



JUNE 1 - June 4, 2023

Seattle Skating Club

Olympicview Ice Arena
Mountlake Terrace, WA

Sanctioned by US Figure Skating and Skate Canada
USFS Sanction #32164

Chief Referee: Waverly Huston
Assistant Referee: Pine Kopka-Ross
Assistant Referee: Nika Pelc
Dance Referee: Mary-Ann Wilcox
Chief Accountant: Anita Conrad
Chief Technical Accountant: Kathrine Bosworth

Attended by ISU International, National, and Competition-Level US Figure Skating Officials

Offering:

Compete USA; Well Balanced, Excel, and Adult Singles; Pairs, Solo Dance, and Showcase!

Secure Online Registration and credit card payment will be available at: [EMS](#)

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ICE FEST 2023

June 1 – June 4, 2023

Entry Deadline: 11:59 AM, PST April 24, 2023 (2:59 PM, ET April 24, 2023)
Registration is ONLINE ONLY

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Ice Fest 2023 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 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.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

The Seattle Skating Club will be **complying with all Federal, State, and Local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of the competition, including recommendations from US Figure Skating**. We thank you in advance for your full cooperation. **In the event that a cancellation is required by LOC, a FULL refund, less processing fees, will be issued.** For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#)

EXCEL SERIES INFORMATION

This competition is part 2023 Excel Series. To find out detail information on series, visit:

[Excel Series Registration](#) (Deadline to Register is March 1, 2023)

[Excel Program Series Handbook](#)

[Excel Series Technical Information](#)

NATIONAL SOLO DANCE SERIES EVENT INFORMATION

This competition is part 2023 Solo Dance Series. Events will run in accordance with the [2023 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Handbook](#). Skaters need not be registered participants in the 2023 National Solo Dance Series to compete in solo pattern dance, combined, and shadow dance events at Ice Fest. Such non-series entrants will be placed in the respective pattern dance, combined, and shadow dance events to compete alongside series entrants to facilitate competition at Ice Fest.

U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series:

- **SOLO DANCE SERIES SOLO PATTERN DANCE EVENT**
- **SOLO DANCE SERIES COMBINED EVENT**
- **SOLO DANCE SERIES SHADOW DANCE EVENT**

2023 BASIC SKILL SERIES BY PNIC

This competition is part 2023 Basic Skill Series by PNIC. To find out detail information on series, visit [PNIC Basic Skill Series](#)

General series information:

- Skater must register to be part of the series, [Here](#), before registering for competition.
- Must compete in at least 2 Basic Skill Series Competitions. List of competitions can be found on [PNIC Basic Skill Series](#)
- Skaters will earn points to get them invited to Championship Round at PNIC Championships.

II. ELIGIBILITY

TEST LEVEL

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.

Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to the select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

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

EVENTS OFFERED

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](#)

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

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Juvenile – Senior & All Plus Events)	IJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$45
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Well Balanced Free Skate (No-Test – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$45
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Adult Free Skate (Beginner - Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$50	\$45
PAIRS (Fees per pair)	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+EVENT
Short Program (Novice – Senior)	IJS	\$150	N/A	N/A
Free Skate (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$150	N/A	N/A
Adult Pairs Free Skate (Centennial – Masters)	IJS	\$150	N/A	N/A

SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+EVENT
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Duets / Trio (No Test – Senior, Adult) (Fees per team)	CJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Mini Production Ensemble (4 to 7 skaters)	6.0	\$150	N/A	N/A
Production Ensemble (8 or More Skaters)	6.0	\$300	N/A	N/A
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (Preliminary – International)	IJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Solo Combined Dance (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$175	N/A	N/A
Shadow Dance (Preliminary – International)	IJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Adult Solo Pattern Dance (Preliminary – Gold)	IJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
Adult Solo Free Dance (Bronze – Gold)	IJS	\$150	\$65	\$55
COMPETE USA EVENTS				
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$60	\$40	\$35
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$60	\$40	\$35
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$60	\$40	\$35
Compete USA – Showcase (Light & Dramatic Entertainment & Duets ONLY)	6.0	\$60	\$40	\$35

JUDGING SYSTEM & REQUIREMENTS

The IJS, CJS, and 6.0 judging systems will be used to judge the various events at Ice Fest. Please review the chart of events in this announcement for more information. All events will be in accordance with the 2022-23 Rulebook as modified by the outcome of the 2023 Governing Council Meeting.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

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-seasons 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 SkateSafe 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.

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](#).

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline:

April 24, 2023 at 11:59 AM PST (April 24, 2023 at 2:59 PM, ET)

Late Registrations will be accepted at the Discretion of the Chief Referee and include a \$40 Late Fee.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA, member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then “Competition Registration”
4. Choose “2023 Ice Fest” from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

PARTNERED EVENTS

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.

FOREIGN SKATERS

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Non-Member? Create Account” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$30 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

TEST CREDIT

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit, may request their test credit forms in the EMS (Credit Card payment only) OR at the check in desk onsite (Cash or Check only) 24 hours prior to your event start time for \$10. Test credit results will be emailed to the email address listed in the EMS, no later than one week after conclusion of the competition, for no extra fee. If you would like Seattle SC to process your test credit through USFS, there will be a \$25 processing fee, to be paid at the check in desk.

MUSIC UPLOAD

DEADLINE: May 1, 2023, 11:59 AM PST (May 1, 2023, 2:59 PM ET)

Music can be uploaded until May 08, 2023 11:59 AM PST (May 8, 2023, 2:59 PM ET) with \$30 late fee.

All competition music must be electronically submitted online via [EMS](#) Competition Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than **May 1, 2023, 11:59 AM PST (May 1, 2023, 2:59 PM ET)**. 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.

[CLICK HERE FOR MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO IN EMS](#)

If you need assistance uploading music in EMS, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
- 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 bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. 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.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) UPLOAD

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in [EMS](#) no later than **May 22, 2023 11:59 AM. PST (May 22, 2023, 2:59 PM ET)**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$30 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.

[CLICK HERE FOR PPC SUBMISSION HOW TO IN EMS](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Seattle Skating Club, and Olympicview Arena, Lynnwood Ice Center or Washington Ice Skating Association accepts 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

Ice Fest is hosted by the Seattle Skating Club and will be held at the Olympicview Arena, 22202 70th Ave. West, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. The ice surface is indoors, measures 100' X 200', with slightly rounded corners. More information on the rink can be found at www.olympicviewarena.com.

Some events may be held at the Lynnwood Ice Center, 19803 68th Avenue W, Lynnwood, WA 98036. The Lynnwood Ice Center ice surface is indoors, measures 85' X 200', with slightly rounded corners. More information on the rink can be found at www.lynnwoodicecenter.com.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available at 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 but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

An official bulletin board will be maintained on site. 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 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. The schedule of events will be posted at registration prior to the competition.

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 and will be visible within the [EMS](#) Competition Portal. All participants will be notified via email once available.

PRACTICE ICE

Practice Ice shall be scheduled through [EMS](#) for all events. **Each competitor may request one \$20.00/20 min practice session per event entered for individual events, and two practice sessions per combined event.** Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions online, but you **MUST** pre-purchase number of sessions you want online when you register and **MUST** pay for them when you register online. Deadline to pre-purchase your practice ice sessions is **May 1, 2023, 11:59 AM PST (May 1, 2023, 2:59 PM ET)**. You will receive an email with instructions on choosing practice ice time after the schedule has been set. Every effort will be made to schedule Practice ice sessions as close to the competition as possible, however this is not guaranteed.

NOTE: Depending on the size of the competition, practice ice selection might be limited to one- or two-time choices.

We cannot guarantee additional practice sessions. If space permits, we will allow additional practice ice sales online for \$25.00/20 minutes per session after the schedule has been posted and those that pre-registered for sessions have had time to select their sessions. If space permits, additional practice ice will be available for purchase during the competition for \$25.00/20 minutes at the registration desk with cash or check only.

No Changes - No Refunds. Practice ice fees are nonrefundable, and you may not assign your practice ice to another skater.

Practice Ice Schedules will not be given over the phone but will be available online to select from, when available.

ON SITE CHECK-IN

On site check in desk will be open on Thursday, June 1, 2023, 45 minutes before the first practice session and run through the last event of the last day of the competition. The onsite check in desk will be located in the rink lobby. Please check in promptly upon arrival.

AWARDS

Individual events are separate and considered final rounds. Combined event overall placements will be determined by the combination of results from the initial and final rounds. Awards will be presented in the lobby, immediately after the official posting of each event for individual events. For combined events, awards will be presented after the overall combined final placement. Awards will be given for first through sixth place for Compete USA events. For all other events, awards will be given for first through fourth place. The podium for personal pictures will be located near the awards table.

Compete USA events will have no more than six skaters per group and all will receive an award.

Special Awards to be presented at the completion of the appropriate events. The perpetual trophies will remain in the SSC showcase, engraved with the skater's name. The winning skater shall also receive a personal award from the Seattle Skating Club.

Awards placement for the "**Special Awards**" shall be determined by the event judges.

- **Rosalynn Sumners - Seattle Skating Club "Artistic Award"** - Awarded to an Intermediate and above skater for exceptional Artistic Performance as determined by the event judges.
- **The Shirle Irene Lander Trophy** - Awarded to a Juvenile and below skater for exceptional Artistic Performance as determined by the event judges.

- **“The Hadley Award”** - This shall be awarded to a skater of any level who demonstrates excellence in both artistic and free skating and also represents the spirit of figure skating at the Ice Fest Event as determined by the event judges. Seattle Skating Club members, Ila Rae & Ray Hadley, were the 1960 US Silver Pairs Champions & 1957 Junior Pairs National Champions. They, along with their coach and mother Linda Hadley, perished with the other members of the 1961 U.S. World Team when their plane crashed in route to the World Championships. This special award is made in their name.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

A professional video company will be at the rink. Any other professional videography is prohibited. ALL award winners are encouraged to pose for the group picture. All other videotaping and photography are restricted to hand-held battery-operated equipment, without tripod, and is permissible only in the upper viewing area. No videotaping or photography from rink side. **Videotaping or photography of any skater other than your own without permission is strictly prohibited.** Please be courteous to those viewing the event. Solicitation by any photographer or agent of anyone to be the subject of still or video photography is not permitted. For safety reasons, **no flash photography is allowed during the event.**

OFFICIALS

Competition officials will be selected in accordance with Rule 3030, except that official for Compete USA events will be selected in accordance with Rule 3120.

REFEREE

The decision of the Chief Referee on all matters will be final. The Chief Referee, along with the LOC, shall have the right to exclude any person(s) whose behavior is unruly or unsportsmanlike. Additionally, the Chief Referee reserves the right to combine or split events to best accommodate the number of entries and schedule of events. The Chief Referee reserves the right to use the 6.0 system for any event for which IJS qualified officials are not available.

CONTACT INFO

For further information regarding this announcement, please contact the following:

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