



# Adult Competition Series Handbook 2022-23 Season

Competition Series: May 27, 2022 – February 19, 2023

## **Sectional Finals:**

Eastern Adult Sectional Nonqualifying:

[Florida Interclub Council](#)

Kissimmee, FL – March 10-12, 2023

Midwestern Adult Sectional Nonqualifying:

[Fort Wayne ISC](#)

Fort Wayne, IN – March 10-12, 2023

Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Nonqualifying:

[Vegas Golden Knights Center of Excellence](#)

Henderson, NV – March 3-5, 2023

Dear Skaters, Coaches and Officials,

On behalf of U.S. Figure Skating's Adult Skating Committee, we are pleased to announce the 2022-23 Eastern, Midwestern and Pacific Coast Adult Competition Series, our sixth season.

After the success of the 2021-22 ACS season, we are happy to not make any major changes to the series for the 2022-23 season. We are excited to announce an addition: Adaptive Skating free skate events will now be part of the series, and we are thrilled to welcome those new skaters to the ACS community.

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, and all levels of Adaptive Skating, 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 look forward to seeing you on the ice!

Sincerely,

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# Adult Competition Series (ACS) Information for Skaters and Coaches

## General Information

Welcome to the 2022-23 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. Adaptive Skating events are also eligible for ACS submission.

## Overview

The 2022-23 season will consist of two main elements:

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

Skaters compete in a minimum of one 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 27, 2022 and February 19, 2023 will count towards qualification. All program requirements can be found in the [Compete USA Handbook](#) on the pages noted:

- Adult 1-6, page 15
- Adult Beginner and High Beginner, page 16
- Adult pre-bronze and bronze, page 16
- Adaptive Skating free skate events
  - Special Olympics Badge 1-12, page 26
  - Special Olympics 1-3 Free Skate, page 27
  - Skate United: Adaptive 2-12, page 29

It is recommended that adult pre-bronze and below be judged using 6.0, but competitions may choose which judging system to use. Results will be 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

2022-23 Adult Competition Series will run from May 27, 2022 to February 19, 2023. 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 2022-23 Adult Competition Series may begin competing on May 27, 2022. Skaters who wish to participate in the ACS Final and awards will need to register during the Adult Qualifying Season registration period: December 15, 2022 through February 1, 2023.

Registration for the ACS will take place on formsite - [2022-23 formsite Registration](#). 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, 2023.*

## 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, adult high beginner and Adaptive Skating 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.

Level	Requirement
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 27, 2022 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 24, 2023.** Late submissions will **not** be accepted or counted towards final standings.

## **Adult Competition Series (ACS) 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, and submit results from, as many competitions as they choose during the season.

Two competitions will be counted towards ACS points: the top points-earning competition submitted from the season, and the ACS final (this is the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with each adult sectional championships).

Adult Competition Series Point Calculation Chart												
Program/Free Skate Event												
	Number of Skaters											
Place	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 the case of a tie in the final series standings, 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. The number of athletes—and therefore points awarded in an event—will be based upon the number of skaters listed on the start orders posted prior to the start of the competition.

## **Adult Competition Series (ACS) 2022-23 FAQ**

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

Registration for the ACS will be held from December 15, 2022 through February 1, 2023. You may compete in any competition held between May 27, 2022 and February 19, 2023, 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 27, 2022 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 27, 2022 and February 19, 2023, 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 2022-23 season, skaters may compete and submit a results sheet from any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned competition which takes place between May 27, 2022 and February 19, 2023.

### **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 24, 2023. **NO** late submissions will be accepted.

**When will standings be posted?**

Results and standings will be posted on January 3, 2023, and then every two weeks. Final results prior to sectionals will be posted on February 26.

The 2022-23 Adult Competition Series standings can be found [here](#).

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

# Adult Competition Series (ACS) Information for Officials

## General Information

The 2022-23 season consists of two main elements:

1) Live or Virtual Sanctioned Competitions:

Skaters competed at nonqualifying competitions throughout the United States during the Series timeframe and earned points based on placement in the free skate event at each competition. Skaters submitted a photo, scanned copy, email attachment or screenshot of their final results sheet to the Adult Skating Committee after the conclusion of their competitions.

2) Adult Competition Series Final (March 2023)

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**.

The 2022-23 Adult Competition Series standings can be found [here](#).

## Important for the Nonqualifying Competition Held in Conjunction with the Adult Sectional Championships

The Vice Chair of Learn to Skate USA and Nonqualifying will monitor live results from all three sectional championships during the weekend and update the standings documents as results are posted online. The final series winners in each section will be communicated to the LOC as soon as possible after results are posted so awards ceremonies can be held.

Chief Accountants at each sectional championships are welcome to email results from the following results to [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com) for all of the following events:

- Adult 1 through Adult 6
- Adult beginner and high beginner
- Adult pre-bronze and adult bronze
- Adaptive Skating free skate events

Be sure to include:

- From Hal2
  - Competition Survey Report or Internet Data Component Standings .HTM file
- From IJS Companion
  - Results Summary from IJS Companion
  - A results sheet providing the final placements of the skaters signed by the event referee and the event accountant if not using one of the two systems above

Additional Information

- Trophies/medals for the series will be presented at the competition, so if emailing results, please do so after **each** free skate event to the Adult Skating Committee for calculation

- The Adult Skating Committee will email the appropriate Chief Accountant and the LOC chair for each section with the final results for the Series
- Remind the LOC chair and Chief Referee that the awards ceremony should be approximately 2 hours after the end of the last series event

The final series standings will be emailed to the LOC chair and the Chief Accountant of the competition as quickly as possible for use in the awards ceremony

Each Local Organizing Committee will receive the Adult Competition Series awards from headquarters along with any sectional championship awards – there is no additional financial investment required from the LOC for the awards. Please make this a special occasion for these skaters as we want to encourage them to come back and participate next year as well as to keep them skating for the rest of their lives!

Award Presentations: Adult Competition Series awards will be presented at the nonqualifying competitions held in conjunction with the adult sectional championships. For these competitions, please allow at least 2 hours between the end of the final free skate event for adult 1 through adult bronze to schedule the awards ceremony for the Adult Competition Series medalists.

## Grouping Considerations

To give athletes the best chance to achieve Adult Competition Series points, please adhere to the following grouping guidelines for all Adult 1 through adult bronze free skate events at the nonqualifying competitions held in conjunction with the Adult Sectional Championships:

- For adult 1 through 6, adult beginner, and adult high beginner the maximum group size is 6 skaters
- For adult pre-bronze and adult bronze, the maximum group size is 12 skaters
- Groups of more than the max number of skaters in a level must be split into multiple groups even if some of the skaters in the event are not participating in the series.
- Groups of fewer than the max number of skaters in a level may be split at the discretion of the chief referee who should take into account the adult age classes listed below and combine age classes in such a way to provide the competitors with the opportunity to achieve the highest number of points.
  - Young Adult: 18 – 20 years
  - Class I: 21 – 35 years
  - Class II: 36 – 45 years
  - Class III: 46 – 55 years
  - Class IV: 56 – 65 years
  - Class V: 66 years and over
- For events divided into groups, no final rounds will be skated
- Always combine genders in the Adult 1 through adult high beginner events.
- In the adult pre-bronze and adult bronze events, a single male competitor in a level may choose to be combined with the female competitors to allow for higher point possibilities (reference Rules 3013 and 3055).

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
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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
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We are aware of the many constrictions on Chief Referees. When possible, please schedule at least five judges per panel.

#### Important Information About Withdrawals

- The number of athletes, and therefore points awarded in an event will be based upon the number of skaters listed on the start orders posted prior to the start of the competition.

### Warm-up Groups and Times, Starting Orders

In order to standardize events so that the skaters know what to expect from one competition to the next, please use the following

- Warm-up groups should be no more than 6 skaters
- Warm-up times as follows:
  - Adult 1-6: 4 minutes
  - Adult beginner – adult bronze: 5 minutes

Starting Orders are random draws – no separate draws are necessary.

### Judging System Information

The 6.0 judging system will be used for the adult 1-6, adult beginner, adult high beginner, and adult pre-bronze free skate events at the participating 2022-23 Adult Series Competition. For the adult bronze free skate events, either 6.0 or IJS may be used at the discretion of the LOC.

Free skate events consist of a choreographed program that contains required (adult 1-6) or standardized requirements (adult beginner to adult bronze).

All program requirements can be found in the [Compete USA Handbook](#) on the pages noted:

- Adult 1-6, page 15
- Adult Beginner and High Beginner, page 16
- Adult pre-bronze and bronze, page 16
- Adaptive Skating free skate events:
  - Special Olympics Badge 1-12, page 26
  - Special Olympics 1-3 Free Skate, page 27
  - Skate United: Adaptive 2-12, page 29

HAL2 Setup Information (6.0 events):

- 1) These should be set up as standard program/free skate events in Hal2
  - a. Two marks are given
  - b. Music is required and vocals are allowed
- 2) Results from Hal2 for the Adult Competition Series Program/Free Skate event will be posted at the competition or online
- 3) These results are sent to the Adult Skating Committee and points are awarded to the skater from their placement in the Program/Free Skate Event

IJS Setup Information (if competition has chosen to use this judging system for adult bronze free skate event):

- 1) Adult bronze events will be called according to the standard rules of IJS and the [Adult Calling Clarifications](#) posted on the [Adult Technical Information](#) page of the U.S. Figure Skating website
- 2) All competitors in IJS Free Skate events are required to submit their Planned Program Content (PPC) form in EMS