

A Compete USA Competition

Sunday, November 7th, 2021

7:00am-12:00pm

All entries must be submitted via Entryeeze October 24th at 10pm CST

The purpose of the competition is to promote a FUN, introductory, competitive experience for the beginning skater/competitor.

Compete USA competitions incorporate skills from the Learn to Skate USA program into a competition format that is designed to promote a positive competition experience at the grassroots level.

YES! This competition is for YOU!

YES! You ARE ready!





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<u>The competition is open to ALL skaters who are</u> <u>Arctic Edge and Blazers Ice Centre LTS participants regardless of your age/level</u> as well as ALL current members of ANY Learn to Skate USA program and/or those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating who have passed no higher than the preliminary free skate, preliminary dance or adult bronze free skate tests. Non-members are eligible to compete but must become registered with Learn to Skate USA or a US Figure Skating member club before they can participate.

COMPETE BY YOURSELF OR WITH FRIENDS!



Groups are created based on level with no more than 6 skaters per group so EVERYONE receives an award (1st-6th)!

Trophies are awarded for all program events and medals are awarded for all other events. All events will be final round. ALL awards will be presented at the competition as the results are posted.

ENTRIES AND FEES - Entryeeze no later than October 24th, 2021

Entry fees are per person, US dollars. The first event is \$65 and each additional event is \$25. NO refunds after closing date, unless an event is canceled by Arctic Edge Ice Arena. There will be a \$30 fee for returned checks.

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the organizers. If the limit for the event has not been reached, then a \$25 late free will be charged in addition to the competition entry fee.

Eligibility and Test Requirements

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6 skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Moves in the Field or individual dances.

For the Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Introductory, Excel Free Skate and Well Balanced levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest Free Skate test level passed (Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher, but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same type event at the same competition.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS and PRACTICE ICE – A competition and practice ice schedule will be posted on Entryeeze no later than November 1st, 2021 unless issues arise.

MUSIC – The music must be uploaded to Entryeeze.

VIDEOTAPING and PHOTOGRAPHS – You will be permitted to take your own videos and photos.



MISSION STATEMENT:

We promote a FUN, introductory, competitive experience for all participants.

Compete USA is designed to promote a positive competition experience at the grassroots level and increased skating participation while generating enthusiasm. Compete USA competitions incorporate skills from Learn to Skate USA and U.S. Figure Skating into a competitive format that can be easily and successfully conducted by registered Learn to Skate USA programs and U.S. Figure Skating member clubs or interclubs.

The competition is open to any skater is who is a current member of Learn to Skate USA or is a full member of U.S. Figure Skating. Non-members are eligible to register for competition but must be a registered Learn to Skate USA or U.S. Figure Skating member to compete. There should be no more than six competitors maximum in a group, and all six should receive an award.

Several references in this manual will be made to U.S. Figure Skating rules, which can be found in the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

The ideas presented in this manual are meant to assist you in designing and running your competition. Remember to keep the best interests of the skater in mind. Feel free to add additional events to enhance the success and enjoyment of your competition.

For further information on skating, Learn to Skate USA skating programs, membership, events or any questions about the materials presented in this manual, please contact: <u>info@learntoskateusa.com</u> <u>memberservices@learntoskateusa.com</u> (877) 587-1400

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND RISK ASSESSMENTS

With the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to outline measures that will be taken at the competition. While these don't have to be specific, add a statement to the announcement that the competition will follow local and state guidelines current at the time of the competition. Include a communication plan to inform participants about specifics (i.e., mask required inside except when on ice, etc.) at least a week prior to the competition so they are prepared when coming to the rink.

U.S. Figure Skating recommends that hosts have a short (two-week) registration period once the application is published. This is helpful as skaters often register at the last minute, and the LOC won't have to process as many refunds if the competition date has to move or be canceled.



SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice with music
- The skater may use elements from a previous level
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
		March followed by a two-foot glide and dip
Snowplow	1:10 max	Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row
Sam		Forward snowplow stop
		Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
		Forward two-foot glide and dip
Basic 1	1:10 max	Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet
		Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
		 Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot
Basic 2	1:10 max	 Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot
		Moving snowplow stop
		Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward
		Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row
		Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade
Basic 3	1:10 max	• Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6
		consecutive
		Forward slalom
		 Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle
		Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
		Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
Basic 4	1:10 max	 Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive
		Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6
		consecutive
		 Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left
		Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
		Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise
		Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive
Basic 5	1:10 max	Forward outside three-turn, right and left
		Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions
		Hockey stop
		Forward inside three-turn, right and left
Basic 6	1:10 max	Mohawk, right to left and left to right
		Bunny hop
		Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left
		Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position
		• T-stop, right or left



Excel Preliminary Plus	Maximum 5 jump elements:	Maximum 2 spins:	Maximum 1 Sequence:
1:30 +/- 10 sec.	All single jumps allowed, including single Axel	One spin must be in a	Choreographic step
2:00 +/- 10 sec Begins	No double or higher jumps allowed	single position*	sequence* (ChSt)
Dec. 1, 2021	Single Axel may be repeated once (but not more) as	No change of foot	Must use one-half of the ice
<u>Must not</u> have passed higher than	a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump	No flying entry	surface
U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free	combination (maximum 2 single Axels)	One spin may change	Moves in the field and spiral
skate test	Number of remaining single jumps is not limited	feet and/or position	sequences are allowed but
*means required element	provided the maximum number of jump elements	No flying entry	will not be counted as
	allowed is not exceeded	Minimum 3 revolutions	elements
	Maximum 2 jump combinations or jump sequences	Spins must be of a	Jumps may be included in
	All single jumps, including the single Axel, are	different character	the step sequence
Full U.S. Figure Skating membership required	allowed as part of a jump combination or sequence (no double jumps) Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps. One 3-jump combination is allowed • Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump.	Max Level: 1	



WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a well-balanced free skate event and an excel free skate event at the same competition
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed; skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed or skate up one level higher.

Level/Time	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
No Test 1:40 Max	 Max 5 Jump Elements All single jumps allowed except single Axel No single Axels, double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump (waltz jump) 	 Max 2 Spins Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E)) 	Max 1 Sequence • Step sequence • Must use one- half the ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Pre- Preliminary 1:40 Max	 Max 5 Jump Elements All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of	 Max 2 Spins Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E)) 	Max 1 Sequence Step sequence Must use one-half the ice surface Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements Jumps may be included in the step sequence
Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 sec. **2:00 +/- 10 sec** Begins Dec. 1, 2021	 followed by an Axel-type jump Max 5 Jump Elements 1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump* All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop) Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed An Axel plus up to two different, allowed double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or combination Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded Max 2 jump combinations or sequences Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one three jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is allowed Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump 	 Max 2 Spins Spins may change feet and/or position Spins may start with a flying entry Min 3 revs These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E)) 	Max 1 Sequence • Step sequence • Must use one-half the ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence Beginning Dec.1, 2021 • Choreographic step sequence (full ice)



ADULT BEGINNER – BRONZE FREE SKATE PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

General event parameters:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice and vocal music is allowed
- To be skated on full ice
- The minimum number of required spin revolutions is indicated in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Adult Beginner 1:40 Maximum	 Max. 4 jump elements Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and waltz jump Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps Max. 2 of any same jump 	 Max. 2 spins Two forward upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests
Adult High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	 Max 4 jump elements: Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, toe loop, Salchow Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps Max. 2 of any same type jump. 	 Max 2 spins: Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests
Adult Pre-Bronze 1:40 Maximum	 Max. 2 of any same type jump. Max 4 Jump Elements: Max 2 combinations or sequences 1 jump combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) Only single and half-revolution jumps are permitted (half flip and half lutz are permitted) No single Lutz, single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted 	 Max 2 Spins: Max Level 1 Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E) Min 3 revs Spins with a flying entry are not permitted A two-foot spin is permitted as one of the spins at this level and is of a different character than a one-foot spin 	Connecting steps throughout the program are required	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre- Preliminary Free Skate
Adult Bronze 1:50 Maximum	 Max 4 Jump Elements: Max 2 combinations or sequences 1 combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain a jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel) No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted 	 Max 2 Spins: Max Level 1 Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E)) Min 3 revs total if no change of foot Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot Min 2 revs in each position No flying spins are permitted 	 Max 1 Sequence: 1 choreographic step sequence, fully utilizing at least ½ of the ice surface (may include moves in the field and spirals) Additional moves in the field, spiral and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such. 	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate

COMPETITION MANUAL



Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 1-6 Program with Music

FORMAT: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times an element is executed, length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise stated. Connecting steps and transitions should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
PRE-FREE SKATE	1:40 max	 Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, one set each direction clockwise and counterclockwise One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free, foot position, minimum 3 revolutions Mazurka, right or left Waltz jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-side toe hop-waltz jump
FREE SKATE 1	1:40 max	 Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin), minimum 4 revolutions Toe loop jump Half flip jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-toe loop jump combination
FREE SKATE 2	1:40 max	 Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis Beginning back spin, optional entry and free foot position, maximum 2 revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination
FREE SKATE 3	1:40 max	 Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, minimum 3 revolutions Loop jump Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination NOT ALLOWED - Waltz-loop jump combination
FREE SKATE 4	1:40 max	 Forward power 3s, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left Sit spin, minimum 3 revolutions Half loop jump Flip jump NOT ALLOWED - Waltz-loop or Waltz-Euler-Salchow jump combination
FREE SKATE 5	1:40 max	 Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions Camel spin, minimum 3 revolutions Waltz-loop jump combination Lutz jump
FREE SKATE 6	1:40 max	 Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, mohawks and toe steps, half-ice Camel-sit spin combination spin, minimum of 4 revolutions total Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination Axel jump; minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving