



Excel Series 2021 Update

Thank you for your patience as we have worked to develop a plan for the Excel Series in 2021. Given the ongoing pandemic, this year will look a little different than past years, but we hope it will provide an opportunity for skaters to remain excited and engaged in Excel and ready to compete in a standard Excel season in 2022.

The 2021 season will consist of 4 main elements:

1.) Jump Start (*Optional*)

As a jump start for the Excel Series and due to limited live competition options, the Colonial FSC will be holding an **Excel Virtual Elements Challenge** for registered Excel Series competitors in late **February**. Details on this event can be found in the coming weeks at www.colonialfsc.com. (Participation in this event is not required to participate in the Excel Series.)

2.) Live Competitions

Skaters participating in the Excel Series must compete at 1 live or virtual event. Designated Series competitions or any competition held between January 15 and July 4, 2021, and meets the following criteria will count towards qualification:

- For events to count towards qualification:
 - The following events must be run IJS: Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate, Intermediate Plus, Novice, Junior, and Senior.
 - The remaining events may be run IJS or 6.0: Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile.
- Skaters who skate in a live competition will submit their protocol or final results sheet, and submission form to the U.S. Figure Skating Excel Committee for inclusion in the standings.
- Virtual competitions **must be sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating**

3.) Virtual Excel Festival

Like 2020, the 2021 Excel Virtual Festival will include programming for all Series participants, as well as a virtual competitive experience and recognition for top performers in the Excel Series.

4.) Excel Final (mid-August, 2021)

If conditions allow, an in-person Excel Final will be held in Strongsville, Ohio, during August. While this year will look different from the 2019 Excel Festival, we hope to incorporate as many of the same elements as possible, including a Final competition and small camp experience. A decision on the feasibility of hosting an in-person Final and additional details will be announced no later than **June 15**.

Registration for the Excel Series [is available here](#). The deadline to register is May 2, 2021, or prior to your first competition, whichever is earlier.

Additional details and frequently asked questions can be found in the **modified handbook for the 2021 Excel Series**.

We also hosted a webinar for coaches on changes to the Excel Series for this year; you can [view that recording here](#).