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**Bloomington Ice Garden**  
3600 West 98<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
August 18, 19 and 20, 2022

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**TCFSA Open**  
**Hosted by the Twin City Figure Skating Association**  
**August 18-20, 2022**

The competition is hosted by the Twin City Figure Skating Association. Events during the 2022 TCFSA Open will be using both the 6.0 and the IJS judging systems. Lisa Anne Venne will be the Chief Referee, Gay Ann Louiselle will be the Chief Accountant and Chip Rauth will be the Chief Music Coordinator. **ALL EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE August 18-20, 2022.**

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the **Eligibility Rules**, listed below and who 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.

**ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVELS:** 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. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Skaters age at registration deadline date must be used for level placement.

**ENTRIES:** Fees are **\$175.00 for all events**. **Online Registration is required** and is available via secured credit card transaction serviced by EntryEeze. Upon receipt of your online registration, an email will be sent to the skater's coach to verify the accuracy of the entry. An email will also be sent to the skater's home club to certify the skater's standing within the club. **Coaches and Clubs are Required to confirm accuracy on EntryEeze.** As part of the entry fee, skaters will receive one complimentary video of their Free skate event.

**ENTRY DEADLINE:** There will be **NO LATE ENTRIES**. All entries must be received by **11:59PM on Sunday, July 11, 2022**. There are no exceptions.

**REFUND POLICY:** Entry fees will not be refunded after **July 11, 2022**. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Contested credit card charges will be charged 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. If the competition is canceled, fees will be returned per USFS Rule #3058.

**LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker rooms will not be available this competition. All skater athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Skater athletes will be provided with an area to put skaters on and should not change in public restrooms.

Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the Skate Safe Handbook (both found on the U.S. Figure Skating Skate Safe port page).

**MUSIC:**

For the TCFSA Open, **online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music**. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event. 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." Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. Be careful not to mix up your short program and your free skate! **All music must be uploaded by August 5, 2022. Please confirm the exact date on EntryEeze.**

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

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Programs per file:	One (1) – Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short program, free skate) per file is allowed.
File Format:	EntryEeze will accept either MP3 or M4A format files.
Bit Rate:	192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).
Maximum leader:	The Chief Music Coordinator requests that there be NO leader. The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music.
Maximum trailer:	The Chief Music Coordinator requests that there be NO trailer. The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual track.

In addition to submitting the music online, ***all competitors must also have at least one (1) backup copy of their competition music available at RINKSIDE, ready to go in either MP3 or M4A format.***

### **Interruption in Music – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 1403**

If, after the competitor's name has been called to compete, there is an issue with the downloaded music, the competitor will have up to 3 minutes to rectify the situation with a backup copy of the music in MP3 or M4A format. After 3 minutes, the competitor will be considered withdrawn.

### **Administrative Fee for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music**

**The LOC will assess each competitor an additional charge of \$25.00** per event segment, to manually handle a skater's music, if the competitor: 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission, or 2) submits files that do not follow the specifications above. In the event the LOC assesses an administrative fee, the competitor will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the fee and turn in their music on MP3 or M4A format, conforming to the requirements above.

### **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON PRACTICE ICE UNTIL YOU ARE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED.**

**JUDGING SYSTEM/PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT:** The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following Excel levels: Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate, Intermediate Plus, Novice, Junior, and Senior. Competitors skating in these events **must** submit their planned program content form online through EntryEeze. Submission of PPCs is required by USFSA rule #3054. A skater athlete may update their PPC at any time, however, skater athletes will not be allowed to make any edits to their PPC two weeks prior to the start of the competition. The LOC will assess each competitor an additional charge \$25.00 if the skater(s) fail to submit their PPC by August 5, 2022.

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, TCFSa and the Bloomington Ice Garden 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.

**REGISTRATION:** The registration desk will be open one hour prior to the first scheduled practice time on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 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 practice ice may be purchased in advance through the EntryEeze system. **Thursday, August 18, 2022 is the only day practice ice is guaranteed in the competition arena.** Practice ice purchased before July 18, 2022, will be \$20.00. The practice ice sessions will be leveled, 20 minutes in length, limited to 18 skaters per session and may begin as early as 6:00 AM on Thursday. Once the schedule has been posted, skaters who have pre-purchased sessions will be able to schedule their sessions through EntryEeze. After pre-purchase has been scheduled, additional practice ice will be available for sale on EntryEeze at the rate of \$25.00 per session. **Music will not be played during practice ice.**

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**VIDEOGRAPHY:** The event will offer official videotaping services. **VIDEO will be provided by Perkins Media and one video IS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE.** Please bring a thumb drive for the videographer to download your video. Thumb drives will also be available for purchase from the videographer. A "free video" coupon will be provided in your registration package. Additional videos will be available for purchase for most events.

**AWARDS:**

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

\*Individual Awards will be presented to the top four (4) skaters in all final round events.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** An official bulletin board will be located next to 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 NO MORE THAN 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition on EntryEeze. Skating orders and results will be posted on the IJS Leaderboard website.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:** To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating. ONE coach credential per registered skater athlete.

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual Skate Safe training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the Professional Skaters Association (PSA).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. \*
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. \*
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA).

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. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

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## EVENT: Excel Free Skate

Please refer to the chart on US Figure Skating website. Link Below:

### [Excel Freeskiate Requirements](#)

\*Excel Free Skate Events to be judged using **IJS**: Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate, Intermediate Plus, Novice, Junior, and Senior

\*Excel Free Skate Events to be judged using **6.0**: Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile

**ONLY the No-Test Well Balanced Free Skate will be part of the TCFSA Open.  
All other Well Balanced Free Skates are part of MN State.**

Please refer to the chart on Below

LEVEL	JUMP ELEMENTS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
<b>NO TEST</b> <b>1:40 maximum</b>	<b>Max 5 Jump Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All single jumps allowed except for the single Axel<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No single Axels, double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed</li><li>Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li></ul></li><li>Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed</li><li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump (waltz jump).</li></ul></li></ul>	<b>Max 2 Spins</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Spins may change feet and/or position</li><li>Spins may start with a flying entry</li><li>Min 3 revs.</li></ul> <p>These spins must be of a different character (See U.S. Figure Skating rule 6103 (E))</p>	<b>Max 1 Sequence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Step Sequence<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Must use one-half the ice surface</li><li>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li><li>Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>If IJS is used, then: ChSt</b></p>

No-test will be judged using 6.0

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