



2017 Southwestern Nine States Championships

A Non-Qualifying Competition held in conjunction with the 2018 Southwestern Regional Figure Skating Championships

EVENT DATES: OCTOBER 9 - 11, 2017

ENTRY DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

[Edora Pool and Ice Center \(EPIC\)](#)

1801 E. Riverside Ave.
Fort Collins, CO 80525

Hosted by [Fort Collins Figure Skating Club](#)

The 2017 Southwestern Nine States Championships 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The 2017 Southwest Nine States Championships will be held October 9-11, 2017 at the at Edora Pool and Ice Center (EPIC) 1801 E. Riverside Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80525. This championship is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and hosted by Fort Collins Figure Skating Club. The rink is close to hotels and shopping and our wonderful historic Old Town area. We are planning a wonderful week of skating and hope the following information will answer your questions.

The entry deadline for the 2017 Southwest Nine States Championships is 11:59pm CST/10:59 pm MT, September 1, 2017.

EVENTS OFFERED:

Click the links in the event headers for program requirements.

WELL BALANCED	TEST TRACK	**SPECIAL OLYMPICS
**No Test Free Skate	Pre-Preliminary Test Track	Badge 1
**Limited Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	Preliminary Test Track	Badge 2
Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	Pre-Juvenile Test Track	Badge 3
Preliminary Free Skate	Juvenile Test Track	Badge 4
Pre-Juvenile Free Skate	Intermediate Test Track	Badge 5
Open Juvenile Free Skate	Novice Test Track	Badge 6
	Junior Test Track	Badge 7
	Senior Test Track	Badge 8
		Badge 9
		Badge 10
		Badge 11
		Badge 12

No Test is **NOT a Learn to Skate event and requires a full U.S. Figure Skating membership in order to be eligible to compete.

**Limited Pre-Preliminary has the same requirements as Pre-Preliminary with the exception of a single axel which is not allowed.

**Special Olympics Badge require a Learn to Skate membership and/or a full U.S. Figure Skating membership.

TEST LEVEL:

Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, September 1, 2017, in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

AGE RESTRICTIONS/REQUIREMENTS:

All age requirements will be those stated in the current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook using September 1, 2017 as the cutoff date.

Skaters entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 14 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 14 years of age at the close of entries.

Skaters entering no test-pre-juvenile, open juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

If entries warrant, a final round free skate will be held for the following Well-Balanced Free Skate events: Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile events (time permitting).

Skaters must be eligible persons registered as members of the US Figure Skating and may compete at their test level as of September 1, 2017. Ages are as of September 1, 2017.

ENTRIES:

Online registration is the **ONLY** method available for entry into the 2017 Southwestern Nine States Championships and must be submitted online via Members Only (www.usfsaonline.org) by **11:59 pm on September 1, 2017.**

To enter, please follow the steps below:

- Log on to www.usfsaonline.org
- Input your membership number and password
 - If you do not already have a password, go to www.usfsaonline.org and follow the online instructions.
- Select 'Events' on the top left menu
 - Select 'Competition Profile/Event Registration'
- Select 'Event Registration & Information' – '2017 Southwestern Nine States Championships'

If you are experiencing difficult with your registration, please e-mail EMS Support; emssupport@usfigureskating.org

Once entries have been closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held in accordance with rule number 3047.

Late entries will NOT be accepted under any circumstances.

Please be sure to select the correct event and confirm your entry with your coach prior to submitting your entry!

Entry Fees: Online payment via credit card is the ONLY accepted form of payment for the competition. Each skater's entry fee is inclusive of a USB recording of their performance that will be distributed post-event.

ENTRY FEE: \$175.00

***all entries subject to a credit card processing fee**

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after September 1, 2017 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. **There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.**

The online processing fees are not refundable at any time.

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at Edora Pool and Ice Center (EPIC) 1801 E. Riverside Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80525. (970) 221-6683. There will be locker rooms and warm up areas available for all competitors. The facility has two ice surfaces 85' by 200' which consist of the Blue rink and the Green rink. There are vending machines on site. There will be a food and/or coffee truck available that will vary by day and time. There are also nearby restaurants. See the registration desk for more info if needed.

MUSIC UPLOAD AND SUBMISSION: online music submission is the ONLY accepted method to submit program music. The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

Programs per File:

Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short program, free skate etc.) per file is allowed.

File Format: MP3

If you need assistance formatting your file to MP3, please consider the following free applications listed below. *Please note, U.S. Figure Skating/LOC does not endorse any conversion software.*

[Format Factory](#)

***PC only, not compatible for Apple*

[Audacity](#)

Copyright Information:

U.S. Figure Skating, in compliance with BMI Licensing requirements, must collect the copyright information from each piece of music used in a skater's program. For assistance with this requirement, please click [here](#).

File Specifications:

- Maximum File Size: 12MB
 - Sound Quality: Set up Medium or High!
- Maximum Running time: Five (5) minutes
- Maximum Leader/Trailer: The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music and the trailer is the silence between the end of the music and track. The Music Committee prefers that neither are included on the file but if necessary, are no more than two (2) seconds respectively.

BACKUP MUSIC AT EVENTS (CD's ONLY)

In addition to submitting music online, all competitors must have at least one (1) backup CD rink-side for all events.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Fort Collins Figure Skating Club and Edora Pool and Ice Center (EPIC) 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

JUDGING SYSTEM: 6.0 ONLY

Please refer to page two of this announcement for the list of available events. All events will be judged utilizing the 6.0 system.

CHECK-IN/INFORMATION DESK:

Registration will begin on October 8th from 4-8 in the EPIC lobby. It will be open on October 9, approximately 30 minutes to 1 hour before practice ice starts and remain open during the competition. The registration desk will be located at the skate rental desk on the north side of the Epic lobby starting on October 9th. Please register promptly upon arrival, but no later than 1 hour prior to your event or practice.

***All skaters are expected to be in the arena one hour prior to the start of their scheduled event.

Credentials and information packets will be handed to competitors upon receipt of the competitor's music.

Coaches must register in person to receive their credentials. They are required to be current members of both U.S. Figure Skating and PSA and to show proof of ID and coach's registration.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice is **not** included in your entry fee and can only be purchased through U.S. Figure Skating's EMS module. Additional information with regard to the purchasing timeline, sessions types and pricing will be posted to the competition website no later than Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY:

No flash photography is permitted. No tripods may be used and no rink power sources may be accessed.

Flash photography and videotaping of the competition, including practice ice, in any form is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy.

Videos, action photos, as well as still awards photos, will be available for purchase at the event.

Videotaping will be provided by and available for purchase from the official event videographer assigned by U.S. Figure Skating for the qualifying events.

All Southwestern Nine States Championship events will be professionally videotaped and photographed. Videos, action photos, as well as still awards photos, will be available for purchase. More information can be found on the website at www.fortcollinsfsc.org.

Videotaping of the competition in any form is not permitted. Photographs are permitted for personal use only, but for the safety of the skaters NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY is allowed. Any resale of photography is strictly prohibited. Thank you for your compliance with these policies.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place finishers immediately following the event/posting of results.. Trophies will be awarded to Pre-Juvenile, Preliminary and Pre-Preliminary final round winners if number of entries warrant and time permits for final rounds to be held. All awards will be presented off-ice at the photographer's stand following each event.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained in the EPIC lobby near 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 1 hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Registration

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;

B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.

C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.

D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

For Learn to Skate USA ONLY coaches (Special Olympic Badge Events) - Any person, 18 and older, instructing a Learn to Skate USA Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Learn to Skate USA instructor.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

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 – no exceptions.

We strongly urge *all* coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

PROGRAMS:

Programs can be pre-purchased at the cost of \$10 each. It is in your best interest to pre-purchase your program, as there will be a limited availability at the event, and will cost \$15.

Photographs and media forms will be used for the program and publicity of the event. Submission of a competition entry automatically grants permission to use all accompanying information, including photographs, for publicizing these Championships.

MERCHANDISE / ADVERTISING:

Save time and money by pre-ordering your 2017 Southwest Nine States merchandise! Merchandise can be viewed at <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org>. All pre-ordered merchandise can be picked up at the registration table. There are no refunds for pre-ordered merchandise.

Souvenir pins and official logo merchandise

Souvenir pins will be available for purchase at the arena for \$10, or for pre-purchase at the reduced price of \$6. Please see event website <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org> to purchase.

Official logo merchandise will ALSO be available for purchase at the arena or for pre-purchase through the qualifying competition website (2018 SW Regional Championships) – www.swregionals.com.

Admission Tickets and Additional Coach Credentials

The Southwest Nine States Championships will be open to the public at a cost of \$15/day PER PERSON or \$35 PER PERSON for the length of the entire competition.

Each skater will receive one competitor credential and one chaperone credential included with their registration. NO CREDENTIAL WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT PHOTO ID. Tickets and additional credentials can be purchased at the Registration Desk or online at <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org>.

Program Ads/Good Luck Ads

Fort Collins Figure Skating Club invites you to submit an ad to be printed in our program. Ads may be submitted to recognize or send a special message to your skater or to promote your business. The deadline for submission of ads with artwork is September 1, 2017. All photos or artwork must be sized and ready for production (300 dpi or above in .pdf file format). Please see the event website for more details on how to purchase ads at <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org>

All ads will be printed in black and white. Please do not mail photographs, they must be submitted by e-mail and in the correct format with SKATER'S name and ad size on subject line. Photos can be submitted in .jpeg format. If you have any questions, please e-mail Marcy Pilon at swr2018ads@gmail.com.

Advertising rates are based on camera-ready copy, which is black on white, the exact size and shape of the ad. Advertiser agrees to pay the cost of any additional type set, or other reproductions charges if camera-ready copy is not provided. All photographs must be black and white glossy prints (no negatives). Advertising agency commission must be paid by the advertiser.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Accommodations:

Please make your reservations early to guarantee you have the necessary room(s). All hotel information may also be viewed on the event website at <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org>

******Please make your hotel reservations as soon as you can as CSU Homecoming is the weekend of October 12-14, 2017**

Residence Inn at Marriott: need to book by Sept. 24th
1127 Oakridge Dr, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (970) 223-5700

\$109 a night

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ftcri-residence-inn-fort-collins/?scid=45f93f1b-bd77-45c9-8dab-83b6a417f6fe>

Embassy Suites Loveland: need to book by Sept. 25

4705 Clydesdale Parkway, Loveland, Colorado 80538 (970)-593-6200

\$144 per night

<http://embassysuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/colorado/embassy-suites-by-hilton-loveland-hotel-conference-center-and-spa-FNLESES/index.html>

Marriott Fort Collins

350 E. Horsetooth Rd. Fort Collins, Colorado 80525 (970) 226-5200

Call for pricing as prices change throughout the week.

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/ftcco-fort-collins-marriott/>

Candlewood Suites:

314 Pavilion Lane, Fort Collins Colorado 80525 (970) 223-0200

Singles at \$115 per night, doubles at \$125 per night.

<https://www.ihg.com/candlewood/hotels/us/en/fort-collins/fclcw/hoteldetail>

Hilton Garden Inn:

2821 East Harmony Road Fort Collins, Colorado, 80528 (970) 225-2500

\$154 per night

<http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/colorado/hilton-garden-inn-fort-collins-FNLFCGI/index.html>

Hampton Inn:

1620 Oakridge Dr., Fort Collins, Colorado, 80525 (970) 229-5927

\$154 per night

<http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/colorado/hampton-inn-ft-collins-FCLCOHX/index.html>

Quality Inn:

4001 S. Mason Street, Fort Collins, CO, 80525 (970) 282-9047

\$109 per night Monday, Oct 9th- Friday, Oct. 13th. October 14th -15th prices increase

<https://www.choicehotels.com/colorado/fort-collins/quality-inn-hotels/co153?mc=llyxyxpx>

Transportation:

Denver International Airport (DIA) is the main airport serving Fort Collins. DIA is 68 miles southeast of Fort Collins and takes approximately 1 hour to drive.

Directions from DIA to EPIC: Take Pena Blvd. East to E-470 North (toll \$7.40) to I-25 North. Take I-25 North to Prospect Rd. (Exit 268). Turn left onto Prospect Rd. (CR-44). Continue for 2.3 miles. Turn left onto Riverside Ave. and go 0.3 miles and turn right into 1801 Riverside Ave.

Most major car rental companies are located at the airport. If you do not want to rent a car *Green Ride Colorado* is a local ride share shuttle company that goes between DIA and Fort Collins. <http://www.greenrideco.com>.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Fort Collins Figure Skating Club needs enthusiastic and hard-working volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Heidi Early or please see the event website located at <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org> for volunteering instructions. There are many opportunities available and we will train you for any task that you would be interested in doing. Your time and effort would be much appreciated!

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

***E-mail is the preferred method of contact. Please allow up to 48 hours for a response. If you prefer to call, no phone calls after 9pm MST, please.

Please send all practice ice questions to Kelly Cann and all program, ad and sponsorship questions to Marci Pilon.

Chief Referee: Barry Doren

Competition Chair(s):

Deb Kindsfater -	(970) 481-9359	swr2018chair@gmail.com
Dawn Cramer -	(602) 403-3176	swr2018chair@gmail.com

Registrar:

Dawn Cramer -	(602) 403-3176	swr2018chair@gmail.com
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Practice Ice:

Kelly Cann -	(970)-237-9842	swr2018pi@gmail.com
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Music:

Cade Coldren -		FortCollinsMusic@gmail.com
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Program, Ads and Sponsorship:

Marci Pilon -	(970)-980-9407	swr2018ads@gmail.com
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Vendor Chair:

Carol Hartman -	(970) 290-3808	SkateFtCollins@comcast.net
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Volunteers:

Heidi Early -	(970) 222-7828	swr2018chair@gmail.com
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Competition Website: <https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org>

2017 SOUTHWESTERN NINE STATES FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
 (*Subject to Change)

This schedule is subject to change based on the number of entries. An updated schedule will be posted on the event web site (<https://www.fortcollinsfsc.org>) as soon as possible following the close of entries. (Entries close on September 1, 2017).

Monday

Preliminary Girls QR
 Pre-Preliminary Girls QR

Tuesday

Pre-Juvenile Girls QR
 Open Juvenile Girls
 Boys: No Test - Pre-Juvenile plus Special Olympics

Wednesday

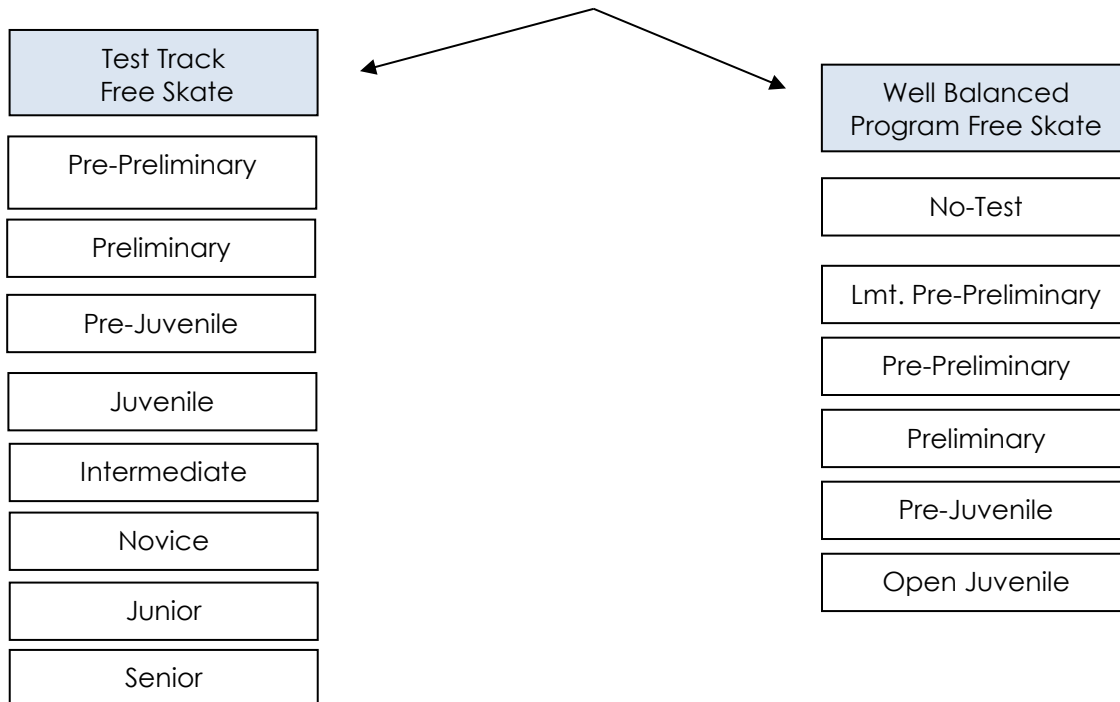
Test Track: Pre-Preliminary - Senior
 No Test Girls
 Pre-Juvenile Girls FR
 Preliminary Girls FR
 Pre-Preliminary Girls FR

NOTE: Events each day are listed not necessarily in the order that will be skate

SINGLES FREE SKATING EVENTS

See current rulebook or click [here](#) for current rules and requirements.

Illustration of Singles Free Skating Events:



INITIAL / FINAL ROUND FOR FREE SKATE EVENTS

Championship event levels are pre-preliminary – pre-juvenile. This is for well-balanced events only. When entries merit more than one group, initial rounds will be held. The number of skaters moving on to a final round from each initial round event will be posted with the results at the competition.

PLEASE FOLLOW LINKS BELOW FOR PROGRAM CHARTS/REQUIREMENTS:

TEST-TRACK PROGRAM [REQUIREMENTS](#)

WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM [REQUIREMENTS](#)

****Limited Pre-Preliminary has the same requirements as Pre-Preliminary except NO AXEL JUMPS****

SPECIAL OLYMPIC BADGE EVENT [REQUIREMENTS](#) (page 27)