



2021 FORT COLLINS CLASSIC
April 8-11th, 2021

Hosted by the Fort Collins Figure Skating Club at the Edora Pool and Ice Center

Chief Referee: Pine Kopka-Ross
Assistant Referee: Jed Hopkins
Chief Accountant: Sheldrin Zhu
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Attended by ISU International, National, and Competition-Level USFSA officials.

Entries due March 5, 2021 - Online Registration ONLY

\$15 early bird discount if you register by 11:59 pm MST Feb 19, 2021!!

Events Offered:

Singles Well Balanced Short Program & Free Skate
Excel Free Skate
Adult Free Skate
Special Olympics Free Skate
Pairs Free Skate
Colorado Compete USA
Solo Dance (limited offering)
Jumps Challenge
Spins Challenge
Individual Showcase Entertainment



**Fort Collins Classic 2021
Fort Collins FSC
April 8 – April 11, 2021**

The Fort Collins 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 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, and who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

- The Fort Collins Figure Skating Club and Edora Pool and Ice Center 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 a FULL refund will be issued**. Competition safety plans will be communicated to all participants once registration is closed.
- **All attendees are required to properly wear face coverings** over their nose and mouth and secured under their chin while in a facility. The only exception is that skaters may remove their face covering while on the ice. This is not only for your protection, but for the protection of others and is applied to all attendees.
- **Social distancing must be maintained at all times**. The CDC recommends a distance of 6 feet and separate pathways will be established within the venue (minimizing crossover and contamination).
- **Chaperones/Spectators**: Two Chaperones and/or spectators will be permitted in EPIC per registered competitor and must be credentialed. Spectators and/or spectators will only be allowed in the facility prior to and during their respective competitors events.

SERIES INFORMATION

The Fort Collins Classic is proud to be part of the **2021 Excel Series**.

General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same non-qualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed as of the Excel Series Registration Deadline (May 2, 2021). Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or “skate up” to one level higher.
- [Excel Series Registration](#) (Deadline to Register is May 2, 2021)
- [Excel Program Series Handbook](#)
- [Excel Series Technical Information](#)

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL

Test Level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. For the 2020-2021 competition season, athletes may skate up two levels above that for which they qualify but they are not eligible for IJS Test Credit. Note, athletes may not skate down in any event.

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

- Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger
- Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older
- Intermediate must be under the age of 18
- Adults must be 21 years or older

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

JUDGING SYSTEM & REQUIREMENTS

Both the International Judging System (IJS) and the 6.0 Majority System will be used to judge events at the Fort Collins Classic. Please review the “Events Offered” section for more information. All event requirements will be according to 2020-2021 rules.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.

Registration Deadline:

March 5, 2021 at 11:59PM MST

Late Registrations will be accepted at the Discretion of the Chief Referee and include a \$25 Late Fee. Entries completed by 11:59 pm MST February 19, 2021 will receive a \$15 early bird discount.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.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 “2021 Fort Collins Classic” from the list of non qualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

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 “Create Account (Non-Member)” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

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.**

Mandatory Athletes: Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, 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 SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email safesport@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

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. Online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$25.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

SCHEDULE

The competition and practice ice schedule will be set by the Chief Referee in cooperation with the LOC after the close of entries and is subject to change. Please note that competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. All participants will be notified via email once the event schedule is available.

FACILITIES

The competition will be held at:

Edora Pool and Ice Center (EPIC)

1801 Riverside Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Phone: (970) 221-6683.

<https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/epic.php1>.

The facility has two NHL size ice surfaces measuring 85' by 200' which consist of the Blue rink and the Green rink. There is spectator seating on both rinks. The Green rink can be cold so please plan to dress warm. There are vending machines on site and there will be locker rooms and warm up areas available for all competitors.

MUSIC SUBMISSION

Competitors participating in events with music are **required to upload their music to EMS** no later than **March 28, 2021 @ 11:59PM MST**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 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.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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:

- 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 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)



Competitors participating in IJS events are **required to submit PPC in EMS** no later than **March 28, 2021 @ 11:59pm MST**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 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.

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)
If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN

Check-in will open no earlier than 1 hour before the first event and will remain open through the last event. The registration area will be located in the skate rental area on the north side of the EPIC lobby. Further information will be shared with via email once entries have closed.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Due to COVID-19, locker rooms will not be available and all skaters should arrive ready to skate (makeup/costume). Skaters will be directed to a specified area to put on skates. If the locker rooms become available, an email notification will be sent to all competitors and coaches.

PRACTICE ICE

Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI) will begin on Thursday, April 8, 2021. UPI sessions will be offered for all Free Skate, Short Program, and Artistic Events. Skater music will not be played. **There is a maximum of 1 UPI session per skater, per eligible event.** UPI will be 30 minutes in length and may or may not take place on the competition ice surface. Assigned UPI is non-refundable. Props are not allowed on practice ice sessions. If you have questions about practice ice, please contact Kelly Cann at Kelly.cann79@gmail.com.

Compete USA Practice Ice is 15 minutes in length. Eligible events are Free Skate, Compulsory, and Artistic Events. Skater music will not be played. Compete USA PI will begin on April 8, 2021.

Practice Ice Timeline

- **Pre-Purchase**: Competitors may pre-purchase up to 1 UPI credit per eligible event at \$20 per session until competition registration closes. For Compete USA events, competitors may pre-purchase up to 1 UPI credit per eligible event at \$10 per session until competition registration closes.
- **UPI Session Selection Window**: The session selection window will open for five (5) days no later than March 29, 2021. Further clarification on exact dates and time will be provided via email once competition registration has closed.
- **Open Sales**: Competitors may purchase additional UPI sessions, subject to availability, at \$30 per session and \$15 for Compete USA UPI. Open sales will begin after the session selection window has closed and no later than April 5, 2021. Further clarification on exact dates and time will be provided via email once competition registration has closed.

We reserve the right to cancel or change any practice ice session

Practice ice will be selected by the competitor. After the close of entries, you will receive an email from the LOC through EMS letting you know when practice ice selection is available. Practice ice is not refundable after the close of entries on March 5, 2021. If you have issues with practice ice the day the competition starts or at the competition, please do not call or email. Please see the practice ice table.



We will do our best to limit Practice Ice sessions based on the following guidelines, however, may adjust these limits given scheduling constraints as determined by the Chief Referee.

- Singles Sessions: no more than 12 athletes
- Pairs Sessions: no more than four teams
- Ice Dance Sessions: no more than five teams

PHOTO/VIDEO

ProMix Sound and Video will provide video services including live streaming. Melanie Heaney Photography will provide action photography. Online sales of action photography and video will be available. Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member's Only.

AWARDS/RESULTS

Pick up and/or presentation of awards will immediately follow the posting of results electronically.. Awards will be given to 1st through 4th place skaters with the exception of Compete USA, which an award will be given to all participants.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

All official notices will be sent through EMS. Please be sure your registration email address is up to date and available to you prior to and during the Fort Collins Classic. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted online and in EMS prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT

You may sign-up for Test Credit through EMS during online registration for \$10. Test Credit Packets may be picked up at the registration desk once results have been posted online. Please note, competitors skating up TWO levels are not eligible to receive test credit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non qualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating. **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, only ONE coach may be credentialed per registered athlete.** Please note that no coach will be allowed to enter the facility without a credential.

EMS Coach Resources (*include links in your announcement):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

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. *
 - o 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. *
 - o 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. *
 - o 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. *
 - o 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.usfsaonline.org Person Icon [or Account](#) Member Profile Compliance

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

Volunteer Compliance: Reminder: compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events include key LOC members, locker room monitors and ALL medical event personnel. To be considered compliant, an approved volunteer serving in one of these positions must:

- ✓ Must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check*
 - o The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional
- ✓ Must complete annual SafeSport Training
 - o The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification *

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

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CONTACT INFO:

If you have questions, please contact Kelly Cann at kelly.cann79@email.com. Additional contact information is available below.

Chief Referee	Pine Kopka-Ross	kopkap@umich.edu	(231) 883-2748
Chair	Kelly Cann	kelly.cann79@gmail.com	(970) 237-9842
Co-Chair	Amy Aspelund	aspelua@gmail.com	(970) 556-4850
Practice Ice	Kelly Cann	Kelly.cann79@gmail.com	TBD



Programs & Ads	Maria Miller	maria_with_no_e@yahoo.com	TBD
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Critiques: Our goal is to offer critiques for Juvenile and above Free Skate events. You may sign up for critiques in EMS for \$10. More information will be available after the close of entries.

Hotels: Please see the FCFSC website for official hotel information. www.fortcollinsfsc.org.

EVENTS OFFERED:

The following events will be offered at the 2021 Fort Collins Classic. Pricing, event requirements, and the judging method are outlined below.

SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.

NOTE – all Half Ice Events will be skated using the full-ice surface!

Critiques will be offered for Juvenile-Senior Well Balanced Free Skate Events.

All critiques will be provided in a virtual format and further information will be emailed to competitors after the close of entries. [Critiques >>EMS>>>Available Events>>>Other>>>Protocol FS](#)

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Juvenile – Senior; All “Plus” Events)	IJS	\$165	\$65	\$65
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$145	\$50	\$50
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$165	\$65	\$65
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$165	\$65	\$65
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test & Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$145	\$50	\$50
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$165	\$65	\$65
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Bronze)	6.0	\$145	\$65	\$65
PAIRS	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Short Program (Novice – Senior)	IJS	\$165	\$65	\$65
Free Skate (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$165	\$65	\$65
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Jumps Challenge (No Test – Senior)	IJS	\$100	\$50	\$35
Spins Challenge (No Test – Senior)	IJS	\$100	\$50	\$35
Showcase– Rules **	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$145	\$50	\$50
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in solo dance series); Preliminary - Pre-Silver Event ONLY. Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$165	\$65	\$35
COLORADO COMPETE USA EVENTS (requirements outlined on following pages)				
Elements: Snowplow Sam – Basic 6	6.0	\$110	\$35	\$35
Compulsory: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 and Adult 1-6	6.0	\$110	\$35	\$35
Programs with Music: Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6 and Adult 1-6	6.0	\$110	\$35	\$35
SPECIAL OLYMPICS/ADAPTIVE SKATING				
Special Olympics Free Skate (Special Olympics Manual/Handbook & Adaptive Skating Manual)	6.0	\$110	\$35	\$35



2021 Skate Colorado Compete USA Series

<p>Aspen Invitational (Lewis Arena) RESCHEDULED Date: May 14-15, 2021 www.aspenfigureskatingclub.com 0861 Maroon Creek Rd Aspen, CO Competition Chair: Janette Buchanan janettebuchanan@yahoo.com (650) 465-1720 Competition Application Deadline: April 16, 2021</p>	<p>Denver Invitational (South Suburban Sports Complex) Date: March 11-14, 2021 www.denverfsc.org 4810 E. County Line Road Littleton, CO 80126 Competition Chair: Lisa May lisa@denverfsc.org (720) 272-0290 Competition Application Deadline: Feb 3, 2021</p>
<p>Ft. Collins Classic (EPIC) Date: April 8-11, 2021 www.fortcollinsfsc.org 1801 Riverside Fort Collins, CO 80525 Competition Chair: Kelly Cann kelly.cann79@gmail.com (970) 237-9842 Competition Application Deadline: March 5, 2021</p>	<p>Funtastics (APEX) Date: April 17, 2021 www.alpinesc.org 13150 W 72nd Ave Arvada, CO 80005 Competition Chair: Carol Zeles cmzeles@gmail.com (303) 979-0802 Competition Application Deadline: March TBD, 2021</p>
<p>Colorado College Cup (Honnen Ice Arena) Date: ? http://www.coloradocollege.edu/other/honnen 14 Cache La Poudre St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Competition Chair: Donna Schoon dschoon499@gmail.com (719) 389-6156 Competition Application Deadline: ?, 2021</p>	<p>Front Range Invitational (Greeley Ice Haus) Date: June 5, 2021 www.mountainviewskatingclub.com 900 8th Avenue Greeley, CO 80633 Competition Chair: Melayna Rael competition@mountainviewskatingclub.com (970) 302-4253 Competition Application Deadline: May 16, 2021</p>
<p>Broadmoor Open (World Arena) Date: June 27, 2021 www.broadmoorskatingclub.com 3185 Venetucci Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80906 Competition Chair: Barbara Bradley HoneyB23@aol.com (719) 540-5655 Competition Application Deadline: May 3, 2021</p>	<p>Vail Invitational (Dobson Arena) Date: July 15-18, 2021 www.skateclubvail.com 321 E. Lionshead Cir Vail, CO 81657 Competition Chair: Carol Ewers/Kelly Diemund cewers12@gmail.com / kellydiemund@gmail.com (630) 379-6867 / (970) 376-3945 Competition Application Deadline: June 16, 2021</p>
<p>Cup of Colorado/Colorado Gold (South Suburban Sports Complex) Date: August 12-15, 2021 www.coloradoskatingclub.net 4810 E. County Line Road Littleton, CO 80126 Competition Chair: Chris Kanive/Paula Kroell cupofcolorado2021@gmail.com (303) 204-2212 / (814) 440-5672 Competition Application Deadline: July 7, 2021</p>	<p>Colorado Springs Invitational/RMSG (Monument Ice Rinks) Date: September 9-12, 2021 www.centennialskatingclub.org 16240 Old Denver Highway Monument, CO 80132 Competition Chair: Lisa Landon lisa_landon@comcast.net (719) 659-0912 Competition Application Deadline: Aug 6, 2021</p>
<p>*** All 2021 Skate Colorado Compete USA Competition Series awards will be presented at the conclusion of this competition ***</p>	

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide an opportunity for Colorado skaters to develop their skating skills in a fun, competitive environment.

AWARDS: During the competition season, skaters and teams/clubs will have the chance to compete at **10** different competitions and earn points for a final standing. Trophies and medals will be awarded at the conclusion of the Skate Colorado Compete USA competition at the 2021 Colorado Springs Invitational

Skate Colorado Compete USA Series Team Banner (3x4) - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place banners will be awarded to the club/skating school with the most points scored throughout the entire series (all **10** competitions) by skaters representing that club/skating school (points for clubs and skating schools located at the same rink will be added together to enhance and create more of a "team" concept). Points will be awarded based upon the same system as the individual points. **Only the top 10 team members' OVERALL scores FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON (including move up points) will count toward the team points for the determination of the team trophy.** Tie breakers will be the same as the individual tie breakers.

Free Skate Program and Elements/Compulsory Series Point System

A skater must enter **BOTH** the Free skate Program **AND** the Elements/Compulsory event **IN THE SAME LEVEL** in each of at least TWO of the **10** registered Skate Colorado Compete USA Competitions to be eligible for accumulating points. Skaters must compete in a minimum of 2 competitions. **Only up to the best 4 scores (free skate and compulsory/elements added together) of the season will be totaled for the final score in the series.** Each event will have a maximum of six skaters. Both youth and adults may accumulate points!

The system for scoring points for the trophies will be as follows:

1 st place	6 points
2 nd place	5 points
3 rd place	4 points
4 th place	3 points
5 th place	2 points
6 th place	1 point

** A skater will earn three points toward their overall standing each time the skaters enters a level that is higher than the level competed in at the previous competition throughout the duration of the series. In order to keep the extra three points he/she must compete in that level or higher in all subsequent competitions. Move up points will be awarded for all 10 series events (even though the event point scores may not be one of the final four best scores).*

In the event that there is only one skater in an event, the skater will have the choice to skate alone OR move up a level to compete against other skaters, **HOWEVER, THE SKATER WILL HAVE TO MOVE UP IN BOTH THE**



ELEMENTS/COMPULSORY MOVES AND THE PROGRAMS W/MUSIC EVENTS. In this case, those skaters will be allowed to move back to their original level to compete at the next competition and shall not be awarded the 3 point move up credit.

If an event has 2-6 skaters, the points will be awarded as if there were six skaters in the group. If there is only one skater in the group, that skater will be awarded three points.

In case of a tie, the total number of skaters that the competitor has skated against throughout the series (all competitions and not just the competitions with the 4 best scores) will be the 1st tie breaker. The total score for all free skate events during the season will be the 2nd tie breaker, the total score for all compulsory events during the season will be the 3rd tie breaker, and the number of levels increased throughout the season will be the 4th tie breaker.

All points follow the skater throughout the series, so if a skater moves up to higher levels, the points follow the skater. Once a skater moves up a level, they may not compete at a lower level unless they moved up as a result of having no other skaters in their group.

Trophies will be awarded 1-3 in each level from Snowplow Sam through Free Skate 6 and Adult 1-6. The trophies will be awarded to the skaters at their level as of the last competition in which they compete.

Rules and Format:

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Skate Colorado Compete USA Series** is sponsored equally by the **10** participating ice rinks and/or U.S. Figure Skating member clubs. Competition packages will be available at all participating ice rinks and/or via the club or rink websites. Each competition will have its own entry forms and specific rules so please make sure to read the entire announcement for each competition.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Learn to Skate USA Program/Club or any other Learn to Skate USA Program/Club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries.

All Snowplow Sam through Basic 6 skaters are eligible to skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition and **NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances.**

All Pre-Free Skate through Free Skate 6 skaters are eligible to skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition. **Skaters may have passed Pre-Preliminary MITF and no higher, Preliminary Dance and no higher, and may NOT have passed any U.S. FIGURE SKATING free skate tests.**

It is very important to the success of the series that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the local organizing committee and/or their Chief Referee discover that a skater has been placed in a category that is



below their class level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater to the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors.

Elements: Snowplow Sam – Basic 6

Format: Each skater will perform one element at a time in the order listed below (no excessive connecting steps or choreography)

- To be skated on ½ ice, no music
- **All elements must be skated in the order listed – no additional elements are allowed**
- The skater **must demonstrate** the required elements as described
- Each element may only be attempted once
- Time: 1:00 MAX

Compulsory: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 and Adults 1-6

Format: In program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional

- To be skated on ½ ice, no music
- The skater **must demonstrate** the required elements as described
- Each element may only be attempted once
- May use any additional elements from previous levels as connecting steps.
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements
- A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Time: 1:15 MAX Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6; 1:30 MAX Adult 1-6

Programs with Music: Snowplow Sam – Basic 6

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice
- Vocal music is allowed
- The skater **must demonstrate** the required elements as described and may use any additional elements from their current level or a previous level
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements
- If the description of a required move states the direction of the element or the placement of the free leg, then options are **NOT** allowed
- A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Time: 1:10 MAX

Programs with Music: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 and Adult 1 – 6

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice
- Vocal music is allowed.
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Snowplow Sam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> March followed by a two-foot glide and dip Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row Forward snowplow stop Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row 	Free Skate 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position – minimum 3 revolutions Loop jump Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination
Basic 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward two-foot glide and dip Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row 	Free Skate 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions Half loop jump Flip jump
Basic 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot Scooter pushes, 2-3 each foot Moving snowplow stop Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row 	Free Skate 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions Camel spin - minimum 3 revolutions Waltz jump - loop jump combination Lutz jump
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Free Skate 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis Backward inside three-turn, right and left Beginning back spin, optional entry and free foot position, max 3 revolutions Half Lutz Salchow jump 	Adult 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward stroking with crossover end patterns Backward stroking with crossover end patterns Forward inside three-turn, right and left T-stop Lunge Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on one foot)

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