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18th Annual
Desert Ice Open
Competition

November 16 - 18, 2018

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating Association
National Showcase 2019 Qualifying Competition

Hosted by the Skating Club of Nevada

LAS VEGAS ICE CENTER
9295 West Flamingo Road
Las Vegas, NV 89147

Entries due October 22nd, 2018





GENERAL RULES AND INFORMATION

The Skating Club of Nevada is pleased to announce the **18th Annual Desert Ice Competition** to be held on **November 16-18, 2018**. We hope you will be joining us for some great skating by spending a few days in the desert. The **18th Annual Desert Ice Competition** 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.

Contact Information

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Eligibility:

Desert Ice is open to all skaters who are current eligible members of U.S. Figure Skating. **Test and age cutoff date is October 22, 2018**. Skaters may compete at the highest Free Skate test passed level OR one level higher. Skaters may not compete in more than one level in the same event.

Application Deadline:

Entries must be completed online via Entryeze website no later than **11:59 pm, October 22, 2018**. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Chief Referee and are subject to a \$30 late fee (per event). Requesting late entries is available using the online registration site. You must be 18 years of age or older and the holder of a valid credit card in order to register. Parents and Legal Guardians may register their children for events. To register, visit <http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=390>

Event Fees:

| Event | Fee |
|---|-------------------|
| IJS Well Balanced Free Skating Events: Intermediate through Senior (includes Free Skate and Short Program) | \$120 |
| IJS Well Balanced Free Skating Events: Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Adult Silver, Adult Gold, Adult Intermediate/Novice, and Adult Masters Junior/Senior (Free Skate) | \$90 |
| 6.0 Well Balanced Free Skating Events: Pre-Preliminary and below, Adult Pre-Bronze, and Adult Bronze (Free Skate) | \$85 |
| Showcase Event Dramatic (singles) | \$75 |
| Showcase Event Light Entertainment (singles) | \$75 |
| Showcase Duet Dramatic (per skater) | \$60 |
| Showcase Duet Light Entertainment (per skater) | \$60 |
| Solo Pattern Dance | \$45 |
| Interpretive | \$45 |
| Compulsory Moves | \$45 |
| Jumps Event | \$40 |
| Spins Event | \$40 |
| Pairs | |
| Pairs Fee Skate | \$100/team |
| Pairs Short Program | \$100/team |





Add/Change Event:

Registered events can be changed and new events can be added without any charge before 11:59 pm, Monday, October 22, 2018. Any event change after October 22nd will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee with a \$30 change fee per event. Contact the Desert Ice Competition Chair to request a change/add event.

Refunds

Refunds will only be issued if the competition is not held per US Skating Rule #3048. The credit card processing fees are non-refundable. If there are not enough entries to hold an event and time allows, a critique will be offered to the skater in Free Skate events in lieu of a refund.

Grouping of Events:

Two entries in any event constitute a competition. Short Program and Free Skate are offered as separate events. Events with more than 24 competitors for Juvenile through Senior and 15 competitors for Pre-Juvenile and below may be divided into groups at the discretion of the Chief Referee. In the event of multiple groups, there will be no final round. Groups will be divided by age at Pre-Juvenile and below levels. If there are insufficient entries in Showcase and Interpretive events, levels **may be** combined. If there are not enough entries to hold an event, boys and girls may compete against each other in Showcase, Solo Pattern Dance, Interpretive, Compulsory Moves, Jump, and Spin events.

Judging System:

The International Judging System (**IJS**) will be used for Preliminary through Senior Free Skate, Adult Silver through Adult Masters Free Skate, and Intermediate through Senior Short Program. All other events will be judged using the **6.0** system. **The Skating Club of Nevada reserves the right to change the events from IJS to 6.0 if there are unforeseen matters that arise.**

Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS)

All skaters who are competing in the IJS events must complete the U.S. Figure Skating online PPCS registration through www.entryeeze.com by November 3, 2018.

Protocols

Each skater in **IJS** events will receive one copy of protocol for free; there will be a small charge for additional copies.

Registration

A registration desk will be located in the rink and will be open each day of the competition beginning one hour prior to the first event through the end of the last event. All competitors must register upon arrival. You must arrive at least one hour prior to your event to check in. The competition schedule will be posted at the registration desk and on the official competitor's bulletin board. There is no admission charge for spectators.

Music

CD-R's are the only media form that will be accepted. CDs must have only one (1) piece of music per CD. CDs must be CLEARLY marked with competitor's name, event and music length. Due to compatibility problems as well as unreliability, CD-RW media will NOT be accepted. The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Skating Club of Nevada cannot be responsible for CD's left at the end of the competition.

Ice Surfaces

The competition will be held at Las Vegas Ice Center. The facility features one full size regulation ice surface (North Rink) measuring 85' x 200' with slightly rounded corners and a second surface (South Rink) measuring 85' x 193' with slightly rounded corners. All Showcase Events will be held on the North Rink (please see Diagram on Page 16).

Practice Ice

No official practice ice is included in the entry fee. Practice ice will be sold through the Las Vegas Ice Center and will be made available during the week of November 5, 2018. Times and instructions will be posted at that time.





Liability

U.S. Figure Skating, the Skating Club of Nevada, and the Las Vegas Ice Center 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.

Directions

From I-215 and Flamingo: Head East on Flamingo Rd for ¼ mile. Make a right, turning south, into the Las Vegas Ice Center. Parking is free.

Awards

Medals will be given to 1st place through 4th place in all events.

Video Taping/Photography

Professional videotaping will be available. You are welcome to tape **your own skater or child ONLY**. For contractual and possible legal reasons, taping other competitors is strictly prohibited. All videotaping and photography is restricted to hand held battery operated equipment, without monopod or tripod. Flash photography is strictly prohibited at all times during the competition.

Vendors

A number of vendors have been invited to participate. We encourage everyone to visit all the booths and find something of interest. Please check our website for information.

Important Notice for All Coaches:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the following requirements:

Coaching U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2018-19 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Coaching Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through www.usfsaonline.org for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive 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. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at your competition, a background check and SafeSport Training is not required. Instead, the coach must submit a letter from their Federation stating they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

Website

The Desert Ice Competition page: www.skatingclubofnevada.com. On the home page you will find a link to the Entryeeze competition webpage. The tentative schedule of events and group listings shall be posted approximately two weeks before start of the competition. The schedule is subject to change.





SPECIAL AWARDS

John Keating Trophy

All skaters who compete in the Free Skate or Showcase event in the Pre-Preliminary level and below, including first time competitors are eligible for this award. The trophy will be presented to the most outstanding performance and/or program by a single skater. In memory of John, the trophy is for an eye-catching skater with an original and wonderful performance. The perpetual trophy, with winner's name engraved, will remain on display at the Skating Club of Nevada. A suitably engraved personal keepsake will be presented to the winner.

Cal Ashton Artistic Trophy

All skaters who compete in a Showcase event from all levels are eligible. This trophy will be presented for the most artistic (dramatic or light) showcase program. This trophy is donated in memory of Cal Ashton in honor of the sport of Figure Skating. Cal truly enjoyed the artistic side of skating; she could see the true personality of the skater's spirit shining through! The perpetual trophy, with winner's name engraved, will remain on display at the Skating Club of Nevada. A suitably engraved personal keepsake will be presented to the winner.

Surya Bonaly Performance Trophy

All skaters who compete in a Free Skate or Showcase event from Pre-Preliminary through Senior levels are eligible. This trophy will be presented for the most assertive (intensely skated) program. Surya, known for her incredibly strong work ethic and intense dedication to the sport of figure skating, wishes to acknowledge the athlete who takes command of the ice utilizing the entire ice and program filled with strong, intense skating. The perpetual trophy, with winner's name engraved, will remain on display at the Skating Club of Nevada. A suitably engraved personal keepsake will be presented to the winner.

Skating Club of Nevada Vivian Howland Blade Award

Competitors eligible for this award will be skaters from Pre-Preliminary through Senior levels Free Skate. This trophy will be given to the skater with the best overall "Presentation & Performance" in a Freestyle event. Placements will not be taken into account in the judging for this award. The Skating Club of Nevada donates this trophy and only home club members are eligible. The recipient must be a member of the Skating Club of Nevada for a minimum of two years in good standing and must skate regularly at the Skating Club of Nevada's home rink. Voting will be based on the majority vote of (1) The Event Head Referee; (2) the Board of Directors of the Skating Club of Nevada – which shall have one vote, and (3) the Event Public Address announcer. The perpetual trophy, with winner's name engraved, will remain on display at the Skating Club of Nevada. A suitably engraved personal keepsake will be presented to the winner.



USFS NON-QUALIFYING EVENTS

Introductory Levels Free Skate Events

- 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. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or “skate up” to one level higher.
- The following deductions will be taken:
 - - 0.1 from each mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description
 - - 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element included
 - - 0.1 from the technical mark for any spin that is less than the required minimum revolutions
- For ALL SPINS: Minimum number of spin revolutions is 3. Revolutions must be in position.

| Level | Jumps | Spins | Step Sequences |
|---|--|---|---|
| “Tumbleweeds” 1:40 Max | Maximum 4 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) • Half loops are not allowed • Max 2 jump sequences • Max 2 of any same jump | Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upright Only • No change of foot • No flying entry • One or two foot spins only | Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must use one-half of ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but not counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence |
| “Roadrunners” <i>(USFS Excel Beginner Free Skate)</i> 1:40 Max Must not have passed higher than Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 2 | Maximum 4 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop only • Half loops are not allowed • Max 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max 2 of any same jump | Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Upright spins • No change of foot • No flying entry | Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must use one-half of ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but not counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence |
| “Valley of Fire” <i>(USFS Excel High Beginner Free Skate)</i> 1:40 Max Must not have passed higher than Learn to Skate USA Free Skate 4 | Maximum 5 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop, half-loop, loop • Flip, Lutz, & Axel are NOT permitted • Max 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max 2 of any same jump | Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both spins must be in a single position • No flying entry • Permitted forward spins: upright, sit, and camel • Permitted back spins: upright • Spins must be of a different character | Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must use one-half of ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but not counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence |
| “Red Rock” 1:40 Max Must not have passed any USFS free skate test | Maximum 5 Jump Elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop, half-loop, loop, and flip • Lutz and Axel are NOT permitted • Max 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max 2 of any same jump | Maximum 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spins may change foot and/or position • No flying entry • Spins must be of a different character | Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must use one-half of ice surface • Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but not counted as elements • Jumps may be included in the step sequence |



Well Balanced Free Skate Events

All Free Skating events will be skated on the full ice of the arena in accordance with the current Rulebook, all errata and clarifications published on the U.S. Figure Skating web site prior to the start of the competition, and all requirements passed at the 2018 Governing Council as given in the 2018 Governing Council Report of Action.

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. Skaters compete at the highest level they have passed, or skaters may "skate up" to one level higher.

Please see USFS 2018-2019 rulebook for rules and requirements for all the following events. Quick links to the respective charts are below.

SINGLES FREE SKATE (NO TEST THROUGH SENIOR):

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2018-19%20Singles%20FS%20Chart.pdf>

| Level | Requirements | Time |
|------------------------|---|---|
| No Test | Not passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate test No age limit. Requirements per Rule 6490. | 1:40 Maximum |
| Pre-Preliminary | Passed no higher than Pre-preliminary free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 6480. | 1:40 Maximum |
| Preliminary | Passed no higher than Preliminary free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 6470. | 1:30 +/- 10 sec |
| Pre-Juvenile | Passed no higher than Pre-juvenile free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 6460. | 2:00 +/- 10 sec |
| Juvenile | Passed no higher than Juvenile free skate test. Girls under age 12 and boys under age 13 as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 6450. | 2:20 +/- 10 sec |
| Open Juvenile | Passed no higher than Juvenile free skate test. Girls 13 years of age or older and boys 14 years of age and older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 6450. | 2:20 +/- 10 sec |
| Intermediate | Passed no higher than Intermediate free skate test. Skaters 17 years of age or younger as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 6440. | 2:40 +/- 10 sec |
| Novice | Passed no higher than Novice free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 6430. | 3:00 +/- 10 sec (Ladies) 3:30 +/- 10 sec (Men) |
| Junior | Passed no higher than Junior free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 6420. | 3:30 +/- 10 sec (Ladies) 3:30 +/- 10 sec (Men) |
| Senior | Passed Senior free skate test. No age limit. Requirements per Rule 6410. | 4:00 +/- 10 sec (Ladies) 4:00 +/- 10 sec (Men) |





ADULT FREE SKATE (PRE-BRONZE THROUGH MASTERS JUNIOR/SENIOR):

<http://usfsa.org/content/2018-19%20Adult%20Singles%20WBP%20Chart.pdf>

| Level | Requirements | Time |
|---|--|--------------|
| Adult Pre-Bronze | Passed Adult Pre-bronze and no higher than Pre-preliminary free skate. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 6560. | 1:40 Maximum |
| Adult Bronze | Passed Adult Bronze test and no higher than Preliminary free skate test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 6550. | 1:50 Maximum |
| Adult Silver | Passed Adult Silver and no higher than Pre-juvenile free skate test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 6540. | 2:10 Maximum |
| Adult Gold | Passed Adult Gold and no higher than Juvenile Free Skate Test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 6530. | 2:40 Maximum |
| Adult Masters Intermediate-Novice (combined) | Passed Intermediate free skate and no higher than Novice free skate test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 6520. | 3:10 Maximum |
| Adult Masters Junior-Senior (combined) | Passed Novice free skate test. Skaters 21 years of age or older as of closing date. Requirements per Rule 6510. | 3:40 Maximum |

PAIRS FREE SKATE (PRE-JUVENILE THROUGH SENIOR)

- For the Novice Pair event through the Senior Pair events there will be a Short Program and a Free Skating Program.
- For Short Program requirements: <http://usfsa.org/content/2018-19%20Pairs%20SP%20Chart.pdf>
- Free Skate requirements: <http://usfsa.org/content/2018-19%20Pairs%20FS%20Chart.pdf>

| Level | Requirements | Time |
|---------------------|--|---|
| Pre-Juvenile | Both partners must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Pair test. Please see Rule 7460. | 2:00 +/- 10 sec |
| Juvenile | Both partners must have passed the Juvenile Pair test. Please see Rule 7450. | 2:30 +/- 10 sec |
| Intermediate | Both partners must have passed the Intermediate Pair test. Please see Rule 7440. | 3:00 +/- 10 sec Free Skate |
| Novice | Both partners must have passed the Novice Pair test. Please see Rule 7430. | 3:30 +/- 10 sec Free Skate 2:50 Max Short Program |
| Junior | Both partners must have passed the Junior Pair Test. Please see Rule 7420. | 3:30 +/- 10 sec Free Skate 2:40 +/- 10 sec Short Program |
| Senior | Both partners must have passed the Senior Pair test. Please see Rule 7410. | 4:00 +/- 10 sec Free Skate 2:40 +/- 10 sec Short Program |





Interpretive Event

- Eligibilities in Free Skate events apply.
- In the interpretive events the competitors will skate to music chosen by the Organizing Committee. Prior to each event the music for that event will be played for the competitors twice off-ice. During the on ice warm-up period, the music will be played two additional times. Following each warm-up group, the skaters will wait in an isolated room where they cannot hear the music until it is their turn to skate.
- No props or costume changes are allowed.
- All age requirements are accordance with the current Rulebook and as of October 22nd, 2018.

| Level | Time | Event | Time |
|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| Tumbleweeds through Pre-Juvenile | 1:00 approx. | Adult Pre-Bronze and Bronze | 1:00 approx. |
| Juvenile/ Open Juvenile, Intermediate, and Novice | 1:30 approx. | Adult Gold, Adult Master Intermediate, Adult Master Novice | 1:30 approx. |
| Junior and Senior | 1:30 approx. | Adult Master Junior and Senior | 1:30 approx. |

Compulsory Moves Event

- Eligibilities in Free Skate events apply. Skaters may “skate up” one level higher in compulsories than free skate program.
- All events are skated without music.
- In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps; the elements may be skated in any order. Each element may be attempted only once.
- Skaters may not add additional elements. A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- There is no penalty for shorter durations.

| Level | Required Elements | Time | Ice Surface |
|-----------------------|---|----------|-------------|
| Tumbleweeds | 1. Waltz jump 2. Half-Flip jump 3. Two-foot upright spin, min 3 revolutions 4. Forward Spiral (Any edge or on a flat) | 1:00 Max | Full |
| Roadrunners | 1. Toe Loop Jump 2. Salchow Jump 3. One foot upright spin - min 3 revolutions (free leg position is optional) 4. Choreographic step sequence | 1:15 Max | Full |
| Valley of Fire | 1. Loop Jump 2. Salchow/Toe Loop Jump combination 3. Sit spin – min 3 revolutions 4. Choreographic step sequence | 1:15 Max | Full |
| Red Rock | 1. Flip Jump 2. Salchow/Loop jump combination 3. Camel Spin – min 3 revolutions 4. Choreographic step sequence | 1:15 Max | Full |



Jumps Only Event (Full Ice)

- Eligibilities in Free Skate events apply. Skaters may “skate up” one level higher in Jumps Only Event than free skate program. Levels will not be combined.
- Jump events will be skated on Full Ice and will be skated without music.
- Jumps may be performed in any order. **Each skater may attempt each jump only once.**
- **Skaters may not add additional elements and connecting moves are to be kept to a minimum.**
- There will be one 5-minute warm-up period for all jumps for each group.
- Two marks will be given (6.0 system). The first mark for technical merit will break any tie. In judging the jump events, the judges will apply equal value to each jump. Short Program deductions (6.0 system) will be applied to errors and omissions in executing the jumps.
- **Marking of the Jump Events**

In marking the Spin events the judges will consider the following in each mark:

First Mark:

- Difficulty of the jump combinations and sequences
- Speed of takeoff / Correct takeoff and landing edges
- Height in the air
- Sureness of landings

Second Mark

- Takeoff and landing positions
- Arm positions in the air
- Creativity of jump sequences
- Overall carriage and style

| Level | Required Elements | Time | Surface |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|----------|
| No Test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Flip • Single Lutz • Jump Combination – any single jump + single loop (no axels) | 1:00 Max | Full Ice |
| Pre-Preliminary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Lutz • Single Axel • Jump Combination – single/single (Axels allowed) | 1:15 Max | Full Ice |
| Preliminary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Axel • Double Salchow or Double Toe Loop • Jump Combination – Any single jump + single loop (Axels allowed) | 1:15 Max | Full Ice |
| Pre-Juvenile | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Axel • Double Salchow • Jump Combination – Any double jump + Single Toe Loop | 1:15 Max | Full Ice |
| Juvenile/Open Juvenile | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single Axel • Double Loop • Jump Combination – Double/Single (No Axels) | 1:15 Max | Full Ice |
| Intermediate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double Loop • Double Flip • Jump Combination – Double/Double (Double Axels allowed) | 1:15 Max | Full Ice |



Spins Only Event (Half Ice)

- Eligibilities in Free Skate events apply. Skaters may “skate up” one level higher in Spins Only Event than free skate program. Levels will not be combined.
- Spin events will be skated on Half Ice and will be skated without music.
- Spins may be performed in any order. Spins may be attempted only ONCE, and in the event of a fall the skater may not push into the spin a second time.
- **Skaters may not add additional elements and connecting moves are to be kept to a minimum.** Spins may be preceded and followed only by crossovers and/or stroking. The judges shall take a 0.2 deduction for each additional extraneous movement, pose or gesture that precedes or follows a spin (6.0 system).
- There will be one 5-minute warm-up period for all spins for each group
- When counting spin positions in the spin events the following conventions will apply: change of position refers to a change of the basic spin position - upright, sit, or camel; variations within a basic spin position without leaving the basic spin position are not counted as a change of position and are permitted; changing position and then returning to a previous position is counted as two changes of position (e.g., sit to camel to sit has two changes of position). The upright position at the end is not treated as a change of position in a spin in one position as long as the skater does not try any difficult variations of the upright.
- Extraneous movements entering and exiting the spins will not be judged. In assessing the difficulty of positions, the difficulty standards from the new judging system will be used. A change of direction spin is only permitted when a change of foot is permitted.
- The Biellmann position will be counted as an upright position.
- **In judging the spin events:** the judges will apply equal value to each spin. Short Program deductions (6.0 system) will be applied to errors and omissions in executing the spins. Two marks will be given (6.0 system). The first mark for technical merit will break any tie.
- **Marking of the Spin Events**

In marking the Spin events the judges will consider the following in each mark:

First Mark:

- Speed of rotation
- Centering of spins
- Number of rotations
- Height of jump and air position in flying spins
- Difficulty and accuracy of positions

Second Mark

- Variety of positions
- Creativity of positions
- Carriage and style

| Level | Required Elements | Time | Surface |
|-------------------------------|---|----------|----------|
| No Test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sit Spin (at least 3 revs) • Back scratch Spin (at least 3 revs) | 1:00 Max | Half Ice |
| Pre-Preliminary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camel (at least 3 revs) • Forward Scratch to Backward Scratch Spin (at least 3 revs on each foot) | 1:00 Max | Half Ice |
| Preliminary | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward Sit to Back Sit Spin (at least 4 revs on each foot) • Camel / Sit / Upright Combo Spin (at least 3 revs in each position) | 1:00 Max | Half Ice |
| Pre-Juvenile | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Camel or Flying Sit Spin (5 revs) • Spin Combo with <u>at least</u> 1 change of position and 1 change of foot (5 revs each foot) | 1:15 Max | Half Ice |
| Juvenile/ Open Juvenile | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spin Combo with <u>at least</u> 1 change of position and <u>no change</u> of foot (4 revs each position) • Flying Camel or Flying Sit spin (5 revs) • Spin with 1 position and <u>no change</u> of foot (no flying entry, min. 5 revs) | 1:15 Max | Half Ice |
| Intermediate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spin combo with <u>at least</u> 1 change of position and 1 change of foot (5 revs each foot) • Spin with 1 position and no change of foot – may commence with a fly (5 revs in position) • Layback or sideways leaning spin (Ladies) or Camel or Sit Spin (Men) (6 revs – no change of foot, no flying entry) | 1:15 Max | Half Ice |



Solo Pattern Dance and Adult Solo Pattern Dance Events

- Solo Pattern Dance events will be offered at the Preliminary through Silver levels. Adult Solo Pattern Dance events will be offered at the Bronze through Silver levels.
- Skaters may compete at their highest complete pattern dance test passed or one level above their highest completed dance test.
- Each event will consist of the skater performing both of the required two dances at each level.
- Dances will be scheduled at the discretion of the Chief Referee and may be competed consecutively or with a break in-between pattern dance groupings.
- Music will be selected from the following options: <http://www.usfsa.org/programs?id=59305>
- Music will be played during warm-up.
- All Solo Pattern Dance and Adult Solo Pattern Dance events will be judged under 6.0.
- All age and test requirements for all events shall be as stated in the current Rulebook, all errata and clarifications published on the U.S. Figure Skating web site prior to the start of the competition, and all requirements passed at the 2018 Governing Council as given in the 2018 Governing Council Report of Action.
- Desert Ice Open 2018 is **not** part of the 2018 Solo Dance Series.

| Level | First Dance | Second Dance |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Preliminary | Dutch Waltz | Rhythm Blues |
| Pre-Bronze | Swing | Cha-Cha |
| Bronze | Hickory Hoedown | Willow Waltz |
| Pre-Silver | Fourteenstep | European Waltz |
| Silver | American Waltz | Silver Tango |
| Adult Bronze | Cha Cha | Hickory Hoedown |
| Adult Pre-Silver | Hickory Hoedown | Foxtrot |
| Adult Silver | European Waltz | Rocker Foxtrot |



Showcase Dramatic and Showcase Light (Single and Duets)

Dramatic Entertainment: Showcase program utilizing intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. The entire gamut of emotions may be expressed including intense joy and/or introspectiveness. **Props and Scenery ARE permitted.**

Light Entertainment: Showcase program expressing a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. **Props and Scenery ARE permitted.**

Both Showcase Dramatic and Showcase Light will be competed under the identical lighting to that of the National Showcase. Two or more spotlights will be used with lights dimmed (page 16). Skaters will warm up for a minimum of three minutes backstage (behind the curtain). Events are offered for each division. Skaters may enter either or both within their test level. Skaters who enter more than one showcase event must perform different programs in each showcase event they enter with different music, costumes and choreography for each routine. There will be no countdown of timing announced for Single skaters or Duets. If a competitor has any doubt concerning the safety of his/her performance, the Chief Referee should be consulted.

JUDGING AND MARKING:

1. Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities.
2. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements.
3. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will negatively affect the competitor's marks.
4. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence.
5. Theatrical elements evaluated will include reflection of the musicality as it pertains to the concept of the program, projection, energy, timing, acting, skating skills that relate to the music, age appropriateness to skater, use of props and scenery, interaction (duets only). Prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged.
6. The 6.0 judging system will be used. One mark will be awarded by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be used.
7. Deductions will apply for negligence relating to: costumes, props, program times. If there is more than one infraction, each will be deducted from the single mark.

MUSIC: Any type of music may be used: vocal, instrumental, etc.

COSTUMES:

1. Costuming and make-up for showcase/theatrical/interpretive skating programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance, and reflect the meaning of the story or theme.
2. Costumes rules for free skate do not apply for showcase/theatrical/interpretive skating. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure.
3. No bobby-pins, feathers, hair accessories, or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. A 0.1 deduction will be taken.
4. Figure skating blades must be used, no hockey or other blades.

PROPS:

1. Props and scenery must be placed and removed: Unaided, by the Singles and Duets competitors within **one minute total on and off**.
2. General:
 - The inclusion of scenery and/or props is not mandatory.
 - All scenery will be portable and not require any mechanical means for transportation (i.e. forklift, etc.). Its movement will be the responsibility of the skater or duet.





3. A mandatory deduction of 1.0 may be applied by each judge as instructed by the referee for the following violations:
 - Scenery may not exceed 7'6" in height.
 - For insurance reasons no propulsion devices will be permitted. This includes items such as cannons and trampolines. Apparatuses such as these, which could be used to assist skaters with jumping into the air are NOT permitted.
 - The use of smoke, fire, liquids, live animals, feathers, bubble machines or any substance that may alter/harm the ice surface and/or skaters is not permitted.
 - No projectiles
 - All props must be under the control of the skater; for example, remotely controlled images or objects.
 - No mirrors or glass of any kind is allowed on the ice.
 - People may not be used as props.

SPECIFICS:

1. There is no minimum time requirement for any event program.
2. Events will not be segregated by gender.
3. There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of the maximum performance time.
4. There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of maximum prop placement and/or prop break down time.
5. Timing starts with the first purposeful motion of the body and ends when motion stops.
6. Spotlights and curtains are not required for showcase events at nonqualifying competitions.

All age requirements are in accordance with the current Rulebook and as of October 22nd, 2018.

The determination of level will be based upon test requirements at the entry deadline.

Skaters may compete at their test level or one level higher.

***Please note: **For ALL Duets, the Duet must compete according to the age and level of the highest test level of the two skaters. In order to qualify and compete at National Showcase, both skaters must have completed test minimum pre-requisites.**

Non-Qualifying Showcase Competition Guidelines:

NOTE: Tumbleweeds through Pre-Preliminary Levels and Adult Pre-Bronze do NOT Qualify for National Showcase.

| Event (Singles and Duets) | Must Have Passed: | Must NOT have passed: | Age | Time |
|---|--|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| Tumbleweeds, Roadrunners, Valley of Fire, and Red Rock | Not passed any Free Skating or Dance test | Any Free Skate or Free Dance Test | No age restriction | 1:30 Max |
| No Test | Not passed any Free Skating or Dance test | Any Free Skate or Free Dance Test | No age restriction | 1:30 Max |
| Pre-Preliminary | Pre-Preliminary Free Skate | Preliminary Free Skate Any Free Dance | No age Restriction | 1:30 Max |
| Adult Pre-Bronze | Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate or Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test | Adult Bronze Free Skate, Preliminary Free Skate OR Any Free Dance | 21 and Older | 1:40 max |





Qualifying Competition Showcase Guidelines

NOTE: Singles competitors in the following levels may qualify for National Showcase by placing first, second, third, or fourth in their event.

| Event (Singles and Duets) | Must have passed Free Skating or Dance test (solo or partnered standard track) | Must NOT have passed Free Skate or Dance (solo or partnered) Test or higher | Age | Time |
|---------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|----------|
| Preliminary | Preliminary Free Skate | Pre Juvenile Free Skate or Juvenile Free Dance | No minimum age (max age 20) | 1:40 max |
| Pre-Juvenile | Pre-Juvenile Free Skate | Juvenile Free Skate or Juvenile Free Dance | No minimum age (max age 20) | 1:40 max |
| Juvenile | Juvenile Free Skate or Juvenile Free Dance | Intermediate Free Skate or Intermediate Free Dance | 13 and under | 2:10 max |
| Teen | Juvenile Free Skate or Juvenile Free Dance | Intermediate Free Skate or Intermediate Free Dance | 13 years of age or older | 2:10 max |
| Intermediate | Intermediate Free Skate or Intermediate Free Dance | Novice Free Skate or Novice Free Dance | 17 and under | 2:10 max |
| Young Adult | Juvenile Free Skate or Juvenile Free Dance | Novice Free Skate or Novice Free Dance | 18-20 | 2:10 max |
| Novice | Novice Free Skate or Novice Free Dance | Junior Free Skate or Junior Free Dance | No age restriction | 2:10 max |
| Junior | Junior Free Skate or Junior Free Dance | Senior Free Skate or Senior Free Dance | | 2:40 max |
| Senior | Senior Free Skate or Senior Free Dance | | | 2:40 max |
| Event | Must meet requirements for | Must not have passed | Age | Time |
| Adult Bronze | Adult Bronze Free Skate, Preliminary Free Skate, Juvenile Free Dance or Pre-Bronze Dance Test (prior to 4/30/17) | Adult Silver Free Skate, Pre-Juv. Free Skate, Adult Silver Free Dance, Intern. Free Dance, Prelim. Free Dance (prior to 9/2/200) or 3 rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77) | 21 and older | 1:40 max |
| Adult Silver | Adult Silver Free Skate, Juvenile Free Skate (prior to 10/1/94), Pre-Juv. Free Skate, Adult Silver Free Dance, Intern. Free Dance, Prelim. Free Dance (prior to 9/2/200) or 3 rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77) | Adult Gold Free Skate, Juvenile Free Skate (on/after 10/1/94), Adult Gold Free Dance, Novice Free Dance, Bronze Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) or 4 th Figure (prior to 10/1/77) | 21 and older | 1:40 max |
| Adult Gold | Adult Gold Free Skate, Juvenile Free Skate, Adult Gold Free Dance, Novice Free Dance or 3 rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77) | Intern. Free Skate (on/after 10/1/94), Junior Free Dance, Silver Free Dance (prior to 9/2/2000) or 5 th Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77) | 21 and older | 1:40 max |
| Masters | Intern. Free Skate, Adult Gold Free Dance, Junior Free Dance, Silver Free Dance (prior to 9/2/200), 3 rd Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77) or 8 th Figure Test (10/1/77-9/30/79) | | 21 and older | 2:10 max |



Showcase Arena Information

ALL Showcase and Duet Showcase events will be competed under the similar lighting to that of the National Showcase Championships.

Two or more spotlights will be used with arena lights dimmed.

Performance (competition) surface is 175' x 85' (approx). The warm-up/performance surfaces will be laid out according to the below diagram (not to scale).

