

2009 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships
April 21-25, 2009
Grand Rapids, MI
REGISTRATION BEGINS NOVEMBER 20, 2008

NEW FOR 2009:

Solo dance:

Will be included in three categories: Gold, Silver and Bronze. Compulsory dances selected are posted at www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=112

Interpretive: Adult and Masters Interpretive Prop Rules/Violations

- 1) A prop may touch or graze the ice as long as it remains in the skater's hand and/or attached to the skater's costume/person, and is not dropped or out of the skater's control.
- 2) There will be a .1 deduction from the second mark for each time a prop is dropped on the ice (out of the skater's control); if the prop is not retrieved and back in the skater's control within 10 seconds, the prop will be considered intentionally set down and the skater will be disqualified.
- 3) Skaters who intentionally place a prop on the ice, boards or judges stand; who throw a prop into the audience or over the boards; or whose prop harms the ice will be disqualified.
- 4) Skaters who use illegal special effects (for example: water, fire, pyrotechnics, dry ice, loud noises) or costumes (i.e., feathers, boas, excessive beading) that are deemed unsafe by the referee will be disqualified.
- 5) Skaters who perform illegal elements (for example: Axels and/or double jumps) will be disqualified.

Championship Masters:

Has been divided into two categories:

- 1) Intermediate-Novice
- 2) Junior-Senior

Final Rounds of Adult Championship Dance, Adult Gold Dance, Adult Pre-Gold Dance and Masters Open Dance will consist of a **Free Dance instead of an Original Dance.**

Eligibility and Ages: Age categories have been adjusted. Please see rule 3292 for details. Tests qualifications now include adult tests OR standard tests passed. Please see Rules 3730 through 3820 in the 2008-2009 Rulebook for details

Reminders of 2008 changes

Skaters may enter a maximum of four events, including championship events. If qualifying for championship event(s) puts the skater over the four-event limit, he/she shall choose which event(s) he/she wishes to withdraw from without financial penalty.

Interpretative Free Skating has been officially divided into two separate events: Artistic/Dramatic Interpretative and Light Entertainment/Comedy Interpretative. Skaters may now enter BOTH events if they wish. They may not switch events after entering.