020.

This event is proud to participate in the National Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Participation in this series is open to all Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, open juvenile, open collegiate, open adult and open masters teams. Visit www.usfigureskating.org for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1st preceding this competition. Moves in the Field test requirements are as of the entry deadline.

ENTRIES:

Method of entries via Entryeeze at www.entryeeze.com, or mail (see entry form). Entries must be completed or postmarked **by Dec. 21, 2019**. Synchro Skills 1-3 and Snowplow Sam Synchro events will be run in accordance to the Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual (a maximum of 6 teams per group).

For Synchro Skills levels, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they are able to "skate-up" one level (for example, if a team has majority of skaters under 9 years old but would like to skate in the Synchro Skills 2, they may).

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after Dec. 21, 2019 unless no competition exists or is canceled. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25 processing fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Mentor Civic Arena, 8600 Munson Rd., Mentor, Ohio, and 440-974-5730. The Mentor Civic Arena is a dual surface facility with eleven locker rooms. The rinks measure 85'X200'. Facility includes a snack bar and community rooms above competition rink which will be utilized for teams to



warmup and do off-ice.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: This event will be following the Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy included in the SafeSport Handbook.

MUSIC: The official competition music must be uploaded on Entryyeeze by Feb. 1, 2020. A duplicate CD should be readily available and available for Practice ice.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Mentor Figure Skating Club, and the Mentor Civic Arena 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:

International Judging System (IJS)	Majority 6.0 Judging System
Juvenile	Snowplow Sam Synchro
Intermediate	Synchro Skills 1-3
Novice	Preliminary
Junior Short Program & Free Skate	Pre-Juvenile
Senior Short Program & Free Skate	Open Juvenile
Collegiate	Open Adult
Adult	Open Masters
Masters	Open Collegiate

All teams competing in a level judged under IJS will be required to complete a Planned Program Content Sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org **at least 7 days** before the start of the event.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 one hour before practice ice is to start until the final segment of practice ice scheduled on Friday evening and will re-open an hour before practice ice resumes on Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020. An email with exact times will be sent before the event to all registered teams. The registration desk will remain open through the last event of the day. The registration desk will be located in the rink lobby.

One team representative should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches, team managers, and team service personnel must register separately to receive their credential (see coaching requirements below).

ADMISSION: Each team will receive a special pass for skaters, and up to 2 chaperones/team service personnel per team (Please see note below for chaperone and team service personnel).

Admission will be charged for all spectators at the door:

Adults: \$10.00

Children (5-12 years) & Sr. Citizens (60 years and up): \$ 7.00

Children under 5: Free

In order to receive a chaperone credential, each team manager and team service personnel must have completed the SafeSport Training and successfully passed a background check. Those that cannot produce proof that these have been successfully completed will not be provided a chaperone credential.

Team managers and team service personnel will be asked to pick up their own credentials. These credentials are only to be used by the team manager and team service personnel who originally picked them up and may not be shared. Anyone found using a credential, not on the approved compliance list, will have their credential privileges revoked for the duration of the competition and the violation will be brought to the attention of U.S. Figure Skating and the Ethics Committee.

Please see the [U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Handbook](#) for more details.



PRACTICE ICE: The Mentor Civic Arena is a dual surface facility. The rink being used measures 85'x200'. Practice ice segments will be available on the competition rink Friday, Feb. 14, 2020 from 9:00am until 6:00pm and Saturday morning before competition begins, if time allows, on a first-come, first-served basis using the enclosed practice ice form or purchasing via EntryEeze. The fee will be \$110 per 12 min. segment.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: Photography and Videography will be available and can be ordered at the competition. Further information will also be emailed to all registered teams.

AWARDS: Awards will be made on the basis of placement. All team members of teams placing first through fourth will be awarded medals. All Snow Plow Sam and Synchro Skills Teams will be awarded a medal.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in rink lobby near team registration. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. **The official schedule of events will be posted no later than 14 calendar days prior to the commencement of the competition.**

INFORMATION REGARDING ALL COACHES:

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating- either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years of age or older, must submit the proper payment of \$20 through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website, and submit information for and successfully pass an annual background check.
- ✓ Must complete the CER SafeSport training course and any additional courses as required in MR 5.12 effective starting July 1, 2018.
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of 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 ID to receive a credential. Coaches who are **NOT** on the list will need to show proof of membership in U.S. Figure Skating, proof of compliance, and a photo ID at check in.

If a coach cannot provide a photo ID 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.

Foreign coaches will be required to present the LOC with a letter, from their federation, verifying they are a member in good standing.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition web site: www.mentorpsc.org

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Sue Clemente	sueclemente@att.net	216-978-5072
Chief Referee:	Hannelore Murphy	hannelore389@hotmail.com	586-703-1370
Assistant Referee:	Steve Wolkin	sew454@aol.com	216-832-3288
Practice Ice:	Sue Clemente	sueclemente@att.net	216-978-5072

COMPETITION SCHEDULE: The competition schedule will be posted on the MFSC website as soon as it is available and via EntryEeze. The MFSC website is www.mentorpsc.org

FOOD: The concession stand will be open during the competition and will be offering a variety of meal options. Further information regarding pre-ordering box lunches will be emailed to all registered teams. Maps for area restaurants will also be available at the registration desk.



ACCOMODATIONS: A hotel list will be posted at the MFSC website at www.mentorpsc.org under Competitions tab for your convenience.

RULES/ISU COMMUNICATIONS:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>

EVENTS OFFERED:

- A. Snowplow Sam Synchro** A team of 5-12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- B. Synchro Skills 1:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- C. Synchro Skills 2:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- D. Synchro Skills 3:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- E. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 9270
- F. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 13.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 9260
- G. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 9250
- H. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 30 seconds
Well balanced program: Rule 9240
- I. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes
Well balanced program: Rule 9230
- J. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes
Well balanced program: Rule 9220

- K. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 3 minutes, 30 seconds
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 9210
- L. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the junior moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 9200
- M. Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 30 seconds
Well balanced program: Rule 9290
- N. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes, 30 seconds
Well balanced program: Rule 9280
- O. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.
Program duration: 2 minutes
Well balanced program: Rule 9520
- P. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 2 minutes
Well balanced program: Rule 9530
- Q. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 30 seconds
Well balanced program: Rule 9510
- R. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 30 seconds
Well balanced program: Rule 9500

Teams are permitted to have a maximum for four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.

Crossover Rules:

No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes that are skating on the ice at any given competition.

The chart below illustrates the levels where crossover skaters are allowed. The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An "X" indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined Rules 9200 – 9530, in addition to the statement above.

	Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3	Preliminary	Pre - Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Masters	Adult
Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3															
Preliminary															
Pre - Juvenile															
Open Juvenile															
Juvenile						X	X								
Intermediate					X		X	X	X						
Novice					X	X		X	X						
Junior						X	X		X		X				
Senior						X	X	X			X				X
Open Collegiate															
Collegiate								X	X						X
Open Adult															
Open Masters															
Masters															X
Adult									X		X			X	

TRI-STATE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Team name:		Team U.S. Figure Skating #:	
Club: (if applicable)			
Contact person:			
Phone number:		E-mail:	
Address:		City:	State / ZIP:
Primary coach:		Coach's U.S. Figure Skating #:	
Phone number:		E-mail:	
Number of skaters:		Number of alternates:	

Please check the level/event(s) entered:

[]	Synchro Skills 1	[]	Juvenile	[]	Open Collegiate
[]	Synchro Skills 2	[]	Intermediate	[]	Collegiate
[]	Synchro Skills 3	[]	Novice	[]	Open Adult
[]	Snowplow Sam Synchro	[]	Junior short program	[]	Open Masters
[]	Preliminary	[]	Junior free skate	[]	Masters
[]	Pre-Juvenile	[]	Senior short program	[]	Adult
[]	Open Juvenile	[]	Senior free skate		

- \$ _____ for _____ event \$125 per team / event
- \$ _____ for _____ competitors \$ 25 per skater / event

- \$ _____ for _____ synchro skills events \$60 per team / Synchro Skills event*
- \$ _____ for _____ competitors \$10 per skater / Synchro Skills event**

Checks should be made payable to: _____

Please send all forms and fees to: _____

All fees and entry forms must be received by: _____

Note for Collegiate / Open Collegiate Teams: Please bring with you a copy of the collegiate certification page, or alternate proof of your athletes' student status, as of the entry deadline.

Note for Synchro Skills 1-3 & Snowplow Sam Synchro Teams: Snowplow Sam Synchro & Synchro Skills 1-3 teams may choose to represent either a full member club or a U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA program.



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ENTRY FORM 2: Team Entry Form

TEAM NAME:	LEVEL:	TEAM U.S. FIGURE SKATING #:
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	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	BIRTH DATE	U.S. FIGURE SKATING #**	HIGHEST MIF PASSED *
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* Required for teams entering Open Juvenile, Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, Collegiate and Adult divisions. Also required for Snowplow Sam Synchro & Synchro Skills 1-3 teams.

As of the competition entry deadline, skaters on Learn to Skate USA Synchro Skills teams are not permitted to have passed higher than a preliminary test.

** Skaters on Snowplow Sam Synchro or Synchro Skills 1-3 teams may be either full U.S. Figure Skating members or Learn to Skate USA members.

***Teams are permitted to have a maximum for four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.

TEAM MANAGER/TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL RECEIVING A CREDENTIAL AT THE COMPETITION
(names must appear exactly as listed in U.S. FIGURE SKATING database)

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	U.S. FIGURE SKATING #
1.			
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ENTRY FORM 3: Liability Waiver / Certification by Club Officer

U.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of, and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by, or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

TEAM NAME:	LEVEL:	TEAM U.S. FIGURE SKATING #:

	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (if under 18)
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Club Officer or Learn to Skate USA Program Director: All of the skaters listed on the team entry form are to the best of my knowledge, eligible members in good standing and eligible to compete under U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada rules.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

If the team is an individual member of U.S. Figure Skating, either the head coach or synchronized skating director may sign this form.



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ENTRY FORM 4: Collegiate Certification – Collegiate and Open Collegiate teams **ONLY**

Collegiate and Open Collegiate teams must comply with Rule 9490 (Collegiate) or Rule 9495 (Open Collegiate). Athletes must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university as full-time students as recognized by the college or university they attend, as of the entry deadline for this event.

Use a separate form for each institution the members attend, collect all the forms and send them together. Students may also choose another method to prove their student status, such as a print out of an unofficial transcript or a letter from the registrar.

TEAM NAME:	LEVEL:	TEAM U.S. FIGURE SKATING #:
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REGISTRAR:

I certify that the students listed above are considered full-time students of the following institution:

Name of Registrar: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____