



2023 Florida Open Figure Skating Championships

April 21-23, 2023

Host Club

Central Florida Figure Skating Club - <https://centralfloridafsc.org/>

Host Facility

RDV Sportsplex Ice Den - <https://rdviceden.com/>

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2023 Florida Open Figure Skating Championships (2023 Florida Open) will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or current Compete USA handbook 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.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, (if offering compete USA events) Learn to Skate USA member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#). Include any relevant policy implementation details here for your attendees.

SERIES INFORMATION:

The 2023 Florida Open is designated as an Excel Series competition. Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings.

[Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Series Information](#)

II. ELIGIBILITY

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 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 or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

EVENTS OFFERED:

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](#)

(If offering singles events) NOTE: Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Pre-Preliminary (Preliminary – Senior)	6.0 IJS	100 150	70 100
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	150	100
Well Balanced Free Skate (No-test, Pre-Preliminary) (Preliminary – Senior)	6.0 IJS	100 150	70 100
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	150	100
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	100	70
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	100	70
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	100	70
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	100	70
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	100	70
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	100	70
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	100	70
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	100	70
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	100	70
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	100	70
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	100	70
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	100	70
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	100	70
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	100	70
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	100	70
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	100	70
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	100	70
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	100	70
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	100	70
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	100	70
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	100	70
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	100	70
HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGIATE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Team Maneuvers - (Beginner - High)	IJS	150	n/a

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

There will only be ONE coach credential per registered athlete; four coaches per registered team

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

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 SkateSafe 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.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: 03/12/2023 ET

Late Registration will NOT be accepted. This competition has historically reached capacity prior to the registration deadline.

1. Go to 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.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "**36th Annual Florida Open Championships**" 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 sales, etc.**

FOREIGN SKATERS:

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters that wish to use their competition protocol for test credit should request this during registration and pay a \$15 administrative fee in EMS. Forms must be picked up at the Registration Desk prior to the end of the competition; protocols will not be mailed. Please note that your club may also assess a fee to register the test at their discretion.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **March 24, 2023 @ 11:59 pm EST**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 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.

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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

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

Include instructions as to how attendees will provide your competition with their Planned Program Content (PPC). Include details about any online uploads including deadlines or where PPC is to be dropped off on-site. PPC Paper form, [click here](#).

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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, Central Florida Figure Skating Club and Genesis Ice Den (formerly RDV Sportsplex Ice Den) 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

Genesis Ice Den (Formerly RDV Sportsplex Ice Den)
8701 Maitland Summit Blvd.
Orlando, FL 32810
407-916-2550
<https://rdviceden.com/>

The competition will be held on both available ice surfaces. The “Olympic Rink” measures 100’x200’. The “Pro Rink” measures 85’x200’. Each surface has rounded corners and hockey barriers. Facilities feature a pro shop, Bear Bites snack bar, vending machines and ample seating.

Participants must adhere to the rink's policies. Please note there are no pets allowed in the building.

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 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 and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

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 UPDATES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained at the lobby of the rink. 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.

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.

PRACTICE ICE:

Purchase and selection of practice ice will be made available on the [EMS Competition Portal](#) after the event schedule is posted, approximately two weeks prior to the competition. Competitors will be notified by e-mail in advance of the practice ice going on sale. Practice ice sessions will be 20-minutes in length and the cost will be \$20 per practice ice session. Practice ice will remain on sale via EMS throughout the competition. No music may be played during practice ice.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Friday, April 21, 2023 in the lobby of the RDV Sportsplex Ice Den as practice ice sessions begin and will close at the end of events on Sunday. Please register promptly upon arrival. It is recommended to arrive approximately 1 hour prior to event start time. Note that events may start early at the discretion of the chief referee

AWARDS:

Medals will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners in each competition event. Medals will be collected on-site.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Professional video will be captured, and competitor will receive complimentary copies of video after the event via email.

There is absolutely NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY OR EXTERNAL VIDEO LIGHTING ALLOWED. Photography will be permitted in the bleachers only. All photos taken during the event must be for personal use only.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- **Hotel:** There are multiple hotels near to the rink. Discounts or group rates will be emailed to participants and published at: centralfloridfsc.org
- **Airports:** Both the Orlando International Airport (MCO) and Orlando/Sanford International Airport (SFB) are easy drives to RDV Sportsplex Ice Den, and many carriers offer direct flights to the area.
- **Vendors:** Vendors will be offering services during the competition.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

www.centralfloridafsc.org

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Lois Wirth	loiswirth@hotmail.com
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