

Minnesota State



Figure Skating Championships

2022 Minnesota State Championships
Bloomington Ice Garden
3600 West 98th Street
Bloomington, MN 55431
August 18, 19 and 20, 2022

The 2022 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the 2022-2023 rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates that are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

The competition is hosted by the Twin City Figure Skating Association. All events during the 2022 Minnesota State Championships will use the IJS judging system. 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 THURSDAY through SATURDAY, 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. 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/OR a home club member of a Minnesota US Figure Skating club as of July 11, 2022.

- 1) Skaters must compete at the highest freestyle test level passed or
- 2) Must compete at the level they have declared with US Figure Skating for the 2022-23 NQS season.

AGE RESTRICTIONS/REQUIREMENTS: Skaters entering Juvenile/Open Juvenile and Intermediate free skate events must adhere to the age requirements stated in USFSA rule# 6450. Age is as of September 1, 2022

Skaters entering Juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) 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 age at registration deadline date should be used for level placement.

ENTRIES: Fees are \$195.00 for all events. Online Registration is required, and payment is via a secured credit card transaction serviced by EntryEeze. Upon receipt of your online registration, emails 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 good standing with the club. **Coaches and Clubs are required to confirm the accuracy of the information the skater provided 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 ENTRIES** accepted after **11:59PM on Sunday, July 11, 2022.** There are no exceptions to this deadline.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after **July 11, 2022**, unless no competition exists, or the event is canceled, Rule #3058. 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 sent via email.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at:
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We will be using two ice surfaces each measuring 85 feet x 200. The competition itself will be held on Rink One.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on, and they may 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 page).

MUSIC:

For Minnesota State Championships, **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:

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 in MP3 or M4A format, and 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 all 2022 Minnesota State Championship events. All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online via 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 per event if the skater fails 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 18th 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-purchased ice has been scheduled, additional practice ice will be available for sale through EntryEeze at the rate of \$25.00 per session. **Music will not be played during practice ice.**

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

- *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 2022 Recognition Event.

TEAM

*A team trophy will be awarded to the Twin City Figure Skating Association member club earning the most points. Points are awarded to the top 4 TCFSFA member club finishers in the final round of all Championship events to determine the winner of the team trophy

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 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.

EVENTS OFFERED

2022-23 Singles Free Skating Requirements – This chart will be updated with changes from the U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council and ISU Congress that will go into effect July 1, 2022.

2022-23 Singles Short Program Elements for Intermediate through Senior

JUVENILE and OPEN JUVENILE SHORT PROGRAMS ARE NOT OFFERED AT MINNESOTA STATE

2022-23 Singles Free Skate Elements for No Test through Senior

NO TEST IS NOT OFFERED AT MINNESOTA STATE

Adult Singles Elements

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

- All events are skated with music on a full ice surface.

- **Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior levels are combined events which include a short program and a freeskate.** These events will be conducted in accordance with the 2022 - 2023 USFS Rulebook, with changes and clarifications as posted on the USFS website. Skater Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for rules, program length, etc.

In order to earn the title of Minnesota State Champion for the Juvenile thru Senior levels and the Adult Gold, Silver, Master Interm/Novice and Master Junior/Senior levels the competitor must earn the minimum required test scores (TES, PCS and TSS) for their free skate program.