
Autumn Skate 2024
The Skating Club of Wilmington, Inc.
1301 Carruthers Lane, Wilmington, DE 19803
www.skatewilm.com
302-656-5005
October 19-20, 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS: August 25, 2024
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 23, 2024
LATE ENTRY DATE: September 25, 2024
<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=125>

Skating Orders & Results-TBD

Autumn Skate 2024 will be offering Adult Competition Series events.

CHAIRPERSON: Sharon Hatcherson/Sheila Chambers CHIEF REFEREE: Ellyn Kestnbaum

Registration for this competition will be accepted via [Entryeeze](#)

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Autumn Skate 2024 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 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.

ADULT COMPETITION SERIES:

Adult 1-6, adult beginner, adult high beginner, adult pre-bronze and adult bronze program/free skate events that meet Adult Competition Series guidelines are offered at this competition. Adult Competition Series participants must submit a photo, scanned copy, email attachment or screenshot of the results sheet to adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com by the deadline published in the most recent [Adult Competition Series](#) handbook to receive series credit and points.

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.
- 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).
- If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org.

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

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

EVENTS OFFERED:

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> [Program Requirements](https://usfigureskating.org/program-requirements)
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeu

NOTE: Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

There will be no final rounds for events with more than one group.

All skaters competing will receive a video link of their performance (without sound according to USFS guidelines).

| SINGLES | JUDGING | 1st Event Price | 2nd Event Price |
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| Excel Free Skate (Excel Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate, Intermediate Plus, Novice, Junior, Senior) | IJS | \$210 | \$145 |
| Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior) | IJS | \$210 | \$145 |
| Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior) | IJS | \$210 | \$145 |
| Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr) | IJS | \$210 | \$145 |
| Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate | 6.0 | \$145 | \$115 |
| PARTNERED/SOLO ICE DANCE | JUDGING | 1st Event Price | 2nd Event Price |
| Open Pattern Dance (see chart below for dances, rules) | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Adult Solo Pattern Dance | 6.0 | \$145 | \$115 |
| Adult Solo Free Dance | 6.0 | \$145 | \$115 |
| SHOWCASE | JUDGING | 1st Event Price | 2nd Event Price |
| Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult) | CJS | \$145 | \$115 |
| Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult) | CJS | \$145 | \$115 |
| Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult) | CJS | \$145 | \$115 |
| Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult) | CJS | \$145 | \$115 |
| Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult) | CJS | \$145 | \$115 |
| Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult) | CJS | \$145 | \$115 |
| COMPETE USA EVENTS | JUDGING | 1st Event Price | 2nd Event Price |
| Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves, Adult Beg-Adult Bronze | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Adult Jumps & Spins Adult Beginner-Adult Bronze | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Jumps & Spins Challenge (Pre-Prelim-Prelim) | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Compulsory Moves (Pre-Prelim-Prelim) | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Pre-Prelim-Prelim) | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Excel Aspire 1-4 Free Skate | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Aspire 1-4 Program w/Music | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |
| Aspire Low-High Jumps & Aspire Low-High Spins | 6.0 | \$80 | \$55 |

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 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 or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline at SCWCompetitions@skatewilm.com.

COMPLIANCE:

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#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.

MANDATORY ATHLETES:

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training. *

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport™ Training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email skatesafe@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters in events that meet the requirements for test credit may sign up for Test Credit in Entryeze. **Test credit EMS availability will close at registration deadline.** There is a \$15 fee for the test credit packet. Signups will not be taken at the competition. The test credit package will be emailed to you at the conclusion of the competition. Skaters: Please remember that your test credit packet needs to be submitted to your home club test chair for processing.

CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK:

There will be no critiques offered at Autumn Skate 2024.

ENTRYEEZE MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: October 7, 2024 11:59 pm ET or a late fee of \$20 will be assessed.

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to Entryeze no later than **October 7, 2024 at 11:59 pm**. After this date, skaters will be subject to a **\$20 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart that does not meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

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

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- 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.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – For IJS events:

DEADLINE: October 7, 2024 11:59 pm EDT or a late fee of \$20 will be assessed.

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in Entryeze no later than **October 7, 2024 at 11:59 pm**. After this date, skaters will be subject to a **\$20 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

REFUND POLICY:

Suggested language, modify as appropriate: Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. **There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.**

SUBSEQUENT CHANGES:

IJS: If withdrawals after the posting of the schedule reduce an IJS event to one skater, the remaining skater will be contacted and offered the option of skating an exhibition or receiving a refund of the entry fee for that event up to two days before the start of the competition.

6.0: If withdrawals after the posting of the schedule reduce a 6.0 event to one skater, the remaining skater will be contacted and offered the option of moving to another event or receiving a refund of the entry fee for that event up to two days before the start of the competition

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA® and The Skating Club of Wilmington 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:

The competition will be held at The Skating Club of Wilmington which is a single-surface facility, 85' by 197' with plastic hockey boards. Located at Carruthers Lane, off East Park Drive near the intersection of I-95 and Route 202 (Concord Pike) at the end of the Rock Manor golf course. First aid facilities are available at the rink. Locker rooms will be open for the competition, unless informed otherwise. Restrooms are at the far end of the rink. Warmup areas are outside or on the far side of the rink past the snack bar. The upstairs lounge will be a restricted area for officials only.

ADDRESS:

1301 Carruthers Lane, Wilmington, DE 19803
(302) 656-5005, www.skatewilm.com

FOOD:

There is full-service cafe located off the lobby. It serves breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks. The cafe will be open every day of the competition. All food is also available for carryout. Outside food should not be brought into the rink.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

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 under 11 years old that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Locker rooms are located through the snack bar. Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on if they do not wish to use locker rooms but will not be permitted to change clothes or skates in public restrooms. Public restrooms are at the Skate Rental end of the rink. Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

US 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](#).

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

Any official notices prior to the competition start date will be emailed to competitors. During the competition, official notices will be posted at the registration window. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the registration window frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive one hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

SKATING ORDERS AND RESULTS:

Skating orders and results will be posted online, there will be no posting of paper in the rink during the competition. A QR code link will be emailed to the competitors and coaches prior to the

competition and there will be business cards with the QR code available at the registration desk.

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 on Entryeze after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available. We cannot accommodate special requests for the date or time of your event.

PRACTICE ICE:

Unofficial practice ice will be offered at after the close of entries when the schedule is published. Competitors and coaches will receive an email stating practice ice registration is open. Practice ice is first come first serve on Entryeze. Cost per session: \$25 for a 20-minute session. No music will be played at practice ice.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

The registration desk at the rink entrance will open approximately one hour before the first event of each day and stay open throughout the last event of the day. Please register promptly upon arrival and get your credential.

- 1) All skaters should register at the front desk one hour before their first event.
- 2) 20 minutes before the scheduled event time the skater is required to check in with the ice monitor.
- 3) Skaters who have not checked in with the ice monitor before their event warm-up begins will be considered withdrawn.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to First, Second, Third, and Fourth place in all 6.0 and IJS events and can be picked up at the awards table if you do not want to wait for the awards ceremony. There will be an awards stand available for pictures as well. All Learn-To-Skate participants will receive a medal.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

Volunteer opportunities- a link to "Sign-Up Genius" will allow you to sign up for days/ times and activities available for volunteering. The link will be posted on the club on the club web site at <https://skatewilm.com> on the Autumn Skate 2024 page.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.

Except for the official video photographers, only handheld (no tripod) battery operated cameras will be permitted. FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME. Vision Photo & Video, LLC will be available throughout the entire competition.

All skaters competing will receive a complimentary video (without music according to U.S. Figure Skating policy).

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

HOSPITALITY: The coach hospitality room will be located at the far end of the rink in the SCW pro room. We request you use social distancing when in the hospitality room.

VENDORS:

There will be vendors available at this competition.

LODGING/TRAVEL:

Please check our website at <https://skatewilm.com/> for hotel information. The nearest airport is Philadelphia airport which is approximately 30 minutes from the rink. There is also an Amtrak train station in downtown Wilmington that is approximately 10 minutes from the rink. The official hotel is the Doubletree Wilmington on Concord Pike. Make sure to get the competition hotel rate. A link will be posted for the hotel when it is available.

ADMISSION:

No admission fee will be charged for spectators. Note spectators may not throw any flowers, wrapped or unwrapped, on the ice to ensure safety of the skaters.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: <https://skatewilm.com/>

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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| Competition Chairs: | Sharon Hatcherson and Sheila Chambers | SCWCompetitions@skatewilm.com |
| Chief Referee: | Ellyn Kestnbaum | ekestnbaum@yahoo.com |
| Chief Music Chairs: | Fran Lukacik | flukacik@ccp.edu |
| Practice Ice Chair: | Sheila Chambers | SCWCompetitions@skatewilm.com |

Any questions regarding registration and/or applications can be e-mailed to the competition chairs at SCWCompetitions@skatewilm.com. Music related questions can be emailed to the music chairs, Fran Lukacik (flukacid@ccp.edu).

OPEN PARTNERED PATTERN DANCE: Below are the open partnered ice dances. If the same skater has two different partners, must be considered entered as separate teams.

| Open Partnered Pattern Dances offered | 6.0 Judging System |
|--|---------------------------|
| Dutch Waltz | 2 sequences |
| Canasta Tango | 2 sequences |
| Rhythm Blues | 2 sequences |
| Cha Cha | 2 sequences |
| Fiesta Tango | 2 sequences |
| Hickory Hoedown | 2 sequences |
| Willow Waltz | 2 sequences |
| Ten-Fox | 2 sequences |
| Fourteenstep | 4 sequences |
| Foxtrot | 3 sequences |
| Rocker Foxtrot | 3 sequences |
| American Waltz | 2 sequences |
| Starlight Waltz | 2 sequences |
| Paso Doble | 2 sequences |
| Quickstep | 3 sequences |
| Westminster Waltz | 2 sequences |
| Rhumba | 3 sequences |