

Skate Nashville 2025 April 10-13, 2025 Nashville Figure Skating Club Centennial Sportsplex Nashville, TN 37209

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Skate Nashville 2025 will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</u>, and/or <u>current Compete USA handbook</u> as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating <u>website</u>.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA[®] member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the <u>rulebook</u> for more information.

SERIES INFORMATION:

Skate Nashville 2025 are participating in the following USFS Series:

- 2025 Solo Dance Series
- 2025 Excel Series

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.
 - If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to the information sheet <u>HERE</u> or email <u>events@usfigureskating.org</u>.

Pairs, Adult, Solo Dance, and Showcase

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

EVENTS OFFERED:

- U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements: <u>usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --></u> <u>Program Requirements</u>
- Compete USA Program Requirements: learntoskateusa.com/competeusa
- Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.): Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at skatenashville615@gmail.com
 - <u>Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.</u>

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Prelim Plus-Senior)	IJS	\$160	\$75
Well Balanced Short Program (Juv-Sr)	IJS	\$160	\$75
Well Balanced Free Skate (Open Juv, Prelim-Senior)	IJS	\$160	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$160	\$75
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$135	\$65
PAIRS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Short Program	IJS	\$195	\$100
Free Skate	IJS	\$195	\$100
Adult Pairs Free Skate	6.0	\$195	\$100
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 - 8)	6.0	\$110	\$55
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	6.0	\$110	\$55
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	6.0	\$110	\$55
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$75
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$75
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$75
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$75
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$75
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$195	\$100
Theme Event	CJS	\$160	\$75

Inflatables	CJS	\$160	\$75
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$210	\$115
Production Ensemble	CJS	\$210	\$115
Adaptive Individual Showcase	6.0	\$160	\$75
Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	6.0	\$160	\$75
SOLO DANCE SERIES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (SDS)	IJS	\$160	\$75
Solo Combined Dance (SDS)	IJS	\$160	\$75
Shadow Dance (SDS)	IJS	\$195	\$100
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$160	\$75
Adult Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$160	\$75
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$85	\$50
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$85	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$85	\$50
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$85	\$50
Excel Freeskate (Pre-Preliminary-Preliminary)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Athlete Development – Spin Challenge (Level 1-6)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Athlete Development – Compulsory Moves (Level 1-6)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Athlete Development – Jump Challenge (Level 1-6)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$85	\$50
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	6.0	\$85	\$50
Adaptive ASSISTED Free Skate (Levels 1-6)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Adaptive UNassisted Free Skate (Levels 1-6)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Showcase Adaptive ASSISTED (Levels 1-6)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Showcase Adaptive UNassisted (Levels 1-6)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Showcase Adaptive Unified Parter (Open/Adult/Masters)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	IJS or 6.0	\$85	\$50

OUR COMMUNITY:

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the <u>SkateSafe® Program Handbook</u> for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the <u>U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook</u>.

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit <u>www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe</u> or email <u>SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org</u>.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline at **SKATENASHVILLE615@GMAIL.COM**.

COMPLIANCE:

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

COACHES

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA[®] Instructor Compliance. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found <u>HERE</u>. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

<u>Coaches of foreign athletes</u>: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "<u>My Coaches</u>" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included in the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

- My Competitions
- My Skaters
- Coach Schedule

MANDATORY ATHLETES

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

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

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Singles and Partnered events only):

Online registrations will be accepted via <u>EMS</u>. Payment must be made at the time of registration by <u>credit card only</u>. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: 03/06/2025 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 03/13/2025 at 11:59 PM ET + \$50 Late Fee

*The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

- 1. Go to <u>www.usfsaonline.org</u>
- 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 <u>memberservices@usfigureskating.org</u>.
- 3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
- 4. Choose "SKATE NASHVILLE 2025" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

PARTNERED EVENTS:

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

FOREIGN SKATERS:

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

TEST CREDIT:

Skate Nashville 2025 will offer Test Credit. Test Credit may be purchased through EMS at the time of registration or before registration closes. After registration closes athletes may register for test credit at the registration desk. Paper forms will be available.

Eligible Events

- Well-Balance/Excel Free Skate: Juvenile Senior; Open Juvenile
- Adult Free Skate: Adult Silver-Gold; Adult Intermediate-Senior
- Solo Free Dance: Juvenile-Senior
- Pairs Free Skate: Juvenile-Senior

TEST SESSION:

Skate Nashville 2025 will offer a test session the morning of April 10, 2025. There will be limited spots available prior to the competition starting in the afternoon, register early. Registration will be through Entryeeze. A link will be posted for registration on the club website; www.nashvilleskates.com

CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK

Critiques will be offered for Well-Balanced Free Skate and Pairs Free Skate events for Juvenile-Senior. Details on the timing of critiques will be sent out closer to the competition date.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **03/20/2025 AT 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$50 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. **DEADLINE: 03/20/2025 AT 11:59 PM ET**.

\$50 LATE FEE FOR ANY MUSIC SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD - FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **03/20/2025 AT 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$50 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.

DEADLINE: 03/20/2025 AT 11:59 PM ET.

\$50 LATE FEE FOR ANY MUSIC SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DATE

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled.

- There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.
- If the competition closes before the entry deadline there will be no refunds after the date the event has been marked closed on EMS.
- There will be no refunds for practice ice if there are sessions available for an athlete prior to their scheduled event times.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA[®], Nashville Figure Skating Club and Centennial Sportsplex accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

Centennial Sportsplex 222 25th Ave. N Nashville, TN 37209

https://www.nashville.gov/departments/parks/centennial-sportsplex

Centennial has two ice surfaces, each measuring 205' by 85'. The facility also has several dressing/ locker rooms, a concession area, and free parking.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available for this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on and to store belongings but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy:

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe[®] Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the <u>SkateSafe[®] Handbook</u>.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

Skate Nashville updates, schedules, test session information, live scoring and other information pertaining to Skate Nashville 2025 may be found on www.nashvilleskates.com the official webpage for the Nashville Figure Skating Club. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the website frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

PRACTICE ICE:

All sessions are 20 minutes in duration. There are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used. No music is played on practice ice. Sessions will be available Thursday through Sunday and designated by level and discipline. Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions through EMS but you MUST indicate the number of sessions you want and you MUST pay for them at the time of the registration.

- Pre-Purchase: Practice ice credits may be purchased after participants complete their event registration, via the EMS Competition Portal. Skaters who purchase credits during the pre-purchase period will be able to select sessions during the selection period, after the schedule has been completed and posted.
- • Close: March 20, 2025 at 11:59 pm EST
- • Maximum credits per registered event: o UPI 2
- Cost per credit: \$20

Pre-Purchase Selection: After the close of entries and shortly after the competition schedule is published, skaters will receive an email with notice of the practice ice schedule and the date/time when pre purchased credits can be scheduled via EMS.

- Open: March 31, 2025, at 10:00 am ET
- Close: April 4, 2025, at 11:59 pm ET

Open Sales: Practice Ice sessions will be available after the schedule has been published. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them.

- Open: April 6, 2025, at 10 am ET
- Close: April 13, 2025, at 11:59 pm ET

• Maximum sessions per registered event: UPI – 4 (practice ice UPI limits will only be increased if availability is confirmed)

• Cost per session: \$25

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Thursday, April 10, 2025 at 10:00 am ET at Centennial Sportsplex. Skaters and Coaches must check in prior to participating in activities related to Skate Nashville 2025.

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

AWARDS:

Medals

Medals will be presented to 1st – 4th place winners in all events. Results will be posted online; printed

results will not be posted. Skaters should report to the awards table located in the upper lobby after the final results have been posted online.

Compete USA Events

Compete USA events will have no more than six competitors in a group, and all six will receive an award.

Team Trophy

The Tony Todd, Betty Todd, and Laura Maki Team Trophy will be awarded to the club, other than the host club, that accumulates the most team points.

Kathy Slack Memorial Trophy

The Kathy Slack Memorial Novice Ladies Trophy will be awarded to the top scoring Well-Balanced Novice lady free skate score.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

Volunteer opportunities will be available during the duration of Skate Nashville 2025. Please refer to the official website <u>www.nashvilleskates.com</u> for more information. Emails will be sent to all participants regarding volunteer opportunities closer to the date of the event.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

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

Photography and video services will be available for purchase from a vendor who will be onsite during Skate Nashville 2025. Videos provided will not include audio per USFS requirements.

Flash photography is not allowed in the arena as it is a safety hazard to the skater. Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Visit nashvilleskates.com for information regarding hotel discounts, vendors and other important information.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

www.nashvilleskates.com skatenashville615@gmail.com

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	<mark>Erica Edwards</mark>	Skatenashville615@gmail.com
Chief Referee:	Greg Cannon	