



Deadline for entry is January 14, 2024 11:59pm

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Skate in the Park February 25, 2024

Hosted by Three Rivers Figure Skating Club

Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center - Brooklyn Park, MN

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## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The **19<sup>th</sup> Annual 2024 Skate in the Park Competition** 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 or will be 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, 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:**

Skate in the Park is part of the [Twin Cities Figure Skating Association Compete USA Series](#). See the Twin Cities Figure Skating Association website for more information including eligibility and point system details.

## **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. (Note: if an athlete has passed the pre-preliminary singles test, they are no longer eligible for No Test or lower levels).
- 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).

**All other singles events:**

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found [here](#). This competition will be using the 2023-2024 (January 1-June 30) manual.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$120	\$35
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Skating Skills (Pre-Pre.–Gold)	6.0	\$120	\$35
Adult Skating Skills (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$35
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$120	\$35
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$25
Aspire 1- 4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$25
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$25
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$80	\$25
Aspire 1- 4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$80	\$25

**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

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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](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit [www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

#### **COMPLIANCE:**

##### **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 two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. 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.

Coaches of foreign athletes: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **ENTRIES:**

Fees will be as follows:

- 6.0 Events: \$120.00 for the first event and \$35.00 each additional event.
- Compete USA Basic Skills events will be \$80.00 for the first event and \$25.00 for each additional event.

In the event that a skater is signed up for the incorrect level or event, the Chief Referee must approve all changes. An additional fee of \$25.00 will be charged to the skater if the Referee approves any changes. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Chief Referee and must be accompanied by a \$25.00 late fee.

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ONLINE registration is the only method available for all events for the Skate in the Park Competition; powered by EntryEeze with a link at - <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=39>

Field Code Changed

Secure Online Registration and credit card payment is available on EntryEeze.

Deadline for registration is 01/14/2024 11:59pm.

When registering online, please indicate if skater would want to skate or be issued a refund if they are the only skater in the event. Skaters will not be allowed to practice or compete until all financial obligations are met.

Upon receiving your application online an email will be sent to the skater's coach to verify accuracy of entry. An official at the skater's home club will also be notified to certify the skater's good standing within the club.

The competition committee and/or the referee reserves the right to cancel or combine any event(s) or to limit entries because of time constraints. Skaters will be notified if their event is cancelled or combined.

#### **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline, **1/14/2024**, unless no competition exists or the event is cancelled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals including for COVID-19 quarantine requirements. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a processing fee. Payment of fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

#### **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Three Rivers Figure Skating Club, and Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center 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:**

[Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center](#) - 5600 85<sup>th</sup> Ave North, Brooklyn Park MN

- Both sheets of ice are 200 ft x 85 ft.
- Admission to the competition is free
- Bleacher seating is available
- At the time of publishing the announcement and subject to change are the following:
  - Two rinks will be used for the competition
  - There will be a coach's hospitality room
  - There will be concessions open for purchase

#### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREA:**

Suggested verbiage: Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All

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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. Athletes should use restrooms to change costumes if needed.

#### **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](#).

#### **JUDGING SYSTEM**

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Non-Qualifying Competition. The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events. There will be no IJS events at this competition.

#### **RESULTS**

Official Results will be posted using Live Results. A link will be shared on the EntryEeze site as well as the Three Rivers Figure Skating Club competition site. Results will NOT be posted on paper at the event.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced date 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.

#### **MUSIC: ALL SKATERS MUST SUBMIT MUSIC ELECTRONICALLY VIA ENTRYEEZE.**

Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via EntryEeze by the music deadline of **February 11, 2024 11:59 pm**.

**Any music files submitted through EntryEeze after the deadline will incur a \$15 fee.**

After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "my music".

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach, and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

#### **MUSIC CRITERIA:**

- File Format: MP3 or M4A
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

CDs or a phone will only be used as BACKUP for technical difficulty only. A duplicate CD or phone with music file set to play must be readily available in case of any problems. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time. Music downloaded for the competition will be deleted after the event is complete.

#### **PRACTICE ICE:**

Practice ice will be available for purchase via EntryEeze or at the Registration desk.

- Pre-paid practice ice is being offered to skaters for a cost of \$15.00 per 20-minute session.
- No skaters music is played during the practice ice sessions.
- Practice ice will be available on both Rink 1 and Rink 2 in the morning before the competition events begin. There will be no practice ice after the events start.
- There are no level restrictions on any practice ice sessions.
- Skaters will be able to choose their own practice ice sessions online after practice ice selection opens on EntryEeze, but will need to indicate the number of sessions desired during the registration process and must be pre-paid with your entry.
- Additional practice ice will be available to purchase for \$17.00 per session once the schedule has been posted and those skaters who have pre-registered for practice ice have had time to make their selections.
- Practice ice will also be available to purchase at the registration desk the day of the competition for \$20.00 per session.
- Refunds will not be given for unused practice ice sessions.

#### **REGISTRATION/OFFICIAL NOTICES:**

- The competition registration desk will be open at The Brooklyn Park Community Activity Center during all scheduled practices and events.
- All notices, schedule changes and/or additional important information will be posted on EntryEeze and the Three Rivers Figure Skating Club website.

#### **AWARDS:**

Awards will be presented to all competitors in each event. Awards should be picked up from the Awards Table after each event. Skaters will initial the results sheet and be directed to awards photography hosted by Perkins Media and available for purchase.

#### **PHOTO/VIDEO:**

No FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY is allowed in the rink area during competition. VIDEO will be provided by Perkins Media. Registration fees for individual registrants include one FREE video of your choice compliments of the Three Rivers Figure Skating Club. A "free video" coupon will be provided during check in. Additional videos will be available for purchase for most events. Additional videos and photographs will be available for purchase through Perkins Media.

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

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

[Competition Registration Site](#)

[Three Rivers Figure Skating Club Site](#) – Skate in the Park Event Site

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Sarah Fercho	<a href="mailto:SkateinthePark@ThreeRiversFSC.org">SkateinthePark@ThreeRiversFSC.org</a>	612-432-1684
Chief Referee:	Jennifer Gillespie	<a href="mailto:Jennifergillespiesa@gmail.com">Jennifergillespiesa@gmail.com</a>	
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