



The 33rd Annual

## Granite City Classic Figure Skating Competition

Hosted by  
**The St. Cloud Figure Skating Club**

**November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC)  
5001 Veterans Drive  
St. Cloud, MN 56303**

The 33rd Annual Granite City Classic 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 website.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL**

#### **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 the information sheet [HERE](#) or email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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.

**Age restrictions/requirements:**

Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements:

- 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 must be under the age of 18. Adults must be 21 years of age or older.
- Age will be as of close of entries.

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.

**ENTRIES**

On-line entry with secure credit card payment is the only method of registration. Please go to [www.stcloudfigureskatingclub.org](http://www.stcloudfigureskatingclub.org) and click Granite City Classic link. **On-line entries will be accepted until MIDNIGHT October 11, 2024.** On-line entries will have a 3% convenience fee. Entries and changes received after the deadline will be considered and will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee. **Late entries will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee.** The competition committee reserves the right to limit entries in any event or to cancel an event. Entry fees will only be refunded in accordance with the refund policy below. Notification of competition and practice ice times will NOT be available by phone, mail, or e-mail.

**Entry fees:**

- \$125.00 for 6.0 events**
- \$145.00 for IJS/CJS events**
- \$35.00 for any additional events**

**TEST CREDIT**

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may purchase their test credit forms online with their registration (go to your "competition" tab and then "merchandise"). Cost of the form packet is \$10.00. Forms will be emailed to the competitor for submission to the skaters home club.

**REFUND POLICY**

**Entry fees will not be refunded after October 13, 2024 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable.** Credit card charges will show up as St. Cloud FSC. A 3% convenience fee will be included. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$30 fee. All further payments must be made by cash, money orders, or certified funds. Payment 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 via the competition Entryeze website.

**FACILITIES**

The Granite City Classic will be held at the Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC), located at 5001 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56303. The facility's main phone number is (320) 255-7223. The arena houses 2 ice surfaces of 85'x 200'. Concessions will be available at the arena along with vendors. No admission fee will be charged, both arenas have spectator seating. There is free public Wi-Fi available on both rinks. For more information, you can go to [www.stcloudmac.com](http://www.stcloudmac.com).

**MUSIC**

ALL SKATERS MUST SUBMIT MUSIC ELECTRONICALLY VIA ENTRYEEZE. **Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically by the music deadline of October 25, 2024 at 11:59pm. Any music file submitted through Entryeze after the deadline will incur a \$15 fee.** After you

have paid for 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 log out 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.

### **LIABILITY**

U.S. Figure Skating, St. Cloud Figure Skating Club, and the Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC) 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. Your signature on the entry form or your acceptance of the waiver online when you register will indicate that you have read this section.

### **JUDGING SYSTEM**

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for all Juvenile through Senior Short Programs and Pre-Preliminary through Senior Well-Balanced Program Free Skate events. In addition, it will be used for Excel Plus levels (Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate Plus), and Pre-Preliminary through Senior Excel events.

**All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online via your EntryEeze account by October 25th, 2024.**

Showcase events Preliminary through Senior will be using CJS scoring.

The 6.0 majority Judging System will be used for all other events.

### **REGISTRATION**

Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled practice ice session of the competition. Registration will close 30 minutes after the end of the competition each day. The registration desk will be in the front lobby of the MAC arena. Please register promptly upon arrival. Results will be available for purchase at the registration desk once results are posted.

### **PRACTICE ICE**

Practice ice will be provided on Friday morning prior to the competition starting, Friday evening after the competition concludes for the day, and again Saturday morning prior to the competition starting for the day. Skaters will be able to purchase practice ice online via EntryEeze. Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions online but must indicate the number of sessions desired during the registration process and must be pre-paid with your entry. Additional practice ice sales will be available after the competition schedule has been posted and those that pre-registered for sessions have had time to select their sessions. Registered skaters will be notified by e-mail when they can start purchasing practice ice. No music will be played on practice ice.

#### **Session costs:**

**\$12.00 when purchased with entries**

**\$15.00 when purchased online after schedule is released**

**\$20.00 at the rink**

### **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 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). **Skaters should plan to arrive at the arena dressed for their events. We will have limited locker room availability.**

### **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY**

No FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY is allowed in the rink area during 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.

### **AWARDS**

Awards will be presented as closely to the conclusion of each event as possible. Awards will be given for the first four places for each event. All awards will be presented off ice.

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

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.

### **INFORMATION REGARDING 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.

### **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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

### **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](#).

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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### Section 2: Events Offered

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

SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	ADDL EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior and Plus levels)	IJS	\$145.00	NA
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$145.00	\$35.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$145.00	NA
Aspire Free Skate	6.0	\$125.00	NA
SPECIALTY	IJS/6.0	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	ADDL EVENT
Compulsory Moves (Pre-Preliminary–Senior)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Pre-Preliminary – Excel Preliminary)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00
Aspire Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00
Jumps Challenge (Aspire Low – Senior) *	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00
Spins Challenge (Aspire Low – Senior) **	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00
Step Sequence (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00
Moves in the Field (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00
SHOWCASE	IJS/6.0	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	ADDL EVENT
Lyrical Pop, Character Performance, Comedic Impressions, Choreographic Artistry, Emotional Performance (Preliminary -Senior)	CJS	\$145.00	\$35.00
Compete USA Showcase – Character Performance, Lyrical Pop, Comedic Impressions, Emotional Performance (Aspire – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00
SOLO DANCE	IJS/6.0	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	ADDL EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series) ***	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00

#### Notes:

\* **Jump Event Rule: Each jump may be attempted twice; however the second attempt is optional and if done, will be the one that is judged.**

\*\* **Spins Events: All levels will be on half ice**

\*\*\* **Music is skater's choice music and must be uploaded**