



2008-09 INTERCOLLEGIATE FIGURE SKATING COMPETITIONS

GENERAL COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT AND RULES

Intercollegiate Competitions are U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competitions, as per Rule 1050 in the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. For singles free skate events, intercollegiate competitions will follow the new nonqualifying competition "test track" format, where jump elements are restricted based on the required elements in the equivalent U.S. Figure Skating free skating test. Junior and senior will offer a "championship" free skate event where the standard well balanced competition program rules will apply and jumps are not restricted.

Statement of commitment from U.S. Figure Skating's Collegiate Program Committee:

Athletes participating in these events are considered to be student-athletes. Their education is of the highest priority, and in all decision making matters, the committee and the LOC have a responsibility to minimize the days missed from school.

EVENTS TO BE SKATED:

Free skate:	Preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, junior championship, senior and senior championship
Short program:	Intermediate, novice, junior and senior
Solo dance:	Preliminary, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, gold, international
Team maneuver:	Low (preliminary-juvenile), medium (intermediate/novice), high (junior / senior)
Synchronized skating:	Open collegiate and collegiate*

** Synchronized skating events are offered at the discretion of the LOC. These events do not count towards team points and they do not count towards the maximum 35 starts.*

TEST LEVEL:

Free skate and short program: Athletes must enter at the highest test level passed or may "skate up" one level. *(It is permissible for an athlete to enter the free skate and short program a different levels, if "skating up" qualifies them for both).*

Dance: Athletes may skate up one level, with the exception of international.

Team maneuver: Athletes may compete at their test level or any level higher.

Synchronized skating: All athletes on a collegiate team must have passed a minimum of the juvenile moves in the field test. There is not test requirement or restriction for open collegiate.

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:

Each athlete may participate in a maximum of five competitive events, but not more than one of each of the following: one free skate, one short program, one team maneuver, two solo dance and one synchronized skating event.

Each participating college or university may have a maximum of 35 starts, including individual events and team maneuvers. Further, each college may have no more than five entries in any of the senior events and no more than three entries in any other individual event. (*Championships events are considered separate events. Therefore, a college could enter 5 athletes in senior free skate, 5 in junior championship free skate and 5 in junior short program, for a total of 15 starts in senior singles events*).

Host clubs reserve the right to eliminate events if necessary to accommodate the amount of ice time available.

Men's and ladies' events in singles free skating will be separate events, but men and ladies may compete together in solo dance. Championship junior and senior events may be combined with the standard free skate events, at the discretion of the referee, and only in the event of a single entry in one of the categories.

MUSIC:

CDs are the only acceptable media. Music for free skate must be non-vocal and have one change of tempo (speed). Music for short program must be non-vocal. The competitor's program must be the only music on the CD and it must start at the beginning.

Music should be clearly marked with the athlete's name, college or university and event. Music must be turned into the registration desk one hour before the event. Skaters are responsible for a back-up copy.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to places 1 – 3 in each event. Medals/ribbons for 4th and 5th place are at the discretion of the LOC.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE:

1. Athletes must be eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating, and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice.
2. Competitors must be between 17-28 years old as of the entry deadline, have a high school diploma or equivalent, and be currently enrolled as a full-time student, as defined by the institution that they attend. This includes both undergraduate and graduate students.
3. Athletes may compete only for the college or university they are attending, except for synchronized team skating events, which follow the eligibility rules as set forth in the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, per rule 3056.
4. There is no minimum number of skaters required to form a team. One skater may compete representing his/her college.
5. Skaters who are also judges may not compete and judge at the same competition.

ENTRY FEES:

Entry fees **MUST** accompany entry form(s). Schools will submit one collective check payable to the LOC.

- All singles events are \$60.00 for the first event and \$20.00 for additional events.
- Team maneuver events are \$60.00 per team.
- Synchronized team skating events are \$60.00 per team plus \$10.00 per athlete
- Applications not submitted with the correct funds will be returned and NOT accepted.

Checks returned for any reason will carry a \$30.00 handling charge and no refunds will be made unless the event is eliminated by the LOC or chief referee.

WARM-UP GROUPS:

Warm-up groups for events will be posted at the start of the competition, but are subject to change up to 15 minutes prior to the start of an event, due to withdrawals.

REGISTRATION:

All colleges and universities participating in Intercollegiate Competitions must register with U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters by filling out an **Intercollegiate Figure Skating Competition Registration Form**. This is no charge for this registration and if your school has not already registered this year, an application can be found at the end of the entry forms packet.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The 6.0 judging system will be used for all events and levels at Intercollegiate Competitions. The ISU judging system will not be used.

FREE SKATE EVENTS:

Below are the duration and test requirements for each level (Athletes may "skate up" one level higher than the prescribed test for their level). All rules are as of the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook:

Senior championship*

Test requirement: senior free skating test

Program duration: 4:00 ladies; 4:30 men (+/- 10 sec.)

Well balanced program requirements per Rule 3643

Senior

Test requirement: senior free skating test

Program duration: 4:00 ladies; 4:30 men (+/- 10 sec.)

- *3 spins (min. 6 revolutions) including: 1 flying spin, 1 solo spin, 1 spin combination consisting of all three positions and one change of foot*
- *Jump elements: Maximum of 8 for men; 7 for ladies, which may be selected from:
1. Any single jumps and double jumps through double Lutz. Double Axel is NOT allowed. Triple jumps are not allowed.
2. Combinations and sequences are allowed*
- *Ladies: 1 spiral step sequence and 1 step sequence*
- *Men: 2 different step sequences*

Junior championship*

Test requirement: junior free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 3:30 ladies; 4:00 men (+/-10 sec.)

Well balanced program requirements per Rule 3653

Junior

Test requirement: junior free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 3:30 ladies; 4:00 men (+/- 10 sec.)

- *Three spins (min. 6 revolutions) including: 1 flying spin, 1 solo spin, 1 combination spin with all 3 positions and 1 change of foot.*
- *Jump elements: Maximum of 7 for ladies and 8 for men which may be selected from:*
 1. *Any single jumps, and double jumps including double Salchow, double toe-loop, double loop and double flip.*
 2. *Combinations and sequences are allowed.*
- *Ladies: 1 spiral step sequence or 1 step sequence*
- *Men: 1 step sequences*

Novice

Test requirement: novice free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 3:00 ladies; 3:30 men (+/- 10 sec.)

- *Three spins in any position (minimum 6 rev.) or combination spins (5 rev./ foot). Flying spins allowed.*
- *Jump elements: Maximum of 6 jumping elements for ladies and 7 for men which may be selected from:*
 1. *Any single jumps, double Salchow, double toe-loop and double loop.*
 2. *Combinations and sequences are allowed.*
- *One step sequence or spiral step sequence.*

Intermediate

Test requirement: intermediate free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 2:30 (+/- 10 sec.)

- *Three spins in any position (minimum 4 rev.) One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot. Flying spins are allowed.*
- *Jump elements: Maximum of 6 jumping elements which may be selected from: any single jumps, double Salchow and double toe-loop. (Jump combinations and sequences are allowed).*
- *One step sequence: straight line, circular or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface.*

Juvenile

Test requirement: juvenile free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 2:15 (+/- 10 sec.)

- *Three spins in any position (minimum 4 rev.) one must be a combination spin with one change of foot. (4 rev./ foot). Flying spins are allowed.*
- *Jump elements: Maximum of 6 jumping elements which may be selected from: any single jumps and jump combinations, including the Axel.*
- *One step sequence: straight line, circular or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface.*

Pre-Juvenile

Test requirement: pre-juvenile free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 2:00 (+/- 10 sec.)

- *Three spins in any position (minimum 4 rev.) One must be a combination spin with one change of foot optional (3 rev./ foot). Flying spins are NOT allowed.*
- *Jump elements: Maximum of 6 jumping elements which may be selected from: any jump, jump combination or jump sequence with one rotation or less. (NO Axels).*
- *One step sequence: straight line, circular or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface.*

Preliminary

Test requirement: preliminary free skating test and no higher

Program duration: 1:30 (+/- 10 sec.)

- *At least two spins of a different nature, combination spins allowed (min. 3 revolutions each) – flying spins are NOT allowed.*
- *Jump elements: Maximum of 5 jumping elements which may be selected from: any jump, jump combination or jump sequence with one rotation or less. (NO Axels).*
- *Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.*

** Athletes choosing to compete in the junior or senior championship free skate will receive a bonus of 2 team points added to the number of team points they would earn for their placement.*

SHORT PROGRAM EVENTS:

The short program consists of required elements with connecting steps, as prescribed by the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Program duration is maximum. There is no penalty for skating less music. Rules 3641-3671 will be adhered to, except for where noted below. As with free skates, athletes may skate up one level from their highest test passed.

FOR GROUP INFORMATION, ATHLETES ARE REQUIRED TO SEE THE 2008-09 U.S. FIGURE SKATING RULEBOOK.

Senior:

Program duration: 2:50max.

Test requirement: senior free skating test

Required elements per rule 3641 for men, rule 3624 for ladies

Exceptions to rules 3641 and 3642:

Men:

Rule 3631 A-3 (Jump combination): In addition to the choices listed, a combination consisting of two double jumps is also allowed.

Rule 3631 A-2 (Solo jump): In addition to the choices listed, a double jump is also permitted.

Ladies:

Rule 3642 A-1: A single Axel is also permitted

Rule 3642 A-3: (Jump combination): In addition to the choices listed, a combination consisting of two double jumps is also allowed.

Rule 3642 A-2 (Solo jump): In addition to the choices listed, a double jump is also permitted.

Junior:

Program duration: 2:50max.

Test requirement: junior free skating test and no higher

Required elements per rule 3651 for men, rule 3652 for ladies

Exceptions to rules 3651 and 3652:

Men:

Rule 3651B-1: A single Axel is permitted.

Ladies:

Rule 3652B-1: A single Axel is permitted.

Novice:

Program duration: 2:30max.

Test requirement: novice free skating test and no higher

Required elements per rule 3661 for men, rule 3662 for ladies

Intermediate:

Program duration: 2:00max.

Test requirement: intermediate free skating test and no higher

Required elements per rule 3671 for both men and ladies

Note to athletes regarding test levels: *All athletes must skate at their U.S. Figure Skating test level, or one higher, regardless of whatever tests they may have taken in other organization. The only exception is that a skater who has yet to take any tests is permitted to "skate up" two levels and compete at the preliminary level.*

Athletes who have passed Skate Canada tests may contact U.S. Figure Skating to determine what level they are eligible to compete at.

TEAM MANEUVER EVENTS:

Team maneuver events consist of teams of three-six athletes (any mix of male and female) from the same college or university each performing no more than two of the six required elements prescribed for their level.

Each college or university may enter only one team in each competitive level.

A athlete may compete for only one team. Athletes may “skate up” to any level they desire, but they may not compete on a team at a lower level than the highest test they have passed.

The event will be judged on a team basis. Athletes will have a general warm-up. There **may** also be individual warm-ups for each element at the discretion of the referee. Teams will be assigned a place to line up along the barrier, and must remain on the ice for their entire competition. Elements will be skated one-at-a-time, and the announcer will call the representative from each team when it is his or her turn to perform the prescribed element.

Note:

- *If a team has one athlete perform more than two elements, any succeeding elements performed by that athletes will receive no value*
- *If a competitor performs an element higher than that listed, that element will receive no credit. For example, if the element specified is a Salchow jump and the competitor performs a double Salchow jump, no credit is given for this element.*

High Team Maneuver (junior and senior: no test restrictions):

1. Axel or double Axel
2. A combination consisting of two double jumps or a triple jump and a double jump.
3. A double or triple Lutz immediately preceded by connecting steps or other free skating moves.
4. Flying spin (any position or entrance)
5. Combination spin (one change of foot and at least one change of position)
6. Serpentine step sequence utilizing the entire ice surface

Intermediate Team Maneuver (intermediate and novice: skaters may not have passed higher than the novice free skating test.)

1. Axel
2. A combination jump consisting of a single and a double jump or two double jumps.
3. Double loop, flip or Lutz immediately preceded by connecting steps or other free skating movements
4. Camel spin with a change of foot (forward camel to backward camel spin)
5. Spin combination (one change of foot and at least one change of position)
6. Straight line step sequence utilizing the entire ice surface

Low Team Maneuver (preliminary - juvenile: skaters may not have passed higher than the juvenile free skating test)

1. Salchow
2. Waltz jump-toe loop combination jump (no turns or steps in between)
3. Axel
4. Combination spin: camel spin to sit spin (no change of foot)
5. Upright spin (optional free foot position, may have one change of foot)
6. Circular step sequence (utilizing the full ice surface)

SOLO DANCE

The dances performed will rotate within the conferences for intercollegiate competitions. Each event will have a required dance and an optional dance for each level. The optional dance may be cancelled if there is insufficient ice time available a decision for the LOC.

The dances will rotate as follows:

Conference competition #1	Conference competition # 2	Conference competition # 3
Required dance: Dance #1 Optional dance: Dance # 2	Required dance: Dance # 2 Optional dance: Dance # 3	Required dance: Dance #3 Optional dance: Dance #1
U.S. Intercollegiate Championships: Dance #1 will be skated		

Solo dance levels, test requirements and dances to be skated:

Passing a dance test refers to having passed all of the dances at a particular level. Athletes may compete at their highest test passed, or one level higher, with the exception of the international level. Athletes must have passed a minimum of their gold test to compete at that level. Athletes who have not passed any dance tests may compete in pre-intermediate A.

Level	Skater must have passed the following dance test:	Dances to be skated
Preliminary	Preliminary dance test	1. Dutch Waltz 2. Rhythm Blues 3. Canasta Tango
Juvenile	Pre-bronze dance test	1. Fiesta Tango 2. Cha Cha 3. Swing Dance
Intermediate	Bronze dance test	1. Willow Waltz 2. Hickory Hoedown 3. Ten Fox
Novice	Pre-silver dance test	1. European Waltz 2. Foxtrot 3. 14 Step
Junior	Silver dance test	1. Rocker Foxtrot 2. Tango 3. American Waltz
Senior	Pre-gold test	1. Paso Doble 2. Killian 3. Blues
Gold	Gold test dance test	1. Argentine Tango 2. Viennese Waltz 3. Quickstep
International	Gold or international	1. Ravensburger Waltz 2 Rhumba 3. Silver Samba

Notes on the conduct of the competition:

All dance events may be double-paneled at the discretion of the referee. When there are more than 14 athletes in a solo dance event, the event will be split so no flight has more than 14 skaters. Each event is counted as a separate event regarding points awarded to each school. At the referee's discretion, entries of 10-14 athletes may be divided into two groups, but it is not required. Ladies will skate the ladies' steps and men will skate the men's steps, no exceptions.

Athletes will perform two patterns of each dance except the following: 14- Step, Killian and Quickstep, the skaters will perform three patterns of those dances. All athletes should start their patterns facing the judges unless otherwise directed to by the referee.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Synchronized team skating events at the collegiate and open collegiate levels will be offered, and all U.S. Figure Skating rules will be adhered to.

Collegiate:

Program duration: 4:00 (+/-) 10 sec.

Number of athletes: 12-20, all of whom must be full time college students (at any college or university)

Test requirement: All athletes must have passed at least the juvenile moves in the field test

Well balanced program requirements: In accordance with rule 4720

Well balanced program standards and remarks: In accordance with rules 4631 and 4632

Illegal elements: In accordance with rule 4669

Open collegiate:

Program duration: 3:00 (+/-) 10 sec.

Number of athletes: 8-16, all of whom must be full or part-time students (at any college or university)

Test requirement: Athletes may be at any test level

Well balanced program requirements: In accordance with rule 4790

Well balanced program standards and remarks: In accordance with rules 4631 and 4632

Illegal elements: In accordance with rule 4669

Note: *Synchronized skating will not be offered at the U.S. Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team Championships. Instead, collegiate and open collegiate teams may compete at their respective synchronized sectional championships, with the top four teams in the collegiate level advancing to the U.S. Synchronized Team Skating Championships.*

LENGTH OF COMPETITION:

If the number of entries exceeds the available ice time for the competition, the LOC chair, in conjunction with the chief referee and with approval from the national vice chair for intercollegiate competitions on the Collegiate Programs Committee and the chair of the Collegiate Programs Committee, will choose one or more of the following methods to reduce the length of the competition. The choice may be in any order:

1. Eliminate the optional dance in the solo dance event.
2. Reduce the number of starts per team.
3. Eliminate ladies events with only one entry. (Men's events will not be eliminated)
4. Eliminate team maneuver event.

In the event that events are cancelled, the LOC shall refund the appropriate entry fees within 21 days of the decision.

AWARDING OF THE TEAM POINTS:

Points will be earned for the first five places in each category as follows:

(Note: Under no circumstances will points be awarded for compulsory moves or pairs)

First place	5 Points
Second place	4 Points
Third place	3 Points
Fourth place	2 Points
Fifth place	1 Point

If only **one skater/team** enters a category and that skater skates a demonstration/exhibition, one (1) point will be awarded.

If only **two skaters/teams** enter a category, points will be awarded as follows:

First place	3 Points
Second place	2 Points

If **three skaters/teams** enter a category, points awarded will be as follows:

First place	3 Points
Second place	2 Points
Third place	1 Point

If **four skaters/teams** enter a category, points awarded will be as follows:

First place	4 Points
Second place	3 Points
Third place	2 Points
Fourth place	1 Point

Championship junior and senior free skate:

Each skater placing 1 – 5 will receive 2 additional “bonus points”.

Ties:

In the case of a tie, skaters will share the available points. For example, competitors tied for first place will share the 5 points for first plus the 4 points for second, so that each athlete would earn four-and-one-half (4 ½ points).

Adjustments in available points due to withdrawals:

The number of athletes in an event will be based on entries as of **seven days prior to the start of the event**. Withdrawals after this date will not affect the number of available points to the athletes who actually complete the competition.

Substitutions, additions and changes to the team:

With the exception of documented medical reasons or documented lost luggage there will be no substitutions to a team’s roster and / or competitive events within the six days prior to the start of the competition. Additions to the roster are not permitted after the close of entries. Points will only be awarded to athletes who complete the competition. No points will be awarded to an athlete who withdraws for any reason, under any circumstances.

LOC’s have the responsibility and the authority to enforce this rule.

RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS:

It is each participating team’s responsibility to review the competition schedule for accuracy within 72 hours of receipt, and notify the competition chair of any errors.

QUALIFICATION FOR THE U.S. INTERCOLLEGIATE FIGURE SKATING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

At each intercollegiate conference competition, teams earn qualifying points based on their overall finish at the competition.

Qualifying points are awarded as follows:

First place	5 Points
Second place	4 Points
Third place	3 Points
Fourth place	2 Points
Fifth place	1 Point

A college or university's qualifying points from each of the three intercollegiate conference competitions within their conference will be added together.

The three teams with the highest total qualifying points in each conference will qualify for the U.S. Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team Championships. Any individual athlete from a qualifying team who has competed in at least two intercollegiate conference competitions is eligible to represent the team at U.S. Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team Championships should the team qualify. Athletes on qualifying teams may compete in any events for which their test level qualifies them.

Tie-breaker:

If two or more teams are tied for a particular place in points, the following tie breakers will be used, in this order:

1. The team that had placed higher overall at MORE competitions during the competitive season.
2. The cumulative point totals the team members earned throughout the season.

WAIVERS FOR INDIVIDUAL ATHLETES:

An individual athlete on a qualifying team, who has competed in at least one intercollegiate competition, may apply for a waiver to be able to compete with his or her team at the U.S. Intercollegiate Figure Skating Championships.

The request for the waiver must be in writing and submitted to the national vice chair for intercollegiate competitions on the Collegiate Programs Committee **at least 4 weeks prior to the start of the U.S. Intercollegiate Figure Skating Championships**. The request must state the reason the athlete was unable to participate in at least one other competition. Acceptable reasons include injury, illness, mandatory exams, conflicting U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competitions, etc. The national vice chair will determine whether or not the waiver will be granted in conjunction with the chair of the Collegiate Programs Committee and the director of synchronized skating and collegiate programs.

Note: Waiver requests will not be accepted from any athlete who has not competed in an intercollegiate competition during the season. Skaters must have competed in at least one event. There will be no exceptions to this rule under any circumstance.

WAIVERS FOR TEAMS:

Teams wishing to qualify for the U.S. Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team Championships must compete in all three intercollegiate conference competitions within their conference.

If a team is not able to attend a competition for a reason, that includes weather problems, or mandatory exams, the team may apply for a waiver to the national vice chair for intercollegiate competitions on the Collegiate Programs Committee. The team will be required to document the reasons that they were unable to send any representatives to the competition. In order to apply for this waiver, it is mandatory that the team compete in at least two intercollegiate competition.

Even if the waiver is granted, the team will still receive zero points for the competition they omitted. Only the points earned in the events the team participated in will be counted towards qualification to the U.S. Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team Championships.

Automatic byes to the U.S. Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team Championships are not granted for any reason.

DECLINING AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:

If a team declines its invitation to compete in the U.S. Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team Championships, then the next team in that conference will be invited. Teams must notify the Kelly Hodge, director of synchronized skating and collegiate programs (khodge@usfigureskating.org) in writing within seven days of receiving their invitation to participate.

CONTACT INFORMATION

LOC chair and chief referee:

E-mail addresses and phone numbers for these individuals are found on U.S. Figure Skating Online:

1. www.usfigureskating.org
2. Click on "Programs"
3. Click on "Collegiate"
4. In the blue "Event Search" box click "Search"
5. Click on the event that you want to enter
6. Click on the one page announcement for that competition, which contains the contact information for the particular event.

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