

Minnesota State

The logo features a stylized figure skater in a dark blue silhouette, performing a jump or spin. The skater is positioned over a map of Minnesota that is filled with the stars and stripes of the American flag. To the right of the skater, the year '2016' is written in a large, dark blue, serif font. Above the 'Minnesota State' text, there are several yellow stars of varying sizes, some with motion lines, suggesting a starburst or a trail of stars.

2016

Figure Skating Championships

"37th Annual Great Minnesota State Skate Together"
2016 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships
Charles M. Schultz – Highland Arena Complex
800 South Snelling Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55116
August 21, 22 and 23rd, 2015

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition
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The MN State Figure Skating Championships 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 which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website. The competition is sponsored by the Twin City Figure Skating Association, hosted by the St. Paul FSC and conducted in the same manner as the 2016 US Figure Skating Upper Great Lakes Regional Competition including the use of the IJS for Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior AND Adult Gold events. Lisa Anne Venne will be the Chief Referee and Lexie Kastner will be the Chief Accountant.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

The Competition is open to all registered US Figure Skating members in good standing who are residents of the state of Minnesota **AND** home club members of a Minnesota US Figure Skating club as of July 5th, 2015. The competition is governed by USFS rules for a qualifying competition:

- 1) Skaters must compete at the highest freestyle test level passed.
- 2) Skaters cannot skate UP a level at the Minnesota State Championships.
- 3) Elimination rounds will be conducted if necessary.

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 14 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 14 years of age at the close of entries.

ENTRIES: Fees are \$125.00 for the Pre-Preliminary through Juvenile levels and \$135.00 for Intermediate through Senior. **Online Registration is required** and is available via secured credit card transaction at TCFSA.ORG and serviced by EntryEeze. Upon receiving your online registration, an email will be sent to the skater's coach to verify the accuracy of the entry and to the skater's home club to certify the skater's standing within the club.

ENTRY DEADLINE: There will be no late entries accepted after **11:59PM on Sunday, July 5, 2015.**

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after **JULY 5th, 2015** unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Contested credit card charges will be issued a \$25.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available by email.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at:
The Charles M. Schultz – Highland Arena Complex
800 South Snelling Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55116

The Charles M. Schultz-Highland Arena has two ice surfaces each measuring 85 feet x 200 feet. A concession stand and will be available during the competition.

MUSIC: Music will be played from CD's (standard format only in a hard sided "jewel case") and must be clearly labeled with the competitor's name and competition event. **The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in.** A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the TCFSA cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. Please have separate CDs for practice and competition. **Skaters are not registered until their music has been turned in at the registration desk and YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON PRACTICE ICE UNTIL YOU ARE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED.**

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, TCFSA and the Charles M. Schultz-Highland 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 International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events: *Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior and Adult Gold events.*

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online. This form is found in the Member's Only section at www.usfigureskating.org. The deadline to submit the form is August 1st, 2015.

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

REGISTRATION: The registration desk will be open one hour prior to the first scheduled practice time on Thursday, August 20th and will remain open during all scheduled events and practice sessions. All notices will be posted at the registration table in the lobby of the arena. Please register promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE: Official practice ice is **NOT** included in the entry fee, but may be purchased through the EntryEeze system. **Thursday, August 20th, 2015 is the only day there is practice available in the competition arena.** The practice ice sessions will be leveled, are 20 minutes in length and limited to 18 skaters per session. **ONLINE purchases of practice ice are for THURSDAY, AUGUST 20th, practice sessions ONLY and will be \$12.00 pre-paid via credit card.** After the closing of entries, skaters who have pre-purchased sessions will be able to pick their ice times via EntryEeze for **Thursday** only. You will not be able to pre-purchase any practice sessions for Friday through Sunday online. Once the registration desk is open on Thursday, August 20th, skates may purchase sessions in person at a cost of \$15.00 per session. Music will not be played during practice ice.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: The event will offer official photography and videotaping services. Purchases will be available at the photo and video desks for these services.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented during the course of the competition. Please check with the registration desk for time and location.

INDIVIDUAL

- *Individual Awards will be presented to the top four (4) skaters in all final round events.
- *All champions (and one guest) will be invited to the 2015 Officials Appreciation dinner. Details will be provided at the competition.
- *Event champions will also be invited to participate in the 2016 Celebration of Champions. The location and time of this event will be announced at a later date.

TEAM

- *A team trophy will be awarded to the club earning the most points.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the registration desk.

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 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Registration

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;
- B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.
- C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge *all* coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact Nancy Kaufmann at

nancy@icesnice.com

AREA HOSPITALITY:

*Hotel Information can be found on the TCFSA website at www.TCFSA.org.

*Directions to the Charles M. Schultz-Highland Arena Complex can be found at www.TCFSA.org website.

*Area hospitality information will be available from the registration desk.

EVENTS OFFERED

WELL BALANCED FREESKATE: Pre-Preliminary through Senior

*Skaters must compete at the highest freestyle test level passed.

***For Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior events:** These events are **combined with the short program** and will be conducted and judged exactly the same as in a qualifying competition according to the 2015 USFS Rulebook, with changes and clarifications as posted on the USFS website. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc.

- A. Intermediate short program – Rule 4230
- B. Novice short program – Rule 4220
- C. Junior short program – Rule 4210
- D. Senior short program – Rule 4200

*All events are skated with music on a full ice surface. The events are dependent on 2 or more competitors in each event.

*Men's and Ladies' adult events may be combined at the discretion of the referee.

2014-15 Singles Free Skating Requirements – This chart has been updated with changes from the U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council and ISU Congress that will go into effect July 1, 2014.

2014-15	JUMP ELEMENTS Max 5	SPINS Max 2	STEP SEQUENCES
<p style="text-align: center;">PRE- PRELIMINARY</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>1:40</u> Maximum</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p>Single jumps, including the single Axel, are allowed. No double or triple jumps.</p> <p>Maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps</p> <p>Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps (half-loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward jump limit)</p> <p>Axel may be repeated as individual jump or as part of jump combination or sequence; Maximum of 2 Axels</p> <p>Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded.</p>	<p>Spins may change feet and/or position</p> <p>Spins may start with a fly - Minimum 3 revs.</p> <p>Spins must be of a different character (For definition see rule 4103E)</p>	<p>Step sequence*</p> <p>Must use one-half the ice surface</p> <p>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements.</p> <p>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</p>



2014-15	JUMP ELEMENTS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
<p>PRELIMINARY</p> <p>1:30 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p>Max 5</p> <p>1 must be an Axel/waltz jump-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps</p> <p>Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single or double jumps (half-loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward jump limit)</p> <p>Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop, and double loop only)</p> <p>Axel and chosen double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps or as part of jump combination or sequence, but no Axel or double jump may be repeated more than once</p> <p>Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded.</p> <p>No double flips, double Lutzes, double Axels or triple jumps</p>	<p>Max 2</p> <p>Spins may change feet and/or position</p> <p>Spins may start with a fly - Minimum 3 revs.</p> <p>Spins must be of a different character (For definition see rule 4103E)</p>	<p>Max 1</p> <p>Step sequence*</p> <p>Must use one-half the ice surface</p> <p>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements. Jumps may be included in the step sequence</p>
<p>PRE-JUVENILE</p> <p>2:00 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p>Max 5</p> <p>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum of 2 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps</p> <p>Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single or double jumps (half-loop is not considered a single jump at this level and may be performed without counting toward jump limit)</p> <p>Axel and no more than 3 different double jumps may be repeated as individual jumps or as part of jump combination or sequence, but no Axel or double jump may be repeated more than once</p> <p>All double jumps, except the double Axel are permitted. No triple jumps are permitted.</p> <p>Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded.</p>	<p>Max 2</p> <p>1 spin combination, w/without change of foot*, may start with a fly</p> <p>1 spin with only 1 position*, may start with a fly, no change of foot Minimum 4 revs.; 6 revs. for combination</p> <p>Spins must be of a different character (For definition see rule 4103E)</p>	<p>Max 1</p> <p>Step sequence*</p> <p>Fully utilizing the ice surface</p> <p>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as elements.</p> <p>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</p>

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<p align="center">JUVENILE</p> <p>2:15 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p align="center">Max 5</p> <p>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum 2 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited</p> <p>No more than 3 different double jumps may be repeated (1 each) and, if repeated, at least one attempt must be part of jump combination or sequence. Max 2 of same double jump. No triple jumps</p>	<p align="center">Max 2</p> <p>1 spin combination; w/without change of foot*</p> <p>1 spin with only 1 position; no change of foot*</p> <p>Both spins may start with a fly</p> <p>Minimum 5 revs.; 8 revs. for combination</p> <p>Minimum 2 revs. in position Spins must be of a different character</p>	<p align="center">Max 1</p> <p>One choreographic step sequence*</p> <p>Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>
<p align="center">INTERMEDIATE</p> <p>2:30 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p align="center">Max 6</p> <p>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combination is permitted</p> <p>Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited</p> <p>No more than 3 different double/triple jumps may be repeated; only 1 repeat may be a triple. If repeated, at least one attempt must be part of jump combination or sequence. Max 2 same double or triple.</p>	<p align="center">Max 2</p> <p>1 spin combination; w/without change of foot*</p> <p>1 spin with only 1 position; no change of foot*</p> <p>Both spins may start with fly</p> <p>Minimum 5 revs.; 8 revs. for combination</p> <p>Minimum 2 revs. in position Spins must be of a different character</p>	<p align="center">Max 1</p> <p>One choreographic step sequence*</p> <p>Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>
<p align="center">NOVICE</p> <p>3:00 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p align="center">Max 6</p> <p>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combination is permitted</p> <p>Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited</p> <p>No more than 2 jumps that are 2½ or 3 revolutions may be repeated. If double Axel or triple jumps repeated, at least one attempt must be part of jump combination or sequence.</p> <p>No more than two of the same type of double or triple jump may be attempted.</p>	<p align="center">Max 3</p> <p>1 flying entry w/ no change of foot or position*</p> <p>1 spin combination; w/without change of foot*</p> <p>3rd spin is option of skater</p> <p>Minimum 6 revs.; 10 revs. for combination</p> <p>Minimum 2 revs. in position</p> <p>Spins may change feet and start with a fly, except for the flying spin with no change of foot or position</p> <p>Spins must be of a different character</p>	<p align="center">Max 1</p> <p>One leveled step sequence*</p> <p>Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>

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<p>NOVICE MEN</p> <p>3:30 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p>Max 7</p> <p>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combination is permitted</p> <p>Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited</p> <p>One double Axel and two different triple jumps may be repeated. If double Axel or triple jumps repeated, at least one attempt must be part of jump combination or sequence.</p> <p>No more than two of the same type of double or triple jump may be attempted.</p>	<p>Max 3</p> <p>1 flying entry w/ no change of foot or position*</p> <p>1 spin combination; w/without change of foot*</p> <p>3rd spin is option of skater</p> <p>Minimum 6 revs.; 10 revs. for combination</p> <p>Minimum 2 revs. in position</p> <p>Spins may change feet and start with a fly, except for the flying spin with no change of foot or position</p> <p>Spins must be of a different character</p>	<p>Max 1</p> <p>One leveled step sequence*</p> <p>Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>
<p>JUNIOR LADIES</p> <p>3:30 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p>Max 7</p> <p>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combination is permitted</p> <p>Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited</p> <p>2 triples or quads may be repeated and, if repeated, at least one attempt must be part of a jump combination or sequence</p> <p>Max 2 of any double jump, including double Axel, as solo jump or in combination/sequence</p>	<p>Max 3</p> <p>1 flying entry*</p> <p>1 spin combination; w/without change of foot*</p> <p>1 spin with only 1 position *</p> <p>Minimum 6 revs.; 10 revs. for combination</p> <p>Minimum 2 revs. in position</p> <p>All spins may change feet and start with a fly</p> <p>Spins must be of a different character</p>	<p>Max 1</p> <p>One leveled step sequence*</p> <p>Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>
<p>JUNIOR MEN</p> <p>4:00 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p>Max 8</p> <p>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combination is permitted</p> <p>Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited</p> <p>2 triples or quads may be repeated and, if repeated, at least one attempt must be part of a jump combination or sequence</p> <p>Max 2 of any double jump, including double Axel, as solo jump or in combo/sequence</p>	<p>Max 3</p> <p>1 flying entry*</p> <p>1 spin combination; w/without change of foot*</p> <p>1 spin with only 1 position*</p> <p>Minimum 6 revs.; 10 revs. for combination</p> <p>Minimum 2 revs. in position</p> <p>All spins may change feet and start with a fly</p> <p>Spins must be of a different character</p>	<p>Max 1</p> <p>One leveled step sequence*</p> <p>Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>

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<p>SENIOR LADIES</p> <p>4:00 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p>Max 7</p> <p>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combination is permitted</p> <p>Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited</p> <p>2 triples or quads may be repeated and, if repeated, at least one attempt must be part of a jump combination or sequence</p> <p>Max 2 of any double jump, including double Axel, as solo jump or in combination/sequence</p>	<p>Max 3</p> <p>1 flying entry*</p> <p>1 spin combination; w/without change of foot*</p> <p>1 spin with only 1 position*</p> <p>Minimum 6 revs.; 10 revs. for combination</p> <p>Minimum 2 revs. in position</p> <p>All spins may change feet and start with a fly</p> <p>Spins must be of a different character</p>	<p>Max 2</p> <p>One leveled step sequence*</p> <p>One choreographic sequence*</p> <p>Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>
<p>SENIOR MEN</p> <p>4:30 +/- 10 sec</p> <p>*means element is required</p>	<p>Max 8</p> <p>1 must be an Axel-type jump*</p> <p>Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences</p> <p>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps, but one 3-jump combination is permitted</p> <p>Number of jumps in jump sequence is not limited</p> <p>2 triples or quads may be repeated and, if repeated, at least one attempt must be part of a jump combination or sequence</p> <p>Max 2 of any double jump, including double Axel, as solo jump or in combination/sequence</p>	<p>Max 3</p> <p>1 flying entry*</p> <p>1 spin combination; w/without change of foot*</p> <p>1 spin with only 1 position*</p> <p>Minimum 6 revs.; 10 revs. for combination</p> <p>Minimum 2 revs. in position</p> <p>All spins may change feet and start with a fly □ Spins must be of a different character</p>	<p>Max 2</p> <p>One leveled step sequence*</p> <p>One choreographic sequence*</p> <p>Fully utilizing the ice surface</p>

ADULT FREESKATE: Bronze, Silver, Gold and Masters Singles

*Masters Singles will be leveled as Intermediate/Novice and Junior/Senior.

*All events will be conducted according to the 2015 USFS Rulebook with changes posted at the USFS website.

*Adult Gold Freeskate will be judged using the IJS system. All other events will use the 6.0 majority system.

2016 MN STATE Sample Entry Form
All registrations MUST be completed online at www.entryeeze.com.
The registration deadline is 11:59 PM on July 5th, 2015

Skater's Name:		U.S. Figure Skating #	
Date of Birth:		Sex:	
Address:			
Email:			
Cell phone:			
Name of parent or guardian:			
Highest MITF test:		Highest free skate test:	
Home figure skating club:			
Coach name:		Coach U.S. Figure Skating#	
Coach email:		Coach cell phone:	

EVENTS:

Well Balanced Program Events	Fee	X	Adult Events	X	X
Pre-Preliminary	\$125.00		Bronze	\$125.00	
Preliminary	\$125.00		Silver	\$125.00	
Pre-Juvenile	\$125.00		Gold	\$135.00	
Open Juvenile	\$125.00		Masters Intermediate/Novice	\$125.00	
Juvenile	\$125.00		Masters Junior/Senior	\$125.00	
Intermediate	\$135.00				
Novice	\$135.00				
Junior	\$135.00				
Senior	\$135.00				

ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE UNLESS AN EVENT IS CANCELED.

Certification of Competitor: The Competitor is eligible to enter the events checked. It is agreed that the competitor and family holds the TCFSA and the Charles M. Schultz- Highland Arena harmless from any and all liability either during practice or the competition and from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property.

Instructor/coach has verified that the skater/team is entered in the correct level.

The Program Director/Club Officer has verified that the skater/team is in good standing.

