



**2024 EASTERN IOWA INVITATIONAL  
FIGURE SKATING ANNOUNCEMENT**

**JUNE 7-9, 2024**

**Chief Referee: Devon Beck**

**Chief Accountant: Kelly Gillette**

**Entry deadline: May 10, 2024**

The Eastern Iowa Invitational 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.

## **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.

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. (Note: if an athlete has passed the pre-preliminary singles test, they are no longer eligible for No Test or lower levels).

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).

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Skaters entering Juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be 12 years of age and younger for girls or 13 years of age and younger for boys at the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 13 years of age for girls or 14 years of age for boys at the close of entries. Skaters entering Intermediate free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 18 years of age. Skaters entering Adult free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be 21 years of age or older.

Skaters entering beginner-pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

## **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 sales, etc.**

**Mandatory Athletes:**

Athletes aged 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 SkateSafe 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](mailto:safesport@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

**DATE(S)**

Friday -Sunday, June 7-9, 2024

**DEADLINE****Early Registration Deadline**

*\$125 Entry Fee for first event, \$30 for each additional event*

Online only: Friday, May 3, 2024

**Late Registration Deadline**

*\$150 Entry Fee for first event, \$30 for each additional event*

Online only: Friday, May 10 2024

**FACILITIES**

The competition will be held at:

ImOn Ice Arena  
1100 Rockford Rd SW  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404  
(319) 398-0100

<https://www.creventslive.com/p/venues/imonice>

Rink size: OLY Rink 100' x 200', NHL Rink 85' x 200'

**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. 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**

All practice ice reservations and scheduling will be available through Entryeze.

\*\*Practice session times are subject to change if the competition needs to start earlier.

## **MUSIC**

**Music must be uploaded to Entryeze only – no music will be played from CDs unless there is a technical issue. All music must be uploaded by May 31, 2024 – a \$20 late fee will be charged for each event for late music and will be payable at registration before the skater is allowed to compete.** A duplicate of the music on CD should be readily available. If a CD is used during an event, music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY**

Hand-held video equipment is only permitted in the bleacher area and should be used to record only your skater. Flash photography is NOT allowed during competition events or warm-ups.

## **AWARDS**

Medals will be presented to the top four athletes in each division and will be presented at the conclusion of each level.

## **REGISTRATION**

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 located in the lobby of the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. Please register promptly upon arrival.

## **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

An official bulletin board will be maintained at the registration desk at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. 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 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

## **LIABILITY**

U.S. Figure Skating and the Cedar Rapids 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.

## **JUDGING SYSTEM**

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events.

## **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.

## **COMPLIANCE**

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>.

## **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.

## **REFUNDS**

There will be NO refunds of entry fees for events canceled due to weather or other acts of nature.

The only exceptions to the no-refund policy are:

- Entries received after the maximum number has been accepted.
- Entries received in a division that is cancelled due to minimal entries.
- Entries of non-qualified participants.
- Entries received after the deadline. In this case, there will be a \$5.00 processing fee assessed to all refunds.

NO REFUND WILL BE PERMITTED BECAUSE AN ENTRANT FAILS TO PARTICIPATE OR IS REMOVED FROM COMPETITION.

NO REFUND WILL BE PERMITTED ONCE COMPETITION SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN SET OR RECEIVED FROM THE REFEREE.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Bruce at [eifscia@gmail.com](mailto:eifscia@gmail.com)

## OTHER

Competition schedule will be available on ENTRYEEZE site approximately seven days prior to competition.

## 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	Aspire 1-4
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



Access to many of the 2023-24 rules updates may require logging into Members Only at [usfsaonline.org](https://usfsaonline.org). Please note the Compete USA rule changes effective January 1, 2024. New rules as of January 1, 2024 will be in effect for this competition.

The 2023-24 Compete USA Manual can be found [here](#).

Information for all other program requirements can be found [here](#).

**Events Offered:**

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Excel Free Skate	6.0	\$125	\$30
Well Balanced Free Skate	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$125	\$30
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$30
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adaptive Individual Showcase	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	6.0	\$125	\$30

<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$125	\$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>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$125	\$30
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$125	\$30
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Plus)	6.0	\$125	\$30
No Test - Preliminary Free Skate	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$125	\$30
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$125	\$30
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$125	\$30
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$125	\$30
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$125	\$30
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0	\$125	\$30
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$125	\$30
Compete USA – Hockey 1-4 Elements & Skills Challenge	6.0	\$125	\$30
Compete USA – Team Compulsory	6.0	\$125	\$30
Compete USA - Theatre On Ice	6.0	\$125	\$30
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$125	\$30
Compete USA – Solo Dance	6.0	\$125	\$30
<b>ADAPTIVE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Special Olympics Badges	6.0	\$125	\$30
Special Olympics - Free Skate Program 1-4	6.0	\$125	\$30
Special Olympics - Pairs 1-2 & Ice Dance 1-2	6.0	\$125	\$30
Skate United Badges	6.0	\$125	\$30