

2025 Wichita Mid-Continent Classic

Sanction #TBA

March 14-16, 2025

Wichita Ice Center, 505 W Maple St, Wichita, KS 67213

This competition has applied to be part of the 2025 Excel Series & 2025 Solo Dance Series.

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Hosted by the Wichita Figure Skating Club www.wichitafsc.com

Chief Referee: Hope Wheeler Accountant: Collin Ogren

Competition Co-Chairs: Megan Caulkins and Jeanell McCart

DEADLINES:

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2025, 11:59 PM EST

Music Deadline: February 20, 2025, at 11:59 PM EST PPC Deadline: February 20, 2025, at 11:59 PM EST

Practice Ice selection Date & Time will be announced after the schedule is released.







I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The **2025 Wichita Mid-Continent Classic** 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 current Compete USA handbook 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 currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA member, a collegiate club, or 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

PENDING (If Approved): 2025 Excel Series: This competition has applied (been approved) as a 2025 Excel Series host. Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings. **Excel Series Registration** | **Excel Series Information**

PENDING (If Approved): 2025 Solo Dance Series: This competition has applied (been approved) as a 2025 Excel Series host. Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings. **Solo Dance Series Registration** | **Solo Dance Series Information**

COVID-19 INFORMATION

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, **CLICK HERE**.

EVENTS OFFERED

<u>Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements</u>

NOTE: Skaters may not enter Excel and Well-Balanced Free Skate events at the same competition.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Aspire Program Free Skate (Level 1 - Level 4) (applied to participate in Excel Series)	6.0	\$160	\$65
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary - Preliminary) (applied to participate in Excel Series)	6.0 *	\$160	\$65
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus - Senior) (applied to participate in Excel Series)	IJS	\$160	\$65
Well-Balanced FreeSkate (Pre-Preliminary - Preliminary)	6.0 *	\$160	\$65
Well-Balanced Short Program (Juvenile - Senior)	IJS	\$160	\$65
Well-Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Juvenile - Senior)	IJS	\$160	\$65
Adult Well-Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Bronze - Championship Masters Junior-Senior)	IJS	\$160	\$65
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Adult 1-6 Free Skate w/ Music	6.0	\$70	\$50
Adult Free Skate w/ Music Adult Beginner - Adult Bronze	6.0	\$70	\$50
Athlete Development - Compulsory Moves 1-4	6.0	\$70	\$50
Compete USA Showcase Basic 1-6 & Adult 1-6 Duets/Trios; Lyrical Pop/Character	6.0	\$70	\$50
HIGH SCHOOL TEAM	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
High School Team Maneuver (All 4 Levels)	6.0	\$70	\$70
TEST CREDIT - Pre-Registration required by 3/5/25		Cost	

^{*}IJS Events may run as 6.0 or visa-versa depending on the final schedule, official appointments and series participation. The announcement will be updated if there is a change.

II. ELIGIBILITY

TEST LEVEL

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:
 - 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 pre-preliminary 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, specialty, or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, email <u>events@usfigureskating.org</u>.

All other Singles or partner events

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

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.S. 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.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 HERE. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Coaches of foreign athletes: 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.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

My Competitions ~ My Skaters ~ Coach Schedule

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Entries must be entered online by 11:59 pm CST on February 10, 2025. Online registration through EMS with credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

- Late entries after this date will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee and will be assessed an additional \$50.00 fee per skater in addition to any fees for late music or late PPC submissions if past that deadline.
- Late changes to your entry after this date will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee and will be assessed \$50.00 fee per change regardless of if it is a coach or skater request. ex: changing FS level or category + changing Showcase category = \$100.00

Registration Deadline: February 10, 2025, 11:59 PM CST

See above for Late Entries & and Late Changes

Music Upload Deadline: February 20, 2025, 11:59 PM CST

Late Music Upload will be assessed \$40.00 fee per event per skater. ex: 1FS + 1Showcase = \$80.00

PPC Submission Deadline: February 20, 2025, 11:59 PM CST

Late PPC Submission will be assessed \$40.00 fee per event per skater. ex: 1SP + 1FS = \$80.00

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS REGISTRATION

- 1. Go to www.usfsaonline.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 "2025 Wichita Mid-Continent Classic" from the list of non-qualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org

PARTNERED EVENTS ~ Showcase Duets/Trios

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

Skaters requesting test credit must select the option "Test Credit" during registration or through "Add Event" process within EMS. Late requests after registration closes can be accommodated until March 5, 2025 by making a request via email <u>wichitafigureskating@gmail.com</u> where the payment must be completed online via EMS prior to receiving a credential and competing. Skaters can pick up their completed test credit packet from the Registration/Check-in desk approx. one hour after the event concludes.

CRITIQUES

Critiques may be offered to skaters. If offered, an email will be sent to qualifying skaters after event registration closes to sign up for critiques. Details regarding critique time and location will be posted at the registration table during the event.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD

Music Upload Deadline: February 20, 2025, 11:59 PM CST

Late Upload will be assessed \$40.00 fee per event per skater. ex: 1FS + 1Showcase = \$80.00

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **February 20, 2025 by 11:59pm CST**. After this date, skaters/teams will be locked out of this feature and a \$40 late fee/event upload will automatically be added to each skater's/team'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.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a CD or cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes in case of technical difficulties. 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. 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.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

PPC Submission Deadline: February 20, 2025, 11:59 PM CST

Late PPC Submission will be assessed \$40.00 fee per event per skater. ex: 1SP + 1FS = \$80.00 Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit their PPC in EMS Competition Portal no later than February 20, 2025 by 11:59 pm CST. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and a \$40 late fee/event submission 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

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REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. Entries accepted as "Late Entries" or any "Late Fees" are not eligible for a refund. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. In no cases are the online processing fees refundable.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Wichita Figure Skating Club, and Wichita 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES

Wichita Ice Center, 505 W Maple St, Wichita, KS 67213

Wichita Ice Center Enter has an Olympic-sized rink and an NHL-sized rink.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Locker rooms and changing areas will **NOT** be available at 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.

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 WEBSITE & UPDATES

Official notices will be emailed to competitors through EMS. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to read the messages for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition. The WFSC website is https://wichitafsc.com/competitions/ and will post information there after it is communicated through EMS.

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

Purchase Practice Ice Credits: Available to purchased on or before February 20, 2025, 11:59 PM CST. Practice ice will be offered at various times on all days of the competition. Practice ice will be 20 minutes in length. There are no refunds for practice ice sessions, even if not used. Sessions may be designated by level and discipline, whenever possible if entries warrant. All sessions will be Unofficial. No music will be played during any practice ice. Props are NOT allowed on practice ice. WFSC reserves the right to cancel or change any practice ice sessions.

For questions and help, refer to EMS guidelines for the Skater: Pre-Purchase | Selection | Open Sales

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.

• Click Here for a Selection How-To Document

Open Sales: Practice Ice sessions will be made available a few days prior to the competition but not before skaters with pre-purchase credits have had a chance to make their selection. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them and make their selections at that time.

• Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document

ONSITE CHECK-IN

On-site registration will be open one hour before the first event and run until thirty minutes before the last event of the day. The registration desk will be located inside the north entrance of the Wichita Ice Center. Please register/check in promptly upon arrival.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to the first four places. All awards will be presented off-ice at the awards stand immediately after the results of each event are posted online. Skaters are encouraged to participate in all

group award photographs and award presentations in skating costumes and skates. For Compete USA events, all participants in each event will receive an award.

VOLUNTEER INFO

If you are interested in volunteering, please email the competition chairs at wichitafigureskating@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include key LOC members, locker room monitors, and <u>ALL</u> medical event personnel. <u>Click here for volunteer compliance information</u>.

PHOTO/VIDEO

Photographer and videographer information will be provided once contracts are secured with vendors.

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. NO flash photography or video at any time during practices or competition events. Video and Photography will be offered at the event. The announcement will be updated when vendor contracts are finalized.

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MID-WEST FIGURE SKATING COUNCIL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

The Wichita Figure Skating Club is a member of the Mid-West Figure Skating Council (MWFSC) and is participating in the Mid-West Figure Skating Council Championship Series (MWCCS). Each member club hosts a competition in participation with the Mid-West Council Championship Series. There are two ways to participate: the *All Events* option or the *Freeskate Only* option. For the All Events option, points will be awarded for all levels in Singles, Pairs, Dance, Showcase, Jumps, Spins, and Compulsory Moves. Currently, the series consists of the following competitions: MWFSC Snowball Spectacular, Wichita Mid-Continent Classic, Skate Kansas City, Heart of America, Pony Express, and Line Creek Fall Fling. Skaters competing in this series will receive points based on their placement in each of the above events at the recognized competitions. At the end of the season, the top point skaters will receive awards from MWFSC, and the club with the most total points will receive the Traveling Championship Trophy for that year. There is an annual \$10 registration fee to enter the Championship Series, which can be paid at the first competition the skater enters or by registering online anytime between January 1 and the final competition of the season. Skaters will receive points for any events entered, no matter when they enroll. To learn more and register, visit: https://www202.mwfsc.net/

HOTEL INFORMATION

A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a discounted rate provided by the **Wichita Figure Skating Club.** Reservations can be made at the hotel listed below at a discounted rate.

Fairfield Inn & Suites Wichita Downtown

Group Rate: \$115/night 525 S Main Street Wichita, KS 67202 316-361-2104 Last Day to Book is Friday, March 1, 2025 $\underline{https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1703261985137\&key=GRP\&app=resvlink}$

CONTACT INFORMATION

Competition website: www.wichitafsc.com/competitions/

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Co-Chair	Megan Caulkins	wichitafigureskating@gmail.com	620-870-4182
Competition Co-Chair	Jeanelle McCart	wichitafigureskating@gmail.com	316-992-0853
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Safe Sport	Cheryl Jabara	wichitafigureskating@gmail.com	316-516-8528
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Hospitality Contact	Linda Litaviniks	wichitafigureskating@gmail.com	316-833-7816