



The 32nd Annual

Granite City Classic Figure Skating Competition

Hosted by
The St. Cloud Figure Skating Club

November 10th & 11th, 2023

**Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC)
5001 Veterans Drive
St. Cloud, MN 56303**

The 32nd Annual Granite City Classic 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.

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

TEST LEVEL:

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.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):

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

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements: Juvenile Girls – 12 years of age or younger; Boys – 13 years of age or younger
Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years of age or older; Boys – 14 years of age or older
Intermediate must be under the age of 18. Adults must be 21 years of age or older.

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

ENTRIES

On-line entry with secure credit card payment is the only method of registration. Please go to www.stcloudfigureskatingclub.org and click Granite City Classic link. On-line entries will be accepted until MIDNIGHT October 13, 2023. On-line entries will have a 3% convenience fee. Entries and changes received after the deadline will be considered and will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee. **Late entries will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee.** The competition committee reserves the right to limit entries in any event or to cancel an event. Entry fees will only be refunded in accordance with the refund policy below. Notification of competition and practice ice times will NOT be available by phone, mail, or e-mail.

Entry fees: \$125.00 for First event or Excel Freeskate 6.0 events, \$145.00 for IJS events and CJS Showcase events, \$35.00 for any additional events.

TEST CREDIT

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may purchase their test credit forms online with their registration (go to your "competition" tab and then "merchandise"). Cost of the form packet is \$10.00. Forms will be emailed to the competitor or will be processed by the club if they choose to submit the test immediately (the cost of submitting the test is rolled into the fee).

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after October 15, 2023 unless no competition exists or the event is cancelled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Credit card charges will show up as St. Cloud FSC. A 3% convenience fee will be included. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$30 fee. All further payments must be made by cash, money orders, or certified funds. Payment 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 via the competition entry website.

FACILITIES

The Granite City Classic will be held at the Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC), located at 5001 Veterans Drive, St. Cloud, MN 56303. The facilities main phone number is (320)255-7223. The arena houses 2 ice surfaces of 85'x 200'. Concessions will be available at the arena along with vendors. No admission fee will be charged, both arenas have spectator seating. There is free public Wi-Fi available on both rinks. For more information, you can go to www.stcloudmac.com.

MUSIC

ALL SKATERS MUST SUBMIT MUSIC ELECTRONICALLY VIA ENTRYEEZE. Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically by the music deadline of October 23, 2023 at 11:59pm. **Any music file submitted through Entryeeze after the deadline will incur a \$15 fee.** After you have paid for 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 log out of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "my music". All music uploads must be in .MP3 format. CDS will only be used as BACKUP for technical difficulty.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, St. Cloud Figure Skating Club, and the Municipal Athletic Complex (MAC) 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. Your signature on the entry form or your acceptance of the waiver online when you register will indicate that you have read this section.

JUDGING SYSTEM

*The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for all Juvenile through Senior Short Programs and Preliminary through Senior Well-Balanced Program Free Skate events. **In addition, it will be used for Excel Plus levels (Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate Plus), and Preliminary through Senior Excel events.** All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online via your EntryEeze account by October 23rd, 2022. **Showcase events Preliminary through Senior will be using CJS scoring.***

The 6.0 majority Judging System will be used for all other events including No Test and Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced Free Skate.

REGISTRATION

Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled practice ice session of the competition. Registration will close 30 minutes after the end of the competition each day. The registration desk will be in the front lobby of the MAC arena. Please register promptly upon arrival. Results will be available for purchase at the registration desk once results are posted.

PRACTICE ICE

Practice ice will be provided on Friday morning prior to the competition starting, Friday evening after the competition concludes for the day, and again Saturday morning prior to the competition starting for the day. Skaters will be able to purchase practice ice online via EntryEeze. Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions online but must indicate the number of sessions desired during the registration process and must be pre-paid with your entry. Additional practice ice sales will be available after the competition schedule has been posted and those that pre-registered for sessions have had time to select their sessions. Registered skaters will be notified by e-mail when they can start purchasing practice ice. No music will be played on practice ice.

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport](#) page). **Skaters should plan to arrive at the arena dressed for their events. We will have limited locker room availability.**

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

No FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY is allowed in the rink area during competition. The event will offer official photography and videotaping services. **VIDEO and PHOTOS of one event will be provided by Perkins Media and IS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE.** Registration fees for individual registrants include one FREE video and photo of your choice compliments of the St. Cloud Figure Skating Club. 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 during check in. Additional videos will be available for purchase for most events.

SCHEDULE

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

AWARDS

Awards will be presented as closely to the conclusion of each event as possible. Trophies will be awarded for the first four places for each event. All awards will be presented off ice.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

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

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 SafeSport 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 \(PSA\)](#).

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ 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 SafeSport Training. *
- The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

www.usfsonline.org → Person Icon  or Account → Member Profile → Compliance

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Section 2: Events Offered

[Click HERE to view the program requirements for the current season.](#)

SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary – Senior and Plus levels)	IJS	\$145.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile - Senior)	IJS	\$145.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test - Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$145.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior) *	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior) ***	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Moves in the Field (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Lyrical Pop, Character Performance, Comedic Impressions, Choreographic Artistry, Emotional Performance (Preliminary -Senior)	CJS	\$145.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Compete USA Showcase – Light Entertainment, Dramatic Entertainment (Beginner – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series) **	6.0	\$125.00	\$35.00	\$35.00

*** Jump Event Rule:** Each jump may be attempted twice; however the second attempt is optional and if done, will be the one that is judged. Preliminary and lower will be ½ ice and Pre-Juvenile and higher will be full ice.

**** Music is skater's choice music and must be uploaded**

***** All levels will be skated on ½ ice**