



Iowa Games

Saturday, July 31, 2021

The Iowa Games 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.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

- **All attendees are always required to properly wear face coverings** over their nose and mouth and secured under their chin while in the facility (exception: Skaters may remove when on the ice). This is not only for your protection, but for the protection of others and is applied to all attendees.
- **Social distancing must be maintained at all times.** The CDC recommends a distance of 6 feet and separate pathways will be established within the venue (minimizing crossover and contamination).
- **Spectators:** Skaters are limited to 4 spectators.
 - o Each athlete is limited to 1 coach as well.
- **U.S. Figure Skating Waivers are a requirement for ALL athletes.** The online waivers must be completed via [Members Only](#) prior to the competition, instruction [here](#).

SERIES INFORMATION: Medals presented to the top 3 winners in each event qualify for the 2022 State Games of America in Ames/Des Moines, IA. The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test Level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater

is entering. For the 2020-2021 competition season, athletes may skate up two levels above that for which they qualify but they are not eligible for IJS Test Credit. Note, athletes may not skate down in any event.

ISI PROGRAM MEMBERS

If you are in an ISI program, please use the below conversion chart to determine your appropriate competition level.

If you have passed ISI level -	Enter the USFS level -
Tot or Pre-Alpha (age 7 and older) Alpha	Basic 1
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 2
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 3
Alpha/Gamma	Basic 4
Beta	Basic 5
Gamma	Basic 6
Delta – Freestyle 1	Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 (choose correct level based upon elements required)
Freestyle 2 or 3 / Open Bronze	Pre-Preliminary
Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Preliminary
Freestyle 5 / Open Silver	Pre-Juvenile
Freestyle 6 / Open Gold	Juvenile or Intermediate
Freestyle 7 / Open Platinum	Novice
Freestyle 8 / Open Platinum	Junior or Senior
Freestyle 9 / Open Platinum	Senior
Freestyle 10 / Open Platinum	Senior
Freestyle 2 / Open Bronze	Adult Pre-Bronze
Freestyle 3 / Open Bronze	Adult Bronze
Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Adult Silver
Freestyle 5 / Open Gold	Adult Gold
Dance 3	Preliminary Dance
Dance 4	Pre-Bronze Dance
Dance 5	Bronze Dance
Dance 6	Pre-Silver Dance
Dance 7	Silver Dance
Dance 9	Pre-Gold Dance

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.

IF OFFERING ADULT EVENTS:

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

- Young Adult: 18 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

Age classes for all solo free dance and solo pattern dance events:

- Young Adult/Class I/II: 18 years through 45 years
- Class III/IV/V: 46 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 events (based on the [Adult Competition Series rules](#)), and all levels of compulsory moves, solo dance, solo free dance, 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.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.

Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

ENTRIES:

EARLY Registration Deadline

\$90 for first event if registered by **June 21**

Additional event fee: \$30

FINAL Registration Deadline

\$110 for first event if registered between **June 22 – July 12**

Additional event fee: \$30

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "COMPETITION NAME" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

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, etc.**

NO ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Mandatory Athletes:

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, 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 SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email safesport@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after July 12, 2021 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$25 fee. 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 after the close of entries. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available online at www.amesfsc.org.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Ames/ISU Ice Arena 1507 Gateway Hills Park Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010. Separate male and female locker rooms will be available. A snack bar is available during the competition.

Rink Size 200x85

MUSIC UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music no later than **10pm on July 20, 2021**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$10 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who does not meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to the skater taking the ice.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

MUSIC SUBMISSION:

The official competition music must be turned in by music upload by July 20, 2021. If there are any problems with the skater's music, you will be notified before the competition. Have a duplicate copy readily available on phone/MP3/etc. the day of the competition.

There will be no music played during competition practice ice.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Ames Figure Skating Club, Iowa Games and Ames/ISU 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 CHECK-IN: Check-in will be in the front entry of the ice arena. When you enter volunteers will conduct a health screen and temperature check. You will then be directed to the check-in table where you will receive your t-shirt.

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). **We ask all athletes to only use locker rooms up to 20 minutes prior to their event and no longer than 20 minutes after their event. Do not hang out in the locker rooms.** 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: ONE PRACTICE SESSION is included with your registration. Practice ice will be assigned by skating level. The competition schedule will be posted by July 23, 2021 and the practice ice schedule will be posted by July 29, 2021 at www.amesfsc.org.

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

AWARDS: Medals will be given for the first 3 places in each event.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive one hour prior to their event time. We reserve the right to run up to 45 minutes early of the scheduled time. 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 meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. *
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. *
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:



www.usfsaonline.org → [Person Icon](#) or [Account](#) → [Member Profile](#) → [Compliance](#)

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

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

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact Kelly Arnold via email at karnold577@gmail.com.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

***All athletes will receive a colored T-shirt with their registration.

-When you register your athlete, there is the option to **upgrade** to a [dri-fit shirt](#) for an additional \$12. The deadline to upgrade the shirt is June 23, 2021. T-shirts will be available at the ice arena the day of the competition.

***NEW for 2021-Spectator Admissions Fee will be taken at this event. Spectators can pre-purchase admission during registration on entreeze or admission can be purchased on-site. Up to 4 spectators and 1 coach only per athlete. The rates are 13 & Over: \$5.00 and 12 & Under: \$2.00. For more information on the admission fee go to <https://www.iowagames.org/admissions/> to learn more.

***The Ames Figure Skating Club will be hosting a test session on July 30, 2021. For more information and a link to register you can go to their website at www.amesfsc.org.

***Must have a copy of your signed waiver when you check-in. These are required waivers through US Figure Skating. The link can be assessed above through the Covid 19 information section on page 1.

***For further questions not answered in this announcement, please, refer to the Iowa Games website at <https://www.iowagames.org/event/summer-iowa-games/figure-skating/>.

SECTION 2: Events Offered and Entry Fees:

SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.

***Review the charts for requirements and levels, if not offering all levels, include that information below, for example: "Spins Challenge (Beginner – Preliminary)". [Chart below was updated on Nov. 30, 2020 \(see: Showcase New Event Implementation\)](#).*

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS

SINGLES

[Excel Free Skate](#)

[Well Balanced Short Program](#)

[Well Balanced Free Skate](#)

Combined – SP & FS
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate
PAIRS
Short Program (Novice-Senior)
Free Skate (Juvenile-Senior)
Combined (Novice-Senior) – SP & FS
PARTNERED ICE DANCE
Pattern Dance (Pre-Juv.-Novice)
Adult Pattern Dance
Rhythm Dance (Junior-Senior)
Free Dance (Pre-Juv.-Senior)
Adult Free Dance
SPECIALTY
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)
Moves in the Field (Pre-Pre.–Senior)
Adult Moves in the Field (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)
SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION**
Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult) – (Dramatic, Choreographic, Lyrical, Character, & Comedic)
Interpretive
SOLO DANCE
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)
Solo Free Dance
Solo Combined Dance
Shadow Dance
Adult Solo Pattern Dance
Adult Solo Free Dance
COMPETE USA EVENTS
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music

Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)
No Test – Preliminary Free Skate (*offer if LTS only)
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves
Excel Compulsory Moves
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves
Compete USA – Spin Challenge
Compete USA – Jump Challenge
Compete USA – Hockey 1-4 Elements & Skills Challenge
Compete USA – Partnered Moves (NEW)
Compete USA - Interpretive
Compete USA – Showcase (Dramatic & Light entertainment)
Compete USA – Solo Dance
SPECIAL OLYMPICS/ADAPTIVE SKATING
Special Olympics Badges
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance
Skate United Badges