



2020 CLEVELAND INVITATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 60th Annual CIC's are being hosted by the
MENTOR FIGURE SKATING CLUB

March 20 – 22, 2020

Sanctioned by:



CIC's has been designated a 2020 Excel Series Competition by US Figure Skating!



Skaters participating in the 2020 Excel Competition Series are eligible to participate in the Excel National Festival, which will be held at OBM Arena in Strongsville, Ohio on June 19-21, 2020. Please refer to the Excel Series Handbook at https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/2020_Excel_Series_Handbook.pdf

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition - LG + MC 1/10/2020



2020 Cleveland Invitational Championships

The 2020 Cleveland Invitational Championships 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.

EVENT: 2020 Cleveland Invitational Championships

Chief Referee: Karen Snoddy
Chief Accountant: Shirley Rego
Host Club: Mentor Figure Skating Club

Location: Mentor Ice Arena
8600 Munson Road
Mentor, OH 44060

Dates: March 20 – 22, 2020

Co-Chairs: Bruce Langguth; mfsc@att.net
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Facility: Mentor Ice Arena is a facility with 2 rinks, both of which will be utilized for this competition. Each sheet is regulation 85' x 200'. There are designated dressing rooms for the skaters, a snack bar for spectators, ample seating in each arena, and over 1000 parking spaces within reasonable walking distance to the facility. A variety of vendors will also be in attendance.

SECTION 1:

COMPETITION REGISTRATION AND FEES:

Secure online registration is available at the EntryEeze link from the Mentor Figure Skating Club website:

www.mentorfsc.org

ENTRIES:

Online registration at www.entryeeze.com opens **Midnight on January 20, 2020** and closes **Midnight on February 15, 2020**. All registrations must be received by 11:59pm on February 15, 2020. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and or their Learn to Skate number. There will be no late entries accepted for this competition. There is no paper registration.

ENTRY FEES:

First IJS Event - \$135 -OR-

First 6.0 Event - \$100

Second IJS Event - \$70 -OR-

Second 6.0 Event - \$60

Each Additional Event - \$40

Critiques: Juvenile-Senior Short Program, Preliminary & Pre-Juvenile Well Balanced Free Skate and Solo Dance - \$10

All Entryeeze registration fees are credit card only and include a 3.5% convenience fee paid by the skater.

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded 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.

SCHEDULE:

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

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

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: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 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, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

ADULT EVENTS:

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events:

- Young Adult: 17 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the Chief Referee and/or the competition committee. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through Adult Bronze free skate and compulsory moves (based upon the Adult Competition Series rules), Jumps, Spins, and Dramatic/Light Entertainment events. Men and ladies will not be combined in Adult Silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in Adult Silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The Chief Referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

MUSIC SUBMISSION:

Music will be reproduced through the arena sound system from CDs only, which are furnished by each skater. Skaters are required to deliver their music to the Registration Desk at the time for registration at least one hour before the event warm up time. Maxell

brand CDs are NOT preferred. Please use the CD type CD-R music. The LOC will not be held responsible for CDs that do not play properly, so it is recommended that you have back-ups. All skaters should have appropriate backup music with them at rink side during their events. Music should be reclaimed at the Registration Desk following the event. Vocal music is permitted for all levels.

IJS PPCS:

Competitors in IJS events are required to submit a Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS). The PPCS is to be completed online with U.S. Figure Skating before March 16, 2020. For those who do not submit a Planned Program Content Sheet online before March 16, a \$20 processing fee per IJS event will be assessed. Once entered, PPCS may be updated online at any time and as often as desired without cost up to March 5. Please go to www.usfs.org and log in to the Members Only section. You will need to enter your U.S. Figure Skating number and password. Go to Event Registration and Online Event Registration, then to Event Manager and program Content and register your forms under Cleveland Invitational Championships.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Mentor Figure Skating Club, 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.

ONSITE REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on Friday, March 20 at 5:00 pm and end at Sunday, March 22 at the end of the competition. Registration will be open one to two hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be in the lobby of the Mentor Ice Arena. Please register promptly upon arrival.

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).

PRACTICE ICE APPLICATION:

All practice ice will be available for purchase online through Entryeaze. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on EntryEeze. All practice ice if pre-ordered will be \$12.00 for the sessions. Additional practice ice will be available for purchase during the competition and will cost \$18.00 at the Registration Desk (lobby). No music will be played during practice ice.

The club holds the right to cancel any practice ice if there is not enough participation or if the schedule warrants. Please check at the registration desk upon arrival to sign up for available ice or if a practice ice time has been canceled.

PHOTO/VIDEO: Professional video and photography will be provided by a vendor yet to be determined. Your registration fee INCLUDES a video of one of each skater's events, as well as one professional photograph of each skater, taken during competition. You will have the opportunity to select the video (if multiple events are entered), and a photograph.

Note: Per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member's Only.

USFS regulations also prohibit flash photography at any time in the arena. The rinks provide ample lighting for photography without the use of assisted lighting.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded 1st through 3rd place for each event including any final rounds.

Trophies: The Elaine and Charles A. DeMore Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the skater who wins the Intermediate Ladies Free Skate. If there is more than one group of Intermediate Ladies Free Skate, a Final Round will be held. This is a traveling trophy. All skaters in the event are eligible.

Only Greater Cleveland member clubs are eligible for the following trophy:

The Joy Cunningham-William Wall Cleveland Invitational Championship Club Trophy will be awarded to the club winning the most points. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place – 4 points, 2nd place – 3 points, 3rd place – 2 points, 4th place – 1 point with the number of points reduced in events with fewer than 4 skaters. For pair and partnered dance events with a team or teams representing two different clubs, the points earned will be split evenly between the two clubs. Maneuver teams will not be included in the point total. This is a traveling trophy.

SCORING: The IJS System will be used for Adult Silver and Gold FS, Juvenile through Senior Ladies and Men Short Program, all Excel “Plus” levels (Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate Plus), Excel Juvenile through Excel Senior levels and Preliminary through Senior Jumps and Spins. 6.0 scoring system will be used for all other entries. Open Juvenile Free Skate will use the IJS System.

CRITIQUES: Individual critiques will be offered for each singles IJS Short Program events, Preliminary & Pre-Juvenile Well Balanced Free Skate events. Critiques will be \$10 each and can be purchased through EntryEeze.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. Test packet: \$10 – qualified test levels only. Note that due to incompatibility in program components, Excel free skate IJS protocols are not eligible for test credit.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: Official information will be maintained at the Registration Desk. 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 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must be included within a skater’s registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal.

All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

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 our database and are updated daily. Further, if a coach is non-compliant, they will receive system generated emails through the start of the competition. Click [here](#) for additional information.

EMS Coach Resources:

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

Coaches of U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2019-20 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

*SafeSport training is available through <http://www.usfsonline.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

All coaches are verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database who are approved to receive a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coaches Requirements Chart](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

LOCAL HOTELS:

Best Western Plus Lawnfield Inn & Suites

8434 Mentor Ave.
Mentor, OH 44060
440-205-7378

Hampton Inn & Suites Cleveland - Mentor

5675 Emerald Ct.
Mentor, OH 44060
440-358-1441

Holiday Inn Cleveland Northeast - Mentor

7701 Reynolds Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
440-951-7333

Quail Hollow Resort

11080 Concord Hambden, Rd.
Concord, OH 44077
440-710-0876

Residence Inn by Marriott Cleveland - Mentor

5660 Emerald Ct.
Mentor, OH 44060
440-392-0800

Wingate by Wyndham at LaMalfa

5783 Heisley Rd.
Mentor, OH 44060
440-357-0384

AIRPORT:

For our out-of-town guests, the nearest airport is Cleveland Hopkins Airport, located approximately 35 miles from Mentor. Easily accessible via major highways, it is typically a 40-minute trip.

SECTION 2:

Events Offered and Entry Fees:

SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE FOR CURRENT RULES, REQUIREMENTS, AND BYLAWS.

Go to usfigureskating.org, click on the "About" tab, then select "Rules and Bylaws" from the drop down box to find the embedded current rulebook.

The chart below also provides links to the skating requirements for each skating level.

EXCEL SERIES INFORMATION: CIC's has been designated a 2020 Excel Series Event. Please read the Excel Event Test/Eligibility Requirements:

Eligibility & Test Levels: Athletes must be eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice. The skater's section for the duration of the Excel Series will be based upon the location of the skaters' home figure skating club or Learn to Skate USA program. If the skater is an individual member of U.S. Figure Skating, then the legal residence of the individual member will determine the Section in which they will represent in the Excel Series. Skaters may not switch sections during the season even if their home club changes. All participants will be expected to abide by the Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and the Code of Conduct (GR 1.02), as set forth in the 2020 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Canadian skaters who have are eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating may compete in the Series; section will be determined by section of their home U.S. Figure Skating club, or, in the case of individual members, section closest to their legal residence as per Rule 2410 in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Canadian skaters who are not members of U.S. Figure Skating may compete in an Excel levels at any competition offering Excel events, but may not enter the Series.

All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above their highest US Figure Skating free skating test passed. The determination of level will be based upon test level as of the 2020 Excel Series entry deadline of March 1, 2020, or when the skater submits their registration to be an Excel Series participant (whichever date is earlier). If a skater plans to take a free skating test during the 2020 Excel Series season, they should start the season registered to compete one level above their current highest US Figure Skating free skating test passed in order to remain eligible to compete within the Series after passing their next free skating event. For example, if a Pre-Preliminary skater plans to take their Preliminary test during the Series season, they should register for the series to compete in Excel Preliminary or Excel Preliminary Plus in order to remain eligible to compete in the Series after passing the Preliminary free skating test. Skaters may not change or move up levels in the 2020 Excel Series once the registration deadline has passed.

Skaters must be under 22 years of age as of the registration deadline of March 1, 2020.

Please note for all Excel Event entries:

Series Registration: Skaters interested in participating in the 2020 Excel Series will need to complete the online Excel Series registration form and pay a \$45.00 fee to U.S. Figure Skating by March 1, 2020, or prior to their first series competition – whichever is earlier. Additionally, skaters must register for the individual Series competitions they wish to enter. Each registered athlete may only compete in one level for the entire season. The online form to enter the Series will be available here. In order for skaters to earn points within the Series, they must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating as an Excel Series participant prior to competing in an Excel Series competition that they plan to earn points credit from.

Skaters interested in participating in the 2020 Excel Competition Series will need to complete the online Excel Competition Series registration form and pay the fee by March 1, 2020. Please refer to the Excel Series Handbook available at:

https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/2020_Excel_Series_Handbook.pdf

EVENT REQUIREMENTS:

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate Plus, Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Excel Free Skate Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Singles - FS Preliminary - Senior	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Singles - FS No Test, Pre-Preliminary	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Short Program (2020-2021) Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior*	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Adult Singles Free Skate (Adult Silver - Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Adult Singles Free Skate (Pre-Bronze – Adult Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Singles Free Skate (Adult Beginner – Adult High Beginner)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Beginner – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner-Adult Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Silver – Masters Junior/Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Spins Challenge (Preliminary–Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Spins Challenge (Beginner – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Adult Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Silver – Masters Junior/Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Dramatic Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Light Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Duets (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Mini Production Ensemble	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Production Ensemble	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40

*NOTE: The 2020-2021 SHORT PROGRAM requirements cannot be linked here, as they can only be found in the “Members Only” portal of the US Figure Skating website. Please log in to “Members Only,” click on: Skating Opportunities – Singles – Skating Rules and Resources – Technical Information – “2020-21 Singles Short Program Elements for Juvenile thru Senior”