



2024 SUNSHINE INVITATIONAL

Sanction #35484

HOSTED BY THE MENTOR FIGURE SKATING CLUB

August 23-25, 2024

Mentor Ice Arena, Mentor Ohio

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Sunshine Invitational 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.

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 minimum test requirement 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 a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for 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.
 - o If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.

- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):

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

EVENTS OFFERED:

- U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements: usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> [Program Requirements](#)
- Compete USA Program Requirements: learntoskateusa.com/competeusa

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate	<i>IJS</i>	<i>135.00</i>	<i>70.00</i>
Well Balanced Short Program	<i>IJS</i>	<i>135.00</i>	<i>70.00</i>
Well Balanced Free Skate	<i>IJS</i>	<i>135.00</i>	<i>70.00</i>
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Preliminary–Senior)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Skating Skills (Pre-Pre.–Gold)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
Adult Skating Skills (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>100.00</i>	<i>60.00</i>
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>135.00</i>	<i>70.00</i>
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>135.00</i>	<i>70.00</i>
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>135.00</i>	<i>70.00</i>
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>135.00</i>	<i>70.00</i>

Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	135.00	70.00
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	135.00/team	
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	70.00	40.00
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	70.00	40.00
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	70.00	40.00
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	70.00	40.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	70.00	40.00
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	70.00	40.00
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	70.00	40.00
Adult 1-6, Compulsory Moves	6.0	70.00	40.00

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 receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the [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](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

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 6/9/24

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.

EMS ADMIN: The compliance tab within EMS lists ALL individuals who were declared by skaters at the time of registration or through their EMS Skater Portals (also allows access to skater schedule, music/PPC preview etc.). The compliance requirements are tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database and are updated daily removing the need for the LOC to manually update its list of attending coaches. Further, if a coach is non-compliant, they will receive system-generated emails through the start of the competition. Click [here](#) for additional information.

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 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

Secure online registration and credit card payment will be available at: www.mentorpsc.com via Entryeeze. Deadline for entries: *11:30pm on July 26, 2024*. No late entries will be accepted for the competition. There is no paper registration.

Refund Policy:

Entry fees will not be refunded after the deadline date 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 in practice ice or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available by email through Entryeeze.

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.**

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

TEST CREDIT:

IF offering test credit at your competition, review the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) document and consult

with your Chief Accountant on process (advance applications/providing results etc.) and timeline. An online form, in advance of the competition, is recommended (example form [HERE](#)) vs. paper at the competition or you can use EMS for registration. Be sure to include details about eligible levels for test credit, post-competition paperwork processing, deadlines, etc.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Competitor's music will be uploaded online through Entryeze. 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:

Include instructions as to how attendees will provide your competition with their Planned Program Content (PPC). Include details about any online uploads including deadlines or where PPC is to be dropped off on-site. PPC Paper form, [click here](#). All PPC content will be uploaded online through Entryeze.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Mentor FSC and Mentor Ice 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

Facility Name: Mentor Ice Arena

Facility Address: 8600 Munson Rd. Mentor, OH 44060

Facility Website: mentoricearena.com

Enter size of rink and any other pertinent information such as number of locker rooms, temperature of rink (especially if very cold), snack bars/restaurants, etc.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (GENERAL LOCKER ROOMS):

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 in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

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](#).

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your](#)

[compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

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.

CHECK-IN REGISTRATION:

Registration desk will be open on Friday, August 23rd at 5:00 pm and end Sunday, August 25th at the end of the competition. The registration table will be in the lobby of the Civic Center. Please register promptly upon arrival and be checked in 1 hour prior to your scheduled event.

PRACTICE ICE:

There will be practice ice available in ½ hour sessions at a cost of \$15.00/session pre-order or \$20/session day of the event. Practice ice may be pre-ordered or purchased upon the release of the competition schedule via Entryeze. No music will be played.

AWARDS:

Participants will receive medals for 1st through 4th place. Basic Skills Events will receive medals for 1st through 6th place. Ladies Juvenile Free Skate 1st place will receive the Linda & Henry Brown Honorary Award. If numbers warrant the long program will be skated for final rounds for Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior levels. Medals for the different placements will be picked up at the registration desk in the main floor lobby of the arena. Results for all events will be posted online.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Additional information will be sent regarding the photographer via Entryeze closer to the competition date.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

HOTELS:

Best Western Plus Lawn Field Inn & Suites

Cleveland- Mentor

8434 Mentor Ave.

Mentor, OH 44060

440-205-7378

Hampton Inn & Suites

5675 Emerald Ct.

Mentor, OH 44060

440-358-1441

Holiday Inn Cleveland Northeast- Mentor

7701 Reynolds Rd.

Mentor, OH 44060

440-951-7333

Wingate by Wyndham at LaMalfa

5783 Heisley Rd.

Mentor, OH 44060

440-357-0384

Residence Inn by Marriott Cleveland-Mentor

5660 Emerald Ct.

Mentor, OH 44060

Comfort Inn

7581 Auburn Rd.

Painesville, OH 44077

440-392-0800

440-579-0300

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Painesville-Concord
East/Mayfield Village**

11200 Gold Court
Painesville, OH 44077
440- 898-0900

Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland

700 Beta Dr.
Cleveland, OH 44143

Four Points by Sheraton Cleveland-Eastlake

35000 Curtis Blvd.
Eastlake, OH 44095

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Malia Harwood	mfscsunshineinvitational@gmail.com	440-553-9118
Chief Referee:	Jamie Hebert	jehebert@hotmail.com	216-570-1467
Practice Ice Chair:	Malia Harwood	mfscsunshineinvitational@gmail.com	440-553-9118