



Fiesta Skate 2023 Hosted by: Skating Club of Phoenix April 20th – 23rd, 2023 Peoria, AZ

Test Session:
Sunday April 23rd, 2023
5.30am – 8.15am
(Held on South Pole – Olympic Sized Sheet)

Chief Referee: Trish Wilkins Chief Accountant: Judy Civiello Competition Chair: Teresa O'Brien Competition Registrar: Kate Johnson





Fiesta Skate 2023 will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</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, and who are currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

The Skating Club of Phoenix and AZ Ice Peoria will be complying with all Federal, State and Local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of the competition, including recommendations from US Figure Skating. In the instance there is an attendee (coach, skater, chaperone or spectator) who refuses to comply, he/she will be ordered to leave the facility immediately. If the noncompliance or refusal to leave the facility continues, the attendee (coach, skater, chaperone or spectator) and his/her skater will be withdrawn from the competition.

<u>SERIES INFORMATION:</u> This competition is a qualifying event for <u>National Solo Dance Series</u> 2023, the <u>Excel Series</u> 2023, and <u>National Showcase</u> 2023.

Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series and/or National Solo Dance Series prior to competition 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 Adult Competition Series Handbook to receive credit and series points.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

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As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The <u>competitive floor</u> is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.



Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to the select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes:

- 1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
- 2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
- 3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet HERE.

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (Well-Balanced Program) have the following requirements:

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older Intermediate must be under the age of 18 Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

For Adult Events:

Age classes for all free skate and showcase events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

Age classes for all solo free dance and solo pattern dance events:

- Young Adult/Class I/II: 18 years through 45 years
- Class III/IV/V: 46 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the Chief Referee and/or the competition committee.

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ladies will not be combined in Adult Silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in Adult Silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The Chief Referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

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 23, 2023 (02:59 AM ET on March 24, 2023)**. Skaters will not be permitted to compete until all fees have been paid.

EMS Registration instructions:

- Go to https://m.usfigureskating.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 2023" from the list of nonqualifying competitions. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.
- ❖ <u>Foreign Skaters.</u> 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. synchro, dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, 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 23rd to March 30th at 11:59 PM PT (March 31, 2023 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.
- ➤ Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline of March 23rd, 2023 at 11:59 PM PT (March 24th, 2023 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, https://azice.com/peoria/. 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 may 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 8th, 2023 at 11:59PM PT (Sunday, April 9th, 2023 at 02:59 AM ET).
After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$25 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 productsupport@usfigureskating.org

Music Format:

- 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 bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties. Please keep this copy of your music readily available rink side during competition events. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted. CDs must only have one piece of music per CD.



EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in <u>EMS Competition Portal</u> no later than Saturday April 8th, 2023 at 11:59PM PT (Sunday, April 9th, 2022 at 02:59 AM ET). After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$25 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.

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LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, 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.

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 20th, 2023 and ending on Sunday April 23rd, 2023. 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 **AZ Ice Peoria** 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 LOC recommends skaters from No Test and above events who have placed 1st through 4th 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.
- Professional videography for all events will be available for purchase.
- A digital photographer will also be in attendance for professional quality action shots.

LIVESTREAM:

Livestream of the full competition will be provided by our videographer Coronado Productions. 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.

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 plaque will be presented to the winner.

<u>NEW for 2023!</u> Adult Rising Star Award. 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>Rising Star Award.</u> Awarded for the most outstanding free skating performance at the Pre-Preliminary level. An engraved trophy, with the recipient's name inscribed on it, remains on display at the Club rink. A plaque will be presented to the winner.

<u>Basic Skills Rising Star Award</u>. Awarded for the most outstanding free skating performance in the Free Skate 1 - 6 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.

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.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at Registration. Please request the test credit packet as soon as results are posted and submit payment of \$10.00 to the Skating Club of Phoenix. Packets will be provided electronically via email, or if a hard copy is desired it must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of competition.



TEST SESSION:

A test session is planned for the final competition day: Sunday April 23rd, likely from 5.30am – 8.15am. In the event we are not able to accommodate all registered skaters, priority will be given to higher level Moves in the Field and Free Skate, and Ice Dance skaters.

Skaters wishing to register for this session must do so separately from the competition registration via EntryEeze here, selecting "SC of Phoenix Test Session at AZ Ice Peoria *Fiesta Skate '23; 5.30-8.15am".

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

Coaches of U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- Completed background check *(green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2021-22 Competition Season through the Professional Skaters Association (PSA)
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.
- Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics.
- Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement.

Coaches of 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)
- * Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

 <u>www.usfsaonline.org</u> → Person Icon <u>or</u> Account → Member Profile → Compliance

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

 Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

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 <u>no exceptions</u> to this policy.

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



CONTACT INFO:

If you have questions, please contact:

Fiesta Skate 2023 Co-Chair: Teresa O'Brien

Email (preferred): president@skatingclubofphoenix.com

Phone (8am - 8pm): 623-330-5240

Fiesta Skate 2023 Co-Chair & Registrar: Kate Johnson Email (preferred): secretary@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. In addition, if skaters are entered from Canada there would also need to be a Skate Canada sanction. See Section 3060 in the current Rulebook.
- 8. Special Olympics Skaters must be members of USFS or State/National Special Olympics for insurance purposes.

Critiques: Critiques will be offered for levels at \$15 each: Open/Juvenile through Senior. *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.



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

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

Vendors

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



EVENTS OFFERED AND ENTRY FEES:

SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS

SERIES INFORMATION: This competition is a qualifying event for National Solo Dance Series 2023, the Excel Series 2023, and National Showcase 2023.

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here:

<u>usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements</u>

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS	II I DOINI O	4 St EN (EN IT	and EVENT	ord FMENT
SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Beginner through Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$105	\$105	\$105
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile through Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$90	\$90
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test through Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$90	\$90
Excel Plus Free Skate (all Excel Plus events, and Excel Juv - Sr)	IJS	\$135	\$90	\$90
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre Bronze- Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$135	\$90	\$90
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$105	\$105	\$105
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
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
SHOWCASE- NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd + EVENT
Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$105	\$75	\$75
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$105	\$75	\$75
Interpretive	6.0	\$105	\$75	\$75
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (Participating in Series)	IJS	\$135	\$90	\$90
Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$135	\$90	\$90
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$205	\$200	\$200
Shadow Dance (only one skater needs to register)	IJS	\$145	\$140	\$140
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$135	\$90	\$90
Adult Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$135	\$90	\$90

COMPETE USA EVENTS				
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$75
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$75
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$75
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$75
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$50

SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS				
Freeskate Special Skater (Levels 1-5)	6.0	\$95	\$75	\$75

