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# 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Open Figure Skating Championships

## 2024 Florida Open

### April 11-14, 2024

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#### Host Club

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

#### Host Facility

Orlando Ice Den - <https://orlandoiceden.com>

### I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Open Figure Skating Championships (2024 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.

### **SERIES INFORMATION:**

The 2024 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 Information](#)

The 2024 Florida Open is designated as a Solo Dance Series competition. Skaters must register to participate in the Solo Dance Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded.

[Solo Dance Series Information](#)

## **II. 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 information sheet [HERE](#) or email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: [usfigureskating.org](http://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.

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate (Aspire – Pre-Preliminary (Preliminary – Senior)	6.0 <i>IJS</i>	100 150	75 100
Well Balanced Short Program	<i>IJS</i>	150	100
Well Balanced Free Skate (No-test, Pre-Preliminary) (Preliminary – Senior)	6.0 <i>IJS</i>	100 150	75 100
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	<i>IJS</i>	150	100
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	100	75
Aspire Free Skate 1-4	6.0	100	75
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Compulsory Moves (Beginner/Aspire -Senior)	6.0	100	70
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	100	70
Jumps Challenge (Beginner/Aspire–Senior)	6.0	100	70
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	100	70
Spins Challenge (Beginner/Aspire–Senior)	6.0	100	70
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	100	70
Step Sequence (Beginner/Aspire- Senior)	6.0	100	70
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	100	70
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	125	75
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	125	75
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	125	75
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	125	75
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	125	75
<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	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

ADAPTIVE SKATING	JUDGING	1 <sup>ST</sup> EVENT PRICE	2 <sup>ND</sup> EVENT PRICE
Free Skate Level 1-6 Assisted and Unassisted	6.0	70	70
Showcase Level 1-6 Assisted and Unassisted	6.0	70	70
SOLO DANCE SERIES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	150	70
Solo Free Dance	IJS	150	70
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	150	70
Shadow Dance	IJS	150	70

### **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](#).

## **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](http://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](#)

## **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: 03/04/2024 @ 11:59 PM ET**

**Late Registration will NOT be accepted.**

**This competition has historically reached capacity prior to the registration deadline.**

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 "**37th Annual Florida Open Championships**" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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 **April 1st @ 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](mailto: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:**

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **April 1 @ 11:59 pm EST**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS 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 PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

## **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:**

Orlando 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:**

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available at this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up, etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

### **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 Thursday, April 11, 2023 beginning at TBD in the lobby of the Orlando 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners in each competition event. Medals will be collected on-site ONLY.

### **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](http://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](http://www.centralfloridafsc.org)

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Lois Wirth	loiswirth@hotmail.com
Chief Referee:	Greg Cannon	gcannon@yahoo.com