



Jordan Valley Invitational, March 1st and 2nd Jordan Valley FSC Brightspeed Ice Park, Springfield MO

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Jordan Valley Invitational 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 website.

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

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

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.
 - O 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:
 - o 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.
 - o 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.
 - o 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. (Note: if an athlete has passed the prepreliminary singles test, they are no longer eligible for No Test or lower levels).
- 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).

All other singles events (such as Adults):

- 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> --> Program Requirements
- Compete USA Program Requirements: <u>learntoskateusa.com/competeusa</u>
- **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 jvfscompetition@gmail.com
 - Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.

This event will follow program requirements for the 2024-2025 season.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary-Senior)	6.0	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary-Senior)	6.0	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1-8)	6.0	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Jumps Challenge (Level 1-9)	6.0	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Spins Challenge (Level 1-6)	6.0	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100 (\$90 before 1/18)	\$45
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40
Aspire 1-4	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – High Beginner)	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40
Adult 1-6, Beginner – High Beginner Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$75 (\$65 before 1/18)	\$40

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 SkateSafe® Program Handbook 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.</u> Figure Skating Rulebook.

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

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 jvfsccompetition@gmail.com

COMPLIANCE:

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

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 your athlete represents.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Online registrations will be accepted via EntryEeze. Payment must be made at the time of registration with a credit or debit card.

Early Bird Registration Deadline: January 18, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

Registration Deadline: February 1, 2025, at 11:59 p.m.

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

- 1. Go to www.entryeeze.com
- 2. Select Active Competitions
- 3. Search for Jordan Valley Invitational
- 4. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA member number
- 5. Follow the prompts for registration

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EntryEeze no later than February 15, 2025. There will be a \$15 late fee for music submitted after February 15th. Please pay attention to the messages concerning music especially as we get close to the event.

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- 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 have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone, and it must be immediately available rink side 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, the phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

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.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Jordan Valley FSC and Brightspeed Ice Park 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:

Brightspeed Ice Park

635 E. Trafficway, Springfield MO 65806

The rink is 85' by 200' with rounded corners. There are stands on the east side of the rink. There will be a designated space for officials in the stands.

Our ice rink has been said to be colder than some others in the region, please be prepared accordingly.

Updated 7/31/2025

There is a snack bar on site that will be open during the competition but may not be open for practice ice. There are several coffee shops nearby including Mudhouse (opens at 7), Kingdom Coffee (opens at 7), Black Lab (opens at 7), Classic Rock (opens at 8), and European Café (opens at 9). If you are looking for a Starbucks, the Sunshine location has a drive-through and eat-in options. The locations that are closer to the rink are in a grocery store and on a college campus.

READY ROOM

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 but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

Athletes entered in multiple events will be able to use the upstairs restrooms for changing.

U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy

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

OFFICIAL COMPETITION INFORMATION

Announcements and changes will be posted on the EntryEeze announcement page. Competitors and coaches will also be e-mailed of changes in schedule or events on the day of the event.

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. Results will be available through a QR code on the day of the event.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be available for purchase on Entryeeze. Practice ice will be available for sale with registration and sessions can be selected once the competition schedule is posted.

Practice ice will be scheduled based on event entries. There will be practice ice in the morning before the competition begins and an additional practice ice before Compete USA events.

Basic practice ice is \$15 for 20 minutes of practice ice. No program music will be played during low practice ice. The number of skaters on each session is limited to twenty.

Open practice ice is \$15 for 20 minutes of practice ice. Skaters should check in with the ice monitor and indicate if they would like their music played. Music will be played in the order skaters sign up for, and there is no guarantee that everyone's music will be played during the session. The number of skaters on the session is limited to fifteen.

Refunds for practice ice are offered only if the event is cancelled. There are no refunds for medical withdrawals.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Saturday, March 1st at 6:30 a.m. in the lower lobby of Brightspeed Ice Park.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to <u>download or print your 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 skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS:

First through third placements will receive medals. Fourth through sixth placements will receive ribbons. Awards will be given out in a traditional ceremony in the rink's upper lobby.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

We will have volunteer positions listed on CheddarUp once the schedule is finalized.

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

- ✓ Must submit information for, proper payment of \$40 and successfully pass a background check. The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional season.
- ✓ Must complete annual SafeSport Training. The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Daydreams Photography will be offering individual photos and packages. A website link will be provided through competition communication.

Per USFSA policy, photographing and/or recording anyone other than your own skater is prohibited. Flash photography is not permitted.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

There is not an official hotel for the competition.

Competition t-shirts are included in the registration price. Additional t-shirts may be purchased at the time of registration but no extra t-shirts will be available on the day of competition.

Good luck ads may be purchased during registration.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: jordanvalleyfsc.com

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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Additional Contact:	Christine Wilson	jvfsclub@gmail.com	