

THE SKATING CLUB OF WESTERN NEW YORK'S
34TH ANNUAL SPRING SKATE FESTIVAL



FRIDAY – MAY 16TH, 2025
SATURDAY – MAY 17TH, 2025
SUNDAY – MAY 18TH, 2025

Location:
HOLIDAY TWIN RINKS
3465 Broadway Street
Cheektowaga, New York 14227

Sanctioned By:
United States Figure Skating
Learn to Skate USA
Skate Canada

Events Offered:
Free Skate, Compulsory Moves, Jump Challenge, Spin Challenge, Interpretive, Showcase, Solo Pattern Dance;
all include Adult levels.

Entry Deadline: April 1st, 2025

OR

When the maximum capacity of 300 skaters has been reached.

Register on EntryEeze at: <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=647>

For Information and Questions, please email: springskatefestival@gmail.com

Announcement available to be downloaded online at: www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org

The Spring Skate Festival Competition is open to all eligible skaters who are members in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, or Skate Canada.

U.S. Figure Skating rules for non-qualifying competitions, as set forth in the 2024-2025 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, shall apply. All events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.

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

EVENTS OFFERED

U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements: usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements

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

Compete USA Program Requirements: learntoskateusa.com/competeusa

- Program requirements for January 1st – June 30th, 2025

SINGLES (FS = Free Skate)	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel FS	6.0	\$85	\$45
Well Balanced FS (Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$85	\$45
Adult FS (Adult Beginner – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$85	\$45
Adult Beginner & High Beginner FS	6.0	\$85	\$45
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 – 8)	6.0	\$85	\$45
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	6.0	\$85	\$45
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	6.0	\$85	\$45

INTERPRETIVE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Interpretive	6.0	\$85	\$45
Adult Interpretive	6.0	\$85	\$45
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$85	\$45
Choreographic Artistry (Juvenile – Senior, Master Jr/Sr)	CJS	\$85	\$45
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$85	\$45
Character Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$85	\$45
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$85	\$45
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$85	N/A
Inflatables	CJS	\$85	\$45
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$85	N/A
Production Ensemble	CJS	\$85	N/A
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (see description below)	6.0	\$85	\$45
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$85	\$45
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$55	\$35
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$55	\$35
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$55	\$35
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$55	\$35
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$55	\$35
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$55	\$35
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0	\$55	\$35
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$55	\$35
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$55	\$35

SOLO PATTERN DANCE

General Event Parameters:

- Levels are based upon the skaters' highest pattern dance test passed.
- A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing one solo pattern dance.
- This event is not participating in the series.
- The skater will perform the pattern dance listed for his/her level below.

LEVEL	DANCE SELECTION	GUIDELINES
Preliminary	Dutch Waltz	Must not have completed <u>USFS Pre-Bronze</u> or <u>CFSA Star 3</u> test
Pre-Bronze	Fiesta Tango	Must not have completed <u>USFS Bronze</u> or <u>CFSA Star 5</u> test
Bronze	Willow Waltz	Must not have completed <u>USFS Pre-Silver</u> or <u>CFSA Star 6</u> test
Pre-Silver	Foxtrot	Must not have completed <u>USFS Silver</u> or <u>CFSA Star 8</u> test
Silver	American Waltz	Must not have completed <u>USFS Pre-Gold</u> or <u>CFSA Star 8</u> test
Pre-Gold	Blues	Must not have completed <u>USFS Gold</u> or <u>CFSA Star 10</u> test
Gold	Viennese Waltz	Must have completed <u>USFS Pre-Gold</u> or <u>CFSA Star 9</u> test
International	Cha Cha Congelado	Must have completed <u>USFS Gold</u> or <u>CFSA Gold</u> test

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 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.

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL:

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

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.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

All registration will be online through EntryEeze. The link to register is:

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=647>

Payment must be made at the time of registration by *credit card only*. Each transaction includes a *3% transaction fee*. Secure online registration and credit card payment is available with EntryEeze at www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.com. Please be sure you check the correct boxes while registering. If you incorrectly mark a box that results in the event needing to be changed, you will be assessed a *\$20.00 fee per changed event*. There will be a service charge assessed of *\$35.00 for all credit card disputes*.

Registration Deadline: 4/1/2025 at 11:59 PM ET OR WHEN THE MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 300 SKATERS HAS BEEN REACHED. If space permits, registrations *may* be accepted after this date with the chairpersons' approval only and will be assessed a *\$30.00 late fee*. The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met.

DUETS/TRIOS 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 upload, practice ice sales, etc.

ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees are as follows:

- \$85.00 for first event
- \$45.00 for additional event(s)
- \$55.00 for first Compete USA event
- \$35.00 for additional Compete USA event(s)
- \$85.00 per Duet/Trio

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

All events requiring music must have music uploaded electronically via EntryEeze by the **deadline: 4/15/2025 at 11:59 PM ET.**

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher
- Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
- This will be verified by the co-chairs 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 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.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone, and it must be immediately available rink side 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.

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, the 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.

COMPETITION DETAILS**ADMISSION:**

Admission to all events is free.

FACILITY:

Holiday Twin Rinks
3465 Broadway Street, Cheektowaga, New York 14227
www.holidayrinks.com

Events will be conducted on an 85'x200' ice surface. Locker rooms and a snack bar are available.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only and 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](#).

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

The official website is www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org. Updates will be posted on EntryEeze and emailed to all coaches, skaters, and clubs when applicable. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the EntryEeze competition homepage frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

RESULTS:

Results will be available at the registration table after each event for \$0.25 per copy. A QR Code will also be available and posted around the facility for live results online.

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. A tentative schedule will be released as soon as possible, followed by a finalized schedule. All participants will be notified via email once available. No event conflicts will be adjusted prior to the day of the event. If your skater has a conflict, please let the convenor know at least one hour before your event.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be available throughout the weekend. Practice ice sessions will be available for purchase at *\$15.00 per session* on EntryEeze. Competitors, parents, coaches, and clubs will be emailed when practice ice registration becomes available.

Type of Practice Ice Available:

- Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI)
 - o 20 minutes per session.
 - o Each session is restricted to a maximum of 20 skaters on the ice.
 - o Music will *not* be played during practice ice.
 - o Coaches are *not* permitted on the ice during UPI.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Friday, May 16th at 2:00 PM, and on Saturday, May 17th and Sunday, May 18th at 6:30 AM. The registration desk is located at the main entrance of Holiday Twin Rinks and will be open throughout the competition. Competitors should check-in promptly upon their arrival.

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.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Ribbons will be awarded to 4th and 5th places. Awards will be available immediately after the results have been posted and can be picked up at the registration desk. There will also be a club trophy (The Cheney Cup) awarded to the club that accumulates the most points throughout the weekend.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.

Personal videotaping may only be done from the stands with handheld cameras. No lights, tripods, or taping permitted at rink side. *For the safety of the skater, no flash photography will be permitted.*

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: www.skatingclubofwesternnewyork.org

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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