

Showcase Events

Showcase events are open to skaters in the Basic, Free Skate, limited beginner, preliminary and adult bronze levels. Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible. Skaters must enter at the same level as their free skate event or highest test level of skater's in the group ensemble or production number. If a free skate event is not being entered, skaters must enter at their current test level or one level higher.

Show costumes are permitted if they do not touch or drag on the ice. Costuming and make up for showcase programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance and reflect the meaning of the story or theme. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure. No bobby pins, feathers, hair accessories or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. (a 0.1 deduction will be taken). Props and scenery must be placed and removed by unaided singles and duet competitors within one minute on and off and by unaided ensemble contestants within two minutes for setup and two minutes for removal. A 0.1 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judge's mark for every 10 seconds in excess of the time allowed for the performance, for handling props and scenery and for scenery assistance.

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint for theatrical qualities. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious loss of control will reduce contestant's marks. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence. Theatrical elements evaluated will include energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of props and ice. The 6.0 judging system will be used. Deductions will be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

** For specific guidelines regarding the conduct of showcase competitions, refer to the nonqualifying showcase guidelines posted on usfigureskating.org.*

Showcase categories may include:

- Levels can be subdivided or combined, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up to ensure performances are contested as per the guidelines. Example combined events: Character Performance and Comedic Impressions.
- **Emotional (formerly Dramatic) Performance:** Programs should portray a story, expressing conflict, resolution and/or depth of emotion. Skater should provoke an emotional response with the audience - through related skating movements, gestures and choreographic processes. The entire spectrum of emotions should be considered when selecting the theme (e.g. love, loss, longing, fulfillment, happiness, melancholy, sadness, etc.).
 - Lip synching is not permitted.
 - Props and Scenery are permitted.
 - No Technical Limitations.
- **Character Performance:** Skaters will impersonate a character, original or adapted, on the ice. Performances as a character from a movie, musical, book, original idea, original adaptation are all welcome here.
 - Lip synching is required
 - Props and Scenery are permitted
 - No Technical Limitations
- **Comedic Impressions:** A humorous performance intentionally designed to achieve continuous/multiple chuckles, laughs, or audible rises from viewers. Performance is projected outward towards audience and entertaining through skating movements, gestures and physical actions deemed comedic.
 - Lip synching is permitted
 - Props and Scenery are permitted
 - No Technical Limitations
- **Lyrical Pop:** Perform to your favorite song containing lyrics, without lip-synching.
 - Lip synching is not permitted
 - Props and Scenery are not permitted
 - No Technical Limitations
- **Duets/Trios:** Theatrical/artistic performances by 2 to 3 skaters.
- **Mini production ensembles:** Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors. 2:00 maximum length.
- **Production ensembles:** Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. 2:30 maximum length. NOTE: Skaters may only enter one duet, one mini production, and one production ensemble.

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LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
BASIC 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum	Must not have passed any higher than Basic 6 level	Time: 1:00 max
PRE-FREE SKATE – FREE SKATE 6/ BEGINNER/HIGH BEGINNER/ADULT 1-6/ ADULT BEGINNER/ADULT HIGH BEGINNER	3 jump maximum. Half-rotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating free skate or free dance tests	Time: 1:20 max
NO TEST	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must not have passed pre-preliminary free skate or any free dance tests	Time: 1:20 max
PRE-PRELIMINARY	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary or any free dance test	Time: 1:20 max
PRELIMINARY	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate or adult bronze free skate or free dance test; see National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults	Time: 1:30 max
ADULT PRE-BRONZE	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must have passed no higher than adult pre-bronze free skate test; see National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults	Time: 1:40 max

Interpretive

COMPETITION FORMAT:

The Organizing Committee must pre-select and edit musical choices appropriate for these events. During the warm-up, skaters will hear the selection of music twice. Following the warm-up, all skaters except for the first skater will be escorted to a soundproof locker room or another area of the arena. The first skater will hear the music one more time and then perform a program to the music. As each skater performs, the next skater in line will be allowed to hear the music for the third time before they perform to the music. The listening skater will not be allowed to view the performing skater.

Levels: Levels should be broken by ability with ages divided appropriately

Judging Rules: Skaters are judged on originality, pattern, technical (the ability to include jumps and spins) and music interpretation/expression. Spins and jumps performed must be appropriate to competition level.

Time: Music Duration: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6: 1:00 max. Beginner – Preliminary: 1:00 max

Coaching: There is to be no instruction allowed during this event from coaches, parents or fellow skaters. Staging area must be kept clear except for ice monitor and listening competitor.

Theatre On Ice

Theatre On Ice events may be offered at Compete USA competitions for all levels. Compete USA programs are choreographic exercises intended to introduce skaters to choreographic processes, themes and movements, as well as to begin to develop a movement vocabulary that skaters can utilize throughout their skating career.

While intended to model a traditional choreographic exercise, skaters are not required to wear black; teams may wear any color, as long as the team is uniform and matching.

Detailed information, including requirements, program lengths and elements, is available on the Theatre On Ice web page at usfigureskating.org/skate/skating-opportunities/theatreonice. For additional information, refer to the current Theatre On Ice Guidelines.