



Fiesta Skate 2024 Hosted by: Skating Club of Phoenix April 18th – 21st, 2024 Peoria, AZ

Test Session: Sunday April 21st, 2024 6am – 8am (Held on South Pole – Olympic Sized Sheet)

Chief Referee: Trish Wilkins Chief Accountant: Judy Civiello Competition Chair: Yolanda Solano Competition Registrar: Kate Johnson







Fiesta Skate 2024 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 <u>updates</u> that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating.

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, a 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 current <u>rulebook</u> for more information.

<u>SERIES INFORMATION:</u> This competition is a qualifying event for <u>National Solo Dance Series</u> 2024, the <u>Excel Series</u> 2024, and <u>National Showcase</u> 2024.

Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series and/or National Solo Dance Series prior to competing at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings.

<u>Excel Series Registration</u> | <u>Excel Series Information</u>

<u>Solo Dance Series Registration</u> | <u>Solo Dance Series Information</u>

Adult 1-6, adult beginner, adult high beginner, adult pre-bronze and adult bronze program/free skate events that meet **Adult Competition Series** guidelines are offered at this competition. **Adult Competition Series participants** must submit a photo, scanned copy, email attachment or screenshot of the results sheet to adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com by the deadline published in the most recent <u>Adult Competition Series Handbook</u> to receive credit and series points.

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:
 - 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.
 - 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 information sheet <u>HERE</u> or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):

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



ICEMEN:

The Skating Club of Phoenix is a participant in the ICMEN program, a US Figure Skating program design to help build camaraderie between male skaters and to keep them in the sport longer through the use of mentors and elite athletes. We will be having an on-ice and off ice event with Icemen Ambassador Jason Brown available for all male participants on Thursday April 18th.

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. Figure Skating Rulebook</u>.



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

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 HERE. 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. Please provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

Coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "My Coaches" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on 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:

- My Competitions
- My Skaters
- Coach Schedule

Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. 60 min. prior to their first event 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.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the Coach Compliance page.



COMPETITION REGISTRATION:

All skaters must **register via EMS** with credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee. All entries must be complete by **11:59 PM PT on March 17, 2024 (02:59 AM ET on March 18, 2024)**. Skaters will not be permitted to compete until all fees have been paid.

EMS Registration instructions:

- Go to http://www.usfsaonline.org/
- Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA member number and password. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
- Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
- Choose "Fiesta Skate 2024" from the list of nonqualifying competitions. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.
- Foreign Skaters. Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition (<u>click here for HOW TO</u>). This can be done by choosing the "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the <u>Members Only</u> login page.
- ❖ <u>Partnered Events.</u> 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.
- ❖ <u>Mandatory Athletes</u>. Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. dance, pairs, shadow dance, duets, trios, mini productions, productions, etc.) with at least one minor athlete must complete SkateSafe 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 SkateSafe@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.
- Late entries will be accepted from March 18th to March 24th at 11:59 PM PT (March 25th, 2024 at 2:59 AM ET) and will be subject to a \$30.00 fee.
- > Two entries constitute an event. Events with single entrants will be offered an exhibition or refund. Exhibition skaters will receive a medal and their score will count towards a series on series events.
- Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline of March 17th, 2024 at 11:59 PM PT (March 18th, 2024 at 2:59AM ET), unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Contested credit card charges will be issued a \$35 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.
- ➤ **Notification of competition times** will be available on EMS approximately one week after late registration ends. All registered competitors will be notified via email when the schedule is published.



Skaters and coaches must check in at the registration table at least 60 minutes before their events. Any unresolved fees must be paid at this time.

SCHEDULE:

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for 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.

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at **AZ Ice Peoria**, 15829 N 83rd Ave, Peoria AZ 85382, phone 623-334-1200, <u>AZ Ice Peoria</u>. The competition ice surface (the "North Pole") is indoors and measures 80' x 200', with slightly rounded corners. The South Pole ice surface is Olympic size. Locker rooms will not be available for competitors. There is a snack bar inside the rink, and many restaurants within walking distance.

MUSIC:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS Competition
Portal no later than Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at 11:59PM PT (Sunday, April 7th, 2024 at 02:59 AM ET).
After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$30 late fee. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: <u>CLICK HERE</u>

If you need assistance, email <u>productsupport@usfigureskating.org</u>

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below. The Music Coordinator may contact you if your music does not meet these criteria.

Music Criteria:

- 1. File Format: MP3 (the online system will automatically check this).
- 2. Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file).
- 3. Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file).
- 4. 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/MP3



player and it must be immediately available at rinkside whenever the competitor competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lighting connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The device should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS Competition Portal no later than Saturday April 6th, 2024 at 11:59PM PT (Sunday, April 7th, 2024 at 02:59 AM ET). After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$30 late fee. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Lean to Skate USA, the Skating Club of Phoenix and AZ Ice Peoria 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.

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 NOTICES:

Schedules, notices and any changes in the rules after publication of this Announcement will be posted online at www.skatingclubofphoenix.com and published through EMS Competition Portal. This will be considered sufficient notice to all competitors, coaches and officials.

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check www.skatingclubofphoenix.com and/or EMS Competition Portal frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.



ON-SITE REGISTRATION:

Registration will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day, beginning on Thursday, April 18th, 2024 and ending on Sunday April 21st, 2024. The registration table will be located in the AZ Ice Lobby, near the North Pole rink. Please register promptly upon arrival.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and/or changing areas will not be available. Be prepared to come to the rink ready to skate and wear hard skate guards.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice sessions will be available for purchase through <u>AZ Ice Peoria</u> after the schedule has been finalized. Purchase instructions will be emailed to all competitors.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY:

Spectators are reminded that flash photography is dangerous to skaters and will be strictly prohibited. A professional photographer will be available in the awards area.

- All Basic Skills Skaters are encouraged to participate in the group photo.
- The Local Organization Committee (LOC) recommends skaters from No Test and above events who have placed 1st through 4th to have a group photo taken; purchase of photo is optional.
- Individual photos will be taken upon request regardless of placement.
- Personal cameras/video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your skater's
 performance for personal use. It is strictly prohibited to photograph or record any other skater's
 performance, or portions of performance. The LOC reserves the right to deny admittance to
 anyone who violates this rule. Only battery powered video units are allowed; electrical cords,
 tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena.
- A digital photographer will also be in attendance for professional quality action shots.

New this Year! A professional video of your performance is included in the registration fee for all events with music. Video is NOT available for events without music, such as: Jumps challenge, Spins Challenge, Compulsories, etc.

LIVESTREAM:

The Skating Club of Phoenix is pleased to be able to offer a livestream of the full competition, complimentary to all viewers. Livestream will be provided by our videographer <u>Coronado Productions</u>. All skaters will receive a link prior to the competition day.



RESULTS:

Results will be posted electronically during the competition for all levels: the website for results will be accessible via www.skatingclubofphoenix.com, QR codes will also be posted in the arena.

CRITIQUES:

Critiques will be offered for \$15 each: Open/Juvenile through Senior for Well-Balanced and Excel events. You must register for your critique(s) online at the time you register for your events. The critique schedule will be posted at the registration desk on the day of competition. Critiques may be attended only by the skater and their coach and will be conducted as close to the completion of the event as reasonably possible.

TEST CREDIT:

In accordance with USFSA rules, test credit packets must be requested and paid for prior to the event. Packets cost \$10 and are available for purchase in EMS at the time of registration. The packet will be provided electronically via email no later than 2 days after the close of the competition. Hard copies will not be available. Upon receipt of their test credit packets skaters are responsible for registering for IJS test credit with their home clubs or they may also register with the Skating Club of Phoenix for processing.

TEST SESSION:

A test session is planned for the final competition day: Sunday April 21st, from 6am to 8am. In the event we are not able to accommodate all registered skaters, priority will be given to higher level Skating Skills and Singles, and Ice Dance skaters.

Skaters wishing to register for this session must do so separately from the competition registration via EntryEeze here, selecting "2024 SCP Fiesta Skate Test Session; 4/21, 6.00-8.00am".

AWARDS:

<u>The Skating Club of Phoenix Memorial Trophy.</u> This trophy is dedicated to all deceased SCP members, and is awarded annually at Fiesta Skate to encourage interpretation of music by our skaters. The trophy will be awarded to the skater who receives the highest IJS Components score in the Intermediate level free skating event. Recipient will have their name engraved on the Memorial Trophy which will remain at the Club's home rink, AZ Ice Peoria, Arizona. A plague will be presented to the winner.

<u>Adult Rising Star Award.</u> Chosen by the adult level competitors, this award will be presented by the SCP adult team to the adult skater who shows exceptional sportsmanship on and off the ice. The recipient of this award exudes a true passion for skating, creates a supportive skating community at their training facility and is an inspiration to other adult skaters. A plaque will be presented to the winner.



<u>The Jacqueline Witt Award. (NEW)</u> This trophy is dedicated to Jacqueline Witt, our longest member and co-founder of Fiesta Skate. The trophy will be awarded to the skater with the most outstanding free skating performance at the Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile Freeskate level based on their total IJS Scores. Recipient will have their name engraved on the Jacqueline Witt Trophy which will remain at the Club's home rink, AZ Ice Peoria, Arizona. A plague will be presented to the winner.

<u>Rising Star Award.</u> Awarded for the most outstanding free skating performance at the Pre-Preliminary level based on their total IJS scores. Recipient will have their name engraved on the Rising Start Trophy which will remain at the Club's home rink, AZ Ice Peoria, Arizona. A plaque will be presented to the winner.

<u>Aspire Rising Star Award</u>. Awarded for the most outstanding free skating performance in the Aspire 1-4 levels. This award is chosen by the Skating Club of Phoenix Junior Board members and a plaque will be presented to the winner.

All Basic Skills competitors will receive a medal. For events at the No Test and above levels, 1st through 4th place receive a medal. All competitors tied for a place (1-4) will receive a medal for that place.

CONTACT INFO:

If you have questions, please contact:

Fiesta Skate 2024 Co-Chair: Yolanda Solano

Email (preferred): competitions@skatingclubofphoenix.com

Phone (8am - 8pm): 480-231-5717

Fiesta Skate 2024 Co-Chair & Registrar: Kate Johnson

Email (preferred): competitions@skatingclubofphoenix.com

Phone (8am-8pm): 206-419-8499

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Rules and Conduct of the Competition The decision of the referee on all matters will be final. The referee, along with the competition LOC, shall have the right to exclude any person whose behavior is unruly or unsportsmanlike. Facility rules must be followed by all participants, coaches, officials, parents, and guests.

General Information

- 1. Skaters will be grouped by random draw and will not be seeded in this competition.
- 2. Short Program and Free Skate are separate events. No final rounds will be held.
- 3. Male skaters will be combined with female skaters in all Showcase, Compulsory and Challenge (except jumps) events in order to make an event.
- 4. Different levels of non-Free Skate events may be combined in order to make an event.
- 5. Single entries for any event will be contacted to choose an exhibition or refund.
- 6. Skaters must be a current registered member of USFS as a full, LTS, collegiate or individual member, in accordance with Rule 3060a.



- 7. USFS events are open to members of non-USFS skating associations but must provide proof of current membership in good standing and have a letter of permission from their federation allowing them to skate in the competition or are released from their federation.
- 8. Special Olympics Skaters must be members of USFS or State/National Special Olympics for insurance purposes.

Travel arrangements: Please wait until the tentative schedule is posted before finalizing travel arrangements.

Airport Information

The closest commercial airport is **Phoenix Sky Harbor** "PHX", located 26 miles southeast of the rink.

Hotel Information

Nearby hotels:

Comfort Suites: 8473 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382 (623) 334-3993

La Quinta Inn & Suites: 16321 N. 83rd Ave, Peoria AZ 85382, 623) 487-1900

Hampton Inn & Suites: 8408 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382 (623) 486-9918

Holiday Inn Express: 16771 N. 84th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85382 (623) 853-1313

Residence Inn by Marriott: 8435 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria, AZ 85382 (623) 979-2074

Vendors

Please check our website (www.skatingclubofphoenix.com) to see the vendors that are attending.



EVENTS OFFERED:

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org - Skate - Compete -<u>Program Requirements</u> This event will follow program requirements for the 2023-2024 season.

LLC FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Aspire 1 through Preliminary)	6.0	\$120	\$120	\$120
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile through Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$105	\$105
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-preliminary through Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$150	\$150
Excel Plus Free Skate (all Excel Plus events, and Excel Juv - Sr)	IJS	\$150	\$150	\$150
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre Bronze- Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$150	\$150	\$150
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$120	\$120	\$120
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Compulsory Moves (Aspire 1 – Preliminary)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Adult Compulsory Moves (Beginner – Pre Bronze)	6.0	, \$75	\$50	\$50
SHOWCASE- NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$125	\$100	\$100
Choreographic Artistry (Juvenile – Senior, Adult Masters)	CJS	\$125	\$100	\$100
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$125	\$100	\$100
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$125	\$100	\$100
Character Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$125	\$100	\$100
Theme Event "Taylor Swift" (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$125	\$100	\$100
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$125	\$100	\$100
Interpretive (all levels)	6.0	\$125	\$100	\$100
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (Participating in Series)	IJS	\$150	\$105	\$105
Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$150	\$105	\$105
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$220	\$215	\$215
Shadow Dance (only one skater needs to register)	IJS	\$160	\$155	\$155
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$150	\$105	\$105
Adult Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$150	\$105	\$105
COMPETE USA EVENTS				
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$110	\$90	\$90
Aspire 1 - 4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$110	\$90	\$90
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$110	\$90	\$90
Showcase (Basic 1 – Pre-Preliminary, Adult 1-6)	6.0	\$110	\$90	\$90
Elements (Snowplow Sam – Basic 6)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS		4	4	4
Free Skate Special Skater (Levels 1-5)	6.0	\$110	\$90	\$90
Unified Partnered Skater (Open)	6.0	\$110	\$90	\$90



SHOWCASE:

All Showcase Events will take place on a reduced ice area, with curtains in place to divide the ice surface into competition and warm-up areas. The competition surface will measure approximately 145 ft. by 90 ft. The area used for warm-up will be located behind the curtains (except for Interpretive events). It will measure approximately 55 ft by 90 ft. No warm-ups will occur on the competition surface. **No persons other than skaters and ice monitors are permitted on the ice backstage**. Coaches or parents may not, for any reason, walk or skate on the warm-up area at any time during the competition.

INTERPRETIVE:

All Interpretive events regardless of level would be conducted as follows:

Competition format: During the warm-up, skaters will hear the selection of music twice. Following the warm-up, all skaters except for the first skater will be escorted to a soundproof locker room or another area of the arena. The first skater will hear the music one more time and then perform a program to the music. As each skater performs, the next skater in line will be allowed to hear the music for the third time before they perform to the music. The listening skater will not be allowed to view the performing skater.

Levels: Levels should be broken by ability with ages divided appropriately

Judging Rules: Skaters are judged on originality, pattern, technical (the ability to include jumps and spins) and music interpretation/expression. Spins and jumps performed must be appropriate to competition level.

Time: Music Duration for all levels: Up to 1:30 max

Coaching: There is to be no instruction allowed during this event from coaches, parents, or fellow skaters. Staging area must be kept clear except for ice monitor and listening competitor.

