

# THE SKATING CLUB OF WESTERN NEW YORK

Presents the

## 32<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SPRING SKATE FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023  
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

To Be Held at  
HOLIDAY TWIN RINKS  
Cheektowaga, New York

Sanctioned by:  
United States Figure Skating  
Skate Canada

Entry Deadline: April 1, 2023

**OR**

When the maximum capacity of **300 skaters** has been reached

Events Include:

Freeskating, Excel Freeskating, Adult Events, Compulsory Moves, Compulsory Spins, Jumps, Solo Dance, Shadow Dance, Footwork, Showcase, Interpretive

FOR INFORMATION E-MAIL:  
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[Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Series Information](#)

Applications available online at: [www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org](http://www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org)

Register via [Event Management System](#) (EMS)

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**ELIBILITY**

**TEST LEVEL:**

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

*Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.*

*Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to the select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.*

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

**FACILITIES**

The competition will be held at **Holiday Twin Rinks, 3465 Broadway, Cheektowaga, New York** (a suburb of Buffalo). Events will be conducted on a 85' x 200' rink. Snack bar and dressing rooms are available. Directions to the rink are available at: [www.holidayrinks.com](http://www.holidayrinks.com).

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**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, Skating Club of Western New York and Holiday Twin Rinks 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.

**ENTRIES**

Secure online registration and credit card payment is available with EMS at [www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org](http://www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org)  
Registration Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 @ 11.59pm ET

1. Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "Spring Skate Festival" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.

If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

**ADMISSION**

Admission to all events is free.

## ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are as follows:

\$75.00 for first event  
\$130 for IJS  
\$40 for Compete USA events

## DEADLINE

The online registration deadline is midnight of April 1, 2023, **OR WHEN THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 300 SKATERS HAS BEEN REACHED**. If space permits, applications **may** be accepted after this date with the chairperson's approval only and a \$25 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED.

## PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup> 11:59PM**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$15 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

**DEADLINE: DATE \*April 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

## REFUND POLICY

No refunds will be issued after the close of entries unless the event has been cancelled (Rule 3048). **There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.**

## REGISTRATION

A registration desk will be located at the main entrance to Holiday Twin Rinks and will be open throughout the competition. Competitors should register promptly upon their arrival. Music should be downloaded no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**NOTE:** Skaters must be at the rink – and **READY TO SKATE** - at least **1 HOUR BEFORE** their scheduled event time. Events will not be delayed for late arriving skaters. This is a non-qualifying competition and events may run ahead or behind schedule.

## AWARDS

Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. Ribbons will be awarded for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> places. Awards will be available immediately after the event has been posted and can be picked up at the awards table.

## MUSIC

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 11.59pm. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$15 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

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

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on digital copy (phone, ipod, or jump drive) as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition.

## RESULTS

Results will be available at the registration event after each event for \$0.25 per copy for 6.0 events, \$1.00 for IJS.

## SCHEDULE

As soon as possible after the entry deadline, a TENTATIVE SCHEDULE will be posted on the Skating Club of Western New York web site: [www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org](http://www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org). No schedule times will be given out over the phone.

## VIDEO/CAMERA

Personal videotaping may only be done from the stands with hand held cameras. No lights, tripods or taping permitted at rink side. **For the safety of the skater – NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE PERMITTED.**

## LOCKER ROOMS & CHANGING AREAS:

Locker Rooms will be available at this event for skate tying only, doors must be kept open at all times.

## **PRACTICE**

Practice ice will be available on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 a.m. There will be 2 – 25 minute practice ice sessions available at a cost of \$15.00 per session. One session will be for No-Test through Pre-Juvenile and one session will be for Juvenile through Adult. No music will be played during practice ice.

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:**

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the following requirements:

### Coaching 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 2022-23 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

### Coaching Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training\* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

\*SafeSport training is available through [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.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.

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches 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.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at your competition, a background check and SafeSport Training is not required. Instead, the coach must submit a letter from their Federation stating they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

**COVID-19 INFORMATION:** As of March 15, 2022, and consistent with updated CDC guidance on mask use, face coverings are no longer required to be worn indoors at U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned events or activity if your community levels are Low or Medium. We do encourage masks to be worn indoors if your community is in the High category based on the CDC Community Levels by County Map as announced on Feb. 25. Sanctioned activities include competitions (U.S. Figure Skating and Compete USA), exhibitions/performances and test sessions. For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy. [Click here.](#)

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Listed below are various hotels close to the ice rink:

- HAMPTON INN – 1745 Walden Avenue (Exit 52), Phone 716-894-8000
- COURTYARD BUFFALO AIRPORT – 4243 Genesee Street, Phone 716-633-2700
- FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES BUFFALO AIRPORT – 4271 Genesee Street, Phone 716-633-2488
- HILTON GARDEN INN BUFFALO AIRPORT – 4201 Genesee Street, Phone 716-565-0040
- TOWNEPLACE SUITES BUFFALO AIRPORT – 4265 Genesee Street, Phone 716-839-1880
- HOLIDAY INN BUFFALO AIRPORT - 4600 Genesee Street, Phone 716-634-6969
- DAYS HOTEL BY WYNDHAM – 4345 Genesee Street, Phone 716-631-0800
- HAMPTON INN & SUITES BUFFALO AIRPORT – 133 Buell Avenue, Phone 716-631-0200
- HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – 131 Buell Avenue, Phone 716-631-8700
- MILLENNIUM HOTEL – 2040 Walden Ave. (Exit 52), Phone 716-681-2400
- HOMEWOOD SUITES – 760 Dick Road, Phone 716-685-0700
- COMFORT SUITES – 901 Dick Road, Phone 716-633-6000
- GARDEN PLACE HOTEL - 6615 Transit Road, Phone 716-683-7990

Get more information on hotels and area attractions from the Buffalo Niagara Convention and Visitors Bureau at [www.visitbuffaloniagara.com](http://www.visitbuffaloniagara.com).

## **INQUIRIES**

For further information, the preferred method of contact is by e-mail: [springskatefestival@gmail.com](mailto:springskatefestival@gmail.com)

Information will also be posted on the Skating Club of Western New York's web site: [www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org](http://www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org)

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

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/program-requirements>

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate Plus & Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$130	\$75	\$75
Excel Free Skate (Beginner-Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test- Preliminary)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$75
Combined: Short Program & Free Skate	IJS	\$180	\$180	\$180
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event Price</b>
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event Price</b>
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Shadow Dance	6.0	\$100	\$30	\$30
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Choreographic Artistry (Pre-Juvenile - Senior)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
Interpretive	6.0	\$75	\$30	\$30
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$40	\$20	\$20
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$40	\$20	\$20
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$40	\$20	\$20
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$40	\$20	\$20
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$40	\$20	\$20
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$40	\$20	\$20

### SOLO DANCE SELECTIONS

OPEN	KILLIAN	Open
GOLD	ARGENTINE TANGO	One or more Gold Dances has to be passed
PRE-GOLD	BLUES	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Gold dance test
SILVER	SILVER TANGO	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Pre-Gold or Skate Canada Sr. Silver dance test
PRE-SILVER	14 STEP	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Silver or Skate Canada Jr. Silver dance test
BRONZE	WILLOW WALTZ	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Pre-Silver or Skate Canada Sr. Bronze dance test
PRE-BRONZE	CHA CHA	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Bronze or Skate Canada Jr. Bronze dance test
PRELIMINARY	DUTCH WALTZ	Must not have completed US Figure Skating Pre-Bronze or Skate Canada Jr. Bronze dance test

### SHADOW DANCE SELECTIONS (Please note – change in dances)

Level	Requirement	Dance (number of sequences to be skated)
Preliminary	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete preliminary dance test.	• Rhythm Blues (3 sequences)
Pre-Bronze	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-bronze dance test.	• Tango Fiesta (3 sequences)
Bronze	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete bronze dance test.	• Ten-Fox(3 sequences)
Pre-Silver	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-silver dance test.	• Foxtrot (3 sequences)
Silver	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete silver dance test.	• American Waltz 2(sequences)
Pre-Gold	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete pre-gold dance test.	• Starlight Waltz (2 sequences)
Gold/International	Open.	• Midnight Blues (1 sequence)