



# Adult Competition Series Handbook 2021-22 Season

Competition Series: May 28, 2021 – February 20, 2022

## **Sectional Finals:**

Eastern Adult Sectional Nonqualifying:

[Crossroads FSC](#) – Havertown, PA – March 11-13, 2022

Midwestern Adult Sectional Nonqualifying:

[Eastern Iowa FSC](#) – Cedar Rapids, IA – March 11-13, 2022

Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Nonqualifying:

[Lilac City FSC](#) – Spokane, WA – March 11-13, 2022

Dear Skaters, Coaches and Officials,

On behalf of U.S. Figure Skating's Adult Skating Committee, we are pleased to announce the 2021-22 Eastern, Midwestern and Pacific Coast Adult Competition Series, our fifth season.

This series is open to adult singles skaters within the Eastern, Midwestern and Pacific Coast sections, including members of Learn to Skate USA and U.S. Figure Skating. Skaters participating in the Adult Competition Series accumulate points based upon placement in the free skate event at local nonqualifying competitions and **SANCTIONED** virtual competitions. These points will be used to determine the final series placements within each section. Adult Competition Series awards will be presented at the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with each adult sectional championships.

The mission of this program is to provide a meaningful series of events to encourage skaters in the adult 1 through adult bronze levels to enjoy a fun, yet competitive environment where they can experience the community of adult skating and continue to skate for the rest of their lives.

We were disappointed to cancel the 2020-21 Adult Competition Series, but we hope that the changes we have made this season make the series more accessible to more skaters around the country. We look forward to seeing you on the ice!

Sincerely,

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## General Information

Welcome to the 2021-22 Adult Competition Series (ACS)!

Adult Competition Series events may take place at all U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned nonqualifying competitions, as per Rule 3060 in the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, as long as these competitions offer adult 1 through adult bronze events.

### Overview

The 2021-22 season will consist of two main elements:

#### 1) Live or Virtual **SANCTIONED** Competitions:

Skaters compete at nonqualifying competitions anywhere in the United States during the Series timeframe to accumulate points based on placement in the free skate event at each competition. Competitions may be either a live competition or a **SANCTIONED** virtual competition.

Any competition held between May 28, 2021 and February 20, 2022 offering the following events, will count towards qualification:

- Adult 1-6,
- Adult beginner,
- Adult high beginner,
- Adult pre-bronze,
- Adult bronze

It is recommended that adult pre-bronze and below be judged using 6.0, but competitions may choose which judging system to use. Results we accepted for either judging system, regardless of level. You can find an explanation of both judging systems [here](#).

Skaters will submit a photo, scanned copy, email attachment or screenshot of their final results sheet to the Adult Skating Committee after the conclusion of their competition.

#### 2) **Adult Competition Series Final (March 2022)**

In order to qualify for ACS awards, skaters **MUST** compete in the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with the adult sectional championship in their **home section** (see Eligibility and Test Levels or the FAQ for definition of home section).

### Dates

2021-22 Adult Competition Series will run from May 28, 2021 to February 20, 2022. Adult Competition Series awards will be determined and presented at the nonqualifying competitions held in conjunction with the three adult sectional championships.

### Series Registration

Skaters interested in participating in the 2021-22 Adult Competition Series may begin competing on May 28, 2021. Skaters who wish to participate in the ACS Final and awards will need to register during the Adult Qualifying Season registration period: December 15, 2021 through February 1, 2022.

Registration for the ACS will take place on formsite; registration details will be widely publicized. A \$20.00 fee will be due at that time. Registration for the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with adult sectionals will take place in EMS, which can be found by logging into [Members Only](#). Applicable competition fees will be due when the skater registers. The series registration fee is nonrefundable.

*In order for skaters to submit results to earn standing and recognition, they must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating as an Adult Competition Series participant by February 1, 2022.*

## **Awards and Medals**

Trophies for the Series will be awarded to places first through fourth, and medals will be awarded for fifth and sixth places, at each nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with each adult sectional championships. These awards will be presented following the results from the free skate event and after the final placements have been calculated.

### **U.S. Figure Skating Adult Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program**

Learn more [here](#).

### **Skate Forever Young Awards**

Learn more [here](#).

## **Eligibility and Test Levels**

Athletes must be eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA (adult 1-6, adult beginner and high beginner levels) and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice. All participants will be expected to abide by the Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and the Code of Conduct (GR 1.02), as set forth in the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above their highest U.S. Figure Skating free skating or Learn to Skate USA test passed.

| <b>Level</b>        | <b>Requirement</b>  |
|---------------------|---|
| Adult 1             | Have completed or are currently taking adult 1 level in LTS         |
| Adult 2             | Have completed or are currently taking adult 2 level in LTS         |
| Adult 3             | Have completed or are currently taking adult 3 level in LTS         |
| Adult 4             | Have completed or are currently taking adult 4 level in LTS         |
| Adult 5             | Have completed or are currently taking adult 5 level in LTS         |
| Adult 6             | Have completed or are currently taking adult 6 level in LTS         |
| Adult Beginner      | Must not have passed higher than Learn to Skate free skate 1        |
| Adult High Beginner | Must not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating free skate test        |
| Adult Pre-Bronze    | Passed adult pre-bronze or pre-preliminary free skate and no higher |
| Adult Bronze        | Passed adult bronze or preliminary free skate and no higher         |

A skater's home section is based upon either the location of the skater's home figure skating club, the legal residence of the Individual Member or the physical address of the Learn to Skate USA program in which the skater is registered as of December 15, If you are unsure of your section, ask your club or [email us for help](#).

Athletes must be 18 years of age or older as of May 28, 2021 to participate.

## **Entry Fees**

All skaters must register for the individual competitions separately through the LOC hosting each individual event. Event entry fees will be set by the LOC hosting the individual competition and will be listed within their announcements. Skaters are responsible for registering directly with each competition in which they wish to compete.

## **Results Sheets Submission**

For all competitions, a photo, scanned copy, email attachment or screenshot of the results sheet must be sent to [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com).

**All results submissions must be received no later than February 25, 2022.** Late submissions will **not** be accepted or counted towards final standings.

## **Adult Competition Series Points**

Points are awarded to each skater based upon the skaters' placement in the event. Point totals from each section will be maintained by the Adult Skating Committee and posted on the Adult Skating Competition Series Page on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

Skaters may move up to a higher level during the series. Points follow a skater throughout the series, even if they change levels. Once a skater moves up a level, they may not compete at a lower level.

NOTE: Skaters may compete in as many competitions as they choose. Only their top 3 scores will be used in the final point standings.

Points Calculation Chart can be found on the next page.

| Adult Competition Series Point Calculation Chart |                   |     |   |     |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |
|--|-------------------|-----|---|-----|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|
| Program/Free Skate Event                         |                   |     |   |     |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |
| Place  | Number of Skaters |     |   |     |    |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |
|  | 1                 | 2   | 3 | 4   | 5  | 6    | 7  | 8    | 9  | 10   | 11 | 12   |
| 1  | 8                 | 8.5 | 9 | 9.5 | 10 | 10.5 | 11 | 11.5 | 12 | 12.5 | 13 | 13.5 |
| 2  |                   | 7.5 | 8 | 8.5 | 9  | 9.5  | 10 | 10.5 | 11 | 11.5 | 12 | 12.5 |
| 3  |                   |     | 7 | 7.5 | 8  | 8.5  | 9  | 9.5  | 10 | 10.5 | 11 | 11.5 |
| 4  |                   |     |   | 6.5 | 7  | 7.5  | 8  | 8.5  | 9  | 9.5  | 10 | 10.5 |
| 5  |                   |     |   |     | 6  | 6.5  | 7  | 7.5  | 8  | 8.5  | 9  | 9.5  |
| 6  |                   |     |   |     |    | 5.5  | 6  | 6.5  | 7  | 7.5  | 8  | 8.5  |
| 7  |                   |     |   |     |    |      | 5  | 5.5  | 6  | 6.5  | 7  | 7.5  |
| 8  |                   |     |   |     |    |      |    | 4.5  | 5  | 5.5  | 6  | 6.5  |
| 9  |                   |     |   |     |    |      |    |      | 4  | 4.5  | 5  | 5.5  |
| 10   |                   |     |   |     |    |      |    |      |    | 3.5  | 4  | 4.5  |
| 11   |                   |     |   |     |    |      |    |      |    |      | 3  | 3.5  |
| 12   |                   |     |   |     |    |      |    |      |    |      |    | 2.5  |

- Move Up Points
  - A skater will earn three points towards their overall standings each time they enter a level that is higher than the level competed at the previous competition. In order to keep the extra points, the skater must compete in that level or higher in all subsequent competitions. Move up points may be awarded a maximum of two (2) times per season. In order to remain eligible for the ACS, skaters may not move up into a level that is not included in the ACS (example: adult silver)
- Ties
  - Ties will not be broken at regular season competitions. In the case of a tie, skaters will share the available points.
  - In case of a tie in the final series standing, the ties will be broken based on the skaters' placements at the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with the adult sectional championships.
- Withdrawals
  - Points will only be awarded to athletes who complete the competition.

## **Adult Competition Series (ACS) 2021-22 FAQ**

### **When can I register for the Series?**

Registration for the ACS will be held from December 15, 2021 through February 1, 2022. You may compete in any competition held between May 28, 2021 and February 20, 2022, even if you are not yet registered for the ACS, to earn points towards the series final.

### **Can I compete and earn points even though I'm not registered?**

Yes. Because registration opens after the series begins, any points earned beginning May 28, 2021 will be counted towards your total as long as you submit the results.

### **Does registration for a competition automatically register me for the series?**

No, you must register separately for the ACS Series.

### **Do I have to compete in live competitions? What about virtual events?**

Skaters may choose to compete at any SANCTIONED nonqualifying competition, either live or virtual. We strongly recommend confirming with a virtual competition that it is fully sanctioned.

### **If the competition(s) I entered are cancelled, can I receive a refund for the Series?**

Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer refunds for the Series.

### **Will there be a separate registration fee for sectionals?**

Yes, competition and sectionals fees are separate from the \$20.00 ACS fee.

### **Can I change levels during the Series?**

Yes, you may move up at any point in the Series. However, you may NOT move up into a level that is NOT included in the Adult Competition Series and still qualify for Series awards.

### **Who is eligible to earn ACS awards at the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with the adult sectional championships?**

All skaters who register for the ACS who compete in at least one event between May 28, 2021 and February 20, 2022, compete at the adult sectional championships in their home section and submit their results by the deadline will be eligible.

### **Do I have to compete in an event designated as a series competition?**

No. For the 2021-22 season, skaters may compete and submit a results sheet from any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned competition which takes place between May 28, 2021 and February 20, 2022.

### **Can I submit results from a virtual competition?**

Skaters may submit results from SANCTIONED virtual competitions. We strongly recommend confirming with a virtual competition that it is fully sanctioned.



### **Can I choose which adult sectional championships I want to attend?**

You must compete at the adult sectional championships in your home section.

### **What is my home section?**

A skater's home section is based upon either the location of the skater's home figure skating club, the legal residence of the Individual Member or the physical address of the Learn to Skate USA program in which the skater is registered. If you are unsure of your section, ask your club or [email us for help](#).

### **One of the other adult sectional championships is closer to my home. Can I change sections?**

If you are changing sections, you must do so before December 15.

### **When will more information be available about the sectional championships?**

Information about sectional championships may be found here:

- [Eastern Adult Sectional Championships](#)
- [Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships](#)
- [Pacific Adult Sectional Championships](#)

### **How many athletes will qualify for the adult sectional championships?**

There is no limit to the number of athletes that can qualify.

### **How do I submit my results sheet?**

For all competitions, a photo, scanned copy, email attachment or screenshot of the results sheet must be sent to [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com). All submissions must be received by February 25, 2022. **NO** late submissions will be accepted.

### **When will standings be posted?**

Results and standings will be posted on January 3, 2022, and then every two weeks. Final results prior to sectionals will be posted on February 27.

If you have any additional questions, please email [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com).