

**2024 EASTERN ADULT SECTIONAL
FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS**



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2024 ADULT QUALIFYING COMPETITION SEASON

TECHNICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

GENERAL

The 2024 U.S. Figure Skating adult qualifying competition season consists of four events - three qualifying events (adult sectional championships) and the 2024 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. All four events are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and conducted according to the 2023-2024 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook with changes and clarifications as posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website and this announcement. Compliance with these rules as updated or amended is the responsibility of the participants. U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions to the international judging system (IJS) made by the ISU.

Adult sectional championships and U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships events are open only to current members of U.S. Figure Skating who meet the eligibility requirements in U.S. Figure Skating rule 2210, all age and test requirements pertaining to the event they are entering, and the citizen and residency requirements as stated in rule 2240.

Non-U.S. citizens who have already received a letter of permission from the Chair of the Competitions Committee and were accepted to compete in the U.S. Figure Skating qualifying system are eligible to register. All other non-U.S. citizens seeking eligibility must meet the requirements set forth in rules 2240 and 2212.

Coaches at U.S. Figure Skating Qualifying Competitions

To be a credentialed coach at a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition, a professional coach or choreographer must meet the requirements from rule 1310.

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website: www.usfsaonline.org, via the Person Icon next to your name or Account tab -> Member Profile -> Compliance.

Each local organizing committee (LOC) will be provided access via U.S. Figure Skating's Event Management System (EMS) to verify coach compliance. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. Coaches who are NOT compliant at time of check-in will need to show proof of any/all missing compliance items prior to being accredited. **If a coach cannot provide the necessary documents, they will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions.**

For the 2024 competition season, the three qualifying events (adult sectional championships) will be held at the following locations:

2024 Eastern Adult Sectional Championships

[EAS Official Website](#)

March 14-16th 2024

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2024 Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships

[MAS Official Website](#)

March 8-10th, 2024

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

2024 Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championships

[PCAS Official Website](#)

March 8-10th 2024

Santa Rosa, California

The 2024 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships will be organized for all qualifiers:

2024 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships

[U.S. Adult Championships Official Website](#)

[U.S. Adult Championships Official Facebook Page](#)

April 3-6th, 2024

Cleveland, Ohio

EVENTS

ADULT SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The adult sectional championships consist of the following qualifying championship events: championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate, championship masters pairs and championship adult partnered dance.

All other events offered at the adult sectional championships are considered nonqualifying and offered at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee. Adult Competition Series final events are also a part of the nonqualifying competitions held in conjunction with the adult sectional championships. Please refer to the nonqualifying competition section of each specific adult sectional competition announcement for the nonqualifying events being offered.

U.S. ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

*The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships shall consist of the following events (See rule 2055 and amendments in [Technical Notification 271](#)): ******

A. Events that require qualification from sectionals: championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate, championship masters pairs, championship adult dance and championship adult solo dance.

B. Events that do not require qualification from sectionals (“NONQUALIFYING”):

1. *Free skate:* masters junior-senior free skate, masters intermediate-novice free skate, adult gold free skate, adult silver free skate and adult bronze free skate.
2. *Pairs:* masters pairs, adult gold pairs, adult silver pairs, adult bronze pairs and centennial pairs.
3. *Partnered dance:* masters open partnered pattern dance, adult gold partnered pattern dance, adult pre-gold partnered pattern dance, adult silver partnered pattern dance, adult pre-silver partnered pattern dance, adult bronze partnered pattern dance, adult pre-bronze partnered pattern dance, centennial partnered pattern dance, masters open partnered free dance, adult gold partnered free dance and adult pre-gold partnered free dance.

4. *Solo dance*: adult gold solo pattern dance, adult pre-gold solo pattern dance, adult silver solo pattern dance, adult pre-silver solo pattern dance, adult bronze solo pattern dance, adult gold solo free dance, adult silver solo free dance and adult bronze solo free dance.
5. *Showcase*: masters emotional performance, masters lyrical pop/character/comedy, adult gold emotional performance, adult gold lyrical pop/character/comedy, adult silver emotional performance, adult silver lyrical pop/character/comedy, adult bronze emotional performance and adult bronze lyrical pop/character/comedy.

Skaters may enter a maximum of four events, including championship events. If qualifying for championship events puts a skater over the four-event limit, the skater may withdraw from the event of his/her choice without financial penalty.

Full descriptions of all events and requirements can be found in the following locations:

Singles, Pairs, Dance:

[Program Requirements](#)

Emotional Performance and Lyrical Pop/Character/Comedy:

[2023-2024 Showcase Guidelines](#)

For Pattern Dance Selections, including Championship Adult Solo Dance:

[2023-2024 Pattern Dances](#)

For skater's choice dance timing and the number of sequences to be danced in pattern dance events, please refer to the following chart:

[2023-2024 Skater's Choice Adult Partnered and Solo Pattern Dance Timing Chart](#)

RECENT CHANGES TO EVENTS (please refer to the 2023-2024 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook; this is not an all-inclusive list of changes):

Bronze Singles/Bronze Pairs: Per rule 1041, adult bronze singles will be judged using the IJS system at both the adult championships and the non-qualifying events held in conjunction with the adult sectional championships. Adult bronze pairs will be judged using the IJS system only at the adult championships.

Championship Masters Pairs, Masters Pairs and Adult Gold Pairs: Per rules 7511, 7521 and 7531, jump combination or sequence may consist of two or three jumps.

Adult Pre-Silver Solo Free Dance and Adult Pre-Gold Solo Free Dance: Per rules 8710 and 8730, these levels of adult solo free dance have been added. Please read all test levels to ensure you enter the correct level as your level may have changed since the 2023 season.

Fall Deduction for Bronze and Silver: Per rule 1071C, the fall deduction is now .25 for adult bronze and adult silver.

Solo Pattern Dance Steps: Per rules 8631 (B), 8641 (B), 8651 (B), 8661 (B), 8671 (B), 8681 (B) (pages 287-288, Rulebook), Events will not be separated by gender. Skaters may choose to perform either the follow steps or the lead steps.

Singles Eligibility Rule Update: Per rule 6500, any skater who has competed in the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Figure Skating Championships, the ISU World Junior Figure Skating Championships, an ISU Grand Prix event, an ISU Junior Grand Prix event, an ISU Challenger Series event or the Olympic Winter Games in novice singles, junior singles, or senior singles: 1. May not compete in the adult gold, adult silver or adult bronze singles events. 2. May compete in the masters

intermediate-novice and masters junior-senior singles events. The update and TN301 went into effect on December 1, 2023.

REMINDERS OF PAST CHANGES:

Championship Adult Solo Dance: Per the Board of Directors meeting November 5, 2022, this event has been added. The update and TN289 went into effect on December 1, 2022.

The governing rules are 8630-8632, 1041, 2055, 2401, 2405, and 8082.

For 2023-2024 the pattern dance is Argentine tango. The free dance is 2:40 +/- 10 seconds and is to be skated in accordance with the rules for the adult gold solo free dance event.

SHOWCASE: Wearable Inflatable costumes are not permitted in the Emotional Performance or Lyrical Pop/Character/Comedy events at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships or at the nonqualifying competitions held in conjunction with Eastern, Midwestern and Pacific Coast Adult Sectionals. If a skater performs with a wearable inflatable costume in any aforementioned event, the skater may be disqualified. Please refer to the 2023-2024 Showcase Guidelines for more details.

Championship Adult Free Dance, Pre-Gold Free Dance, Gold Free Dance, Masters Open Free Dance: Per Rule 8512, one choreographic element is required.

Adult Gold Solo Free Dance & Championship Adult Solo Dance (free dance portion): Per Rule 8701, only one twizzle series is required.

New rules for qualifying rounds: Per Rule 2551, there are updated rules for qualifying rounds at the Adult Championships.

SPECIAL AWARDS/TROPHIES:

Club Awards: Per TMR 6.01, there will be club awards at the U.S. Adult Championships. Two club awards will be given, based on the number of home club members registered with U.S. Figure Skating as of the prior season's published Membership Report: a Large Club Team Award (for clubs with 175 or more members) and a Small Club Team Award (for clubs with less than 175 members).

The Team point scoring system can be found on the U.S. Figure Skating website [here](#)

Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program: The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program recognizes competitive adult figure skaters who have successfully demonstrated longevity in the sport through their ongoing participation in the U.S. Adult Championships and/or Adult Competition Series. It defines the ultimate success in competitive adult figure skating as being physically able to skate competitively for a lifetime and rewards competitive adult figure skaters who manage their training in a way that makes this possible. The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program is open to all members of U.S. Figure Skating and Learn to Skate USA who compete at the U.S. Adult Championships and/or in the Adult Competition Series. Additional details on the recognition program are available [here](#). **Athletes must register to participate in the recognition program [here](#).**

Skate Forever Young Awards: U.S. Adult Championships Skate Forever Young Awards are medal-like awards given to all competitors who are 71 and older for their participation at the U.S. Adult Championships and the Adult Competition Series. Three levels of awards are available, based solely on age as of the close of entries (Feb. 1, 2023):

- 71 years to 75 years of age Bronze Skate Forever Young Award
- 76 years to 80 years of age Silver Skate Forever Young Award
- 81 years and older Gold Skate Forever Young Award

Adult Special Achievement Awards: U.S. Figure Skating Adult Special Achievement Awards are pins given to adult athletes in IJS-judged qualifying events to encourage and reward high-quality elements, performances, and skating. Pins are awarded in championship singles events at the adult sectional championships and championship pairs and dance events at the U.S. Adult Championships. [Click here for more details \(scroll down to "Competitive Opportunities"\)](#).

Yvonne M. Dowlen Trophy: The Yvonne M. Dowlen Trophy will be awarded annually to the oldest registered competitor who competes in an event at the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. A competitor is permitted to receive this award once every three years. If a competitor has won in the previous two years, then the next-oldest eligible competitor will be that year's recipient.

ONLINE REGISTRATION (OPENS December 18, 2023)

A. METHOD

Online registration via EMS at www.usfsaonline.org is the ONLY method available for entry into ALL events (qualifying and nonqualifying) at the adult sectional championships and the 2023 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

To enter into the 2024 adult qualifying competition season, [click here](#) for detailed instructions or proceed in the following manner:

- Log on to www.usfsaonline.org.
- Input your username and password.
 - Your username is your U.S. Figure Skating membership number.
 - If you do not already have a password, go to www.usfsaonline.org first and follow the online instructions.
- Log in to Members Only at www.usfsaonline.org and click on the blue EMS tab
- Select the "competition registration" tab
- Find your competition under Qualifying Competitions and click "Register"

If you experience difficulty with online registration, please call the U.S. Figure Skating main number at 719.635.5200, or e-mail U.S. Figure Skating member services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.

B. DEADLINES

The entry deadline for the 2024 Adult Qualifying Season (sectionals and championships) is **11:59 p.m., February 1, 2024. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Age requirements for the U.S. Adult Championships and adult sectional championships must be met by **February 1, 2024**.

Test requirements must also be met by **February 1, 2024**. Provisional entries based on passing a test after the closing date of entries will not be accepted. Please refer to U.S. Figure Skating rules 2422 and 2423 for further testing information and guidelines. Skaters may NOT "skate up". Skaters may NOT test the next higher level after the close of entries.

C. ELIGIBILITY

This event is open for participation to all eligible competitors who are members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating per rule 2212.

For **championship** events at the U.S. Adult Championships and adult sectional championships, non-U.S. citizens who have represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition must meet the requirements of rule 2243. "Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete" and supporting documentation must be submitted to the Chair of the Competitions Committee no later than January 25, 2023. Forms are available on www.usfsoonline.org within step one of registration. Non-U.S. citizens who have never represented a foreign federation at any level of skating competition may enter championship events if qualified by test level. It is not necessary to complete the "Non-U.S. Citizen Application to Compete".

Those entering **nonqualifying** events at adult sectionals and the U.S. Adult Championships are not subject to rule 2241, but fall under rule 2212, which states that they must be legal residents of the U.S. and meet all other test, age and membership qualifications. Non-U.S. citizens entering nonqualifying events need only fill in the appropriate boxes on the nonqualifying entry form.

Skaters may not enter a championship event at an adult-track qualifying competition (adult sectionals/U.S. Adult Championships) and a qualifying event at a standard-track qualifying competition (regionals/sectionals/U.S. Championships) in the same kind of event, in the same competition season. For example, a skater may not enter novice men's free skate at a standard-track qualifying competition and championship masters intermediate-novice men's free skate at an adult-track qualifying competition in the same season. However, a skater may enter novice men's free skate at a standard-track qualifying competition and masters intermediate-novice men's free skate (not a championship event) or championship masters pairs (different category) at an adult-track qualifying competition in the same season.

Age and [test qualifications](#) as of entry deadline date will determine event eligibility and classification for all. Tests passed after close of entries and prior to the event will disqualify skaters if test exceeds maximum requirement for the event entered in this competition.

Skaters may compete in as many disciplines as qualified by test level but may compete in only one event per discipline with maximum total of four events. As an exception, a competitor who qualifies to enter a championship event through their adult sectional championships may also enter a nonqualifying event in the same discipline so long as they do not exceed the four-event limit. Competitors are permitted to enter both emotional performance and lyrical pop/character/comedy events. Competitors are permitted to enter both pattern and free dance events. Competitors are not permitted to enter centennial partnered pattern dance events if they are also competing in another nonqualifying-level of partnered pattern dance (even if with another partner) and vice-versa. Competitors are not permitted to enter centennial pairs events if they are also competing in another nonqualifying-level of pairs (even if with another partner) and vice-versa.

A judge, referee or accountant assigned to the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships may not skate as a competitor in any event of the competition, qualifying or nonqualifying. A judge, referee, or accountant invited to an adult sectional championship may compete in the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with the same adult sectional championships. A judge, referee or accountant invited to serve at the nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with an adult sectional championships may compete in a championship event at the same adult sectionals, provided they do not serve as an official for any of the championship events.

D. AGE CATEGORIES AND EXHIBITIONS

Per rule 2552, there shall be age categories for all singles free skate, emotional performance, lyrical pop/character/comedy and solo dance events (does not include pairs events, championship events or partnered dance events).

The age categories at the U.S. Adult Championships for free skate, emotional performance and lyrical pop/character/comedy events are as follows:

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| Class I: | 21 years through 35 years |
| Class II: | 36 years through 45 years |
| Class III: | 46 years through 55 years |
| Class IV: | 56 years through 65 years |
| Class V: | 66 years and older |

The age categories at the U.S. Adult Championships for solo pattern dance and solo free dance events are as follows:

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|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Class I/II: | 21 years through 45 years |
| Class III/IV/V: | 46 years and older |

All age classes will be combined in championship events at the adult sectional championships.

At the chief referee's discretion, age class events with fewer than six entries may be combined, after consultation with the national vice chair for adult competitions and the chair of the competitions committee.

After the close of registration, if an event with one skater/team cannot be combined with another age group and/or level, the event will be held as a single-entry event. Skaters/teams in single-entry events will receive the trophy or medal for their event and will receive the corresponding points for their club toward the team trophy, along with competition credit in the U.S. Figure Skating Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program.

A competition will be held if at least one eligible competitor appears at the start.

Proof of age is required for all events. Acceptable forms of documentation include birth certificate, passport, or similar proof. The LOC reserves the right to require additional information.

E. FOUR OR FEWER

When there are four or fewer competitors in an adult sectional qualifying event (championship junior-senior free skate, championship intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate, championship masters pairs, championship adult partnered dance), competitors may progress directly to the U.S. Adult Championships. If there is only one competitor or team in an event, that person/team moves directly to the U.S. Adult Championships. See rule 2545. If, at the close of entries, there are four or fewer competitors registered for a qualifying event at an adult sectional championship, additional competitors from the same qualifying event in other sections shall be permitted to enter the U.S. Adult Championships to bring the number of competitors up to a maximum of 12 (or more if ties make it necessary). See rule 2546.

Competitors must state during the online registration process whether they will skate in their event at the adult sectional championships if there are four or fewer within their section or 12 or fewer in all sections combined. **The statement is binding.**

F. ENTRY FEES

All competitors entering the 2024 adult qualifying competition season must submit payment of the appropriate entry fee (amounts listed below) to U.S. Figure Skating. All competitors are required to pay both the entry fee into the qualifying competition season (for each event entered) and the administrative fee. All fees are nonrefundable, except as detailed in rule 2401.B.3 (see below).

2024 Adult Qualifying Competition Season Entry Fees

| Entry Fee | Level/Discipline |
|-----------|---|
| \$210 | Championship Events at Adult Sectional Championships |
| \$210 | First Singles Event at U.S. Adult Championships |
| \$270 | First Dance Event per team at U.S. Adult Championships |
| \$270 | First Pairs Event per team at U.S. Adult Championships |
| \$210 | Each subsequent singles event at U.S. Adult Championships |
| \$270 | Each subsequent team event at U.S. Adult Championships |
| \$10 | Competition Administrative fee |

U.S. Adult Championships Entry Fees

Those competitors advancing in the championship events from the three adult sectional championships **will have to submit an additional entry fee** to compete in the same event at the 2024 U.S. Adult Championships. Instructions will be emailed to qualifying competitors after the adult sectional championships have concluded.

Per rule 2401.B.3, If an adult competitor enters a nonqualifying event at the U.S. Adult Championships and qualifies through the adult sectional championships to skate in the corresponding championship event, they will have the option to withdraw from the nonqualifying event and receive a refund. In the case of qualifying in a championship partnered dance event, competitors may withdraw from either the partnered pattern dance or partnered free dance, but not both. Such withdrawal must occur within seven days of qualification at the adult sectional championship, or within seven days of being notified of qualification due to alternate status and

withdrawal of a previously qualified skater.

Once entries have closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held, except as specified in rule 2401.B.3. There are no refunds for medical withdrawals. The chief referee reserves the right to combine, divide or cancel an event when necessary.

Your registration is not valid until all appropriate entry and administrative fees have been paid and all required forms have been completed online to U.S. Figure Skating. Please note, if payment has not successfully settled (NSF) by February 10, 2024, the skater will be withdrawn from the 2024 Adult Qualifying Season.

G. PAYMENT

Online payment via credit card is the ONLY accepted form of payment. Once entries have closed, there are no refunds or entry fees. Once entered, all withdrawals are considered final. A competitor may not re-enter even if the withdrawal occurs prior to the entry deadline of Feb. 1, 2024. Note, all transactions in EMS are subject to a 3% processing fee.

If you need to withdraw, you must send an email to the Events Department at events@usfigureskating.org with your name, U.S. Figure Skating membership number, event(s) in which you are entered and the competition from which you wish to withdraw.

TECHNICAL DETAILS

A. CONDUCT OF EVENTS

For the 2024 season, the international judging system (IJS) will be used for all championship singles events at the adult sectional championships. Championship adult partnered dance, championship solo dance and championship masters pairs events at the adult sectional championships will be judged with the 6.0 judging system.

At the U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships, IJS will be used for the following events: all championship events with the exception of championship adult solo dance, adult bronze free skate, adult silver free skate, adult gold free skate, all masters-level free skate, adult bronze pairs, adult silver pairs, centennial pairs, adult gold pairs, masters pairs, and pre-gold partnered dance and higher. Lyrical pop/character/comedy and emotional performance events will be judged with the Showcase Component Judging System. All other nonqualifying events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.

B. AGE AND TEST QUALIFICATIONS

All age and test requirements can be found in the [2023-2024 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#). Adult singles test requirements can also be found on the U.S. Figure Skating website in the [Adult Singles Free Skating Event Eligibility Chart](#). Adult showcase test requirements are found in the [Showcase Guidelines](#).

C. TECHNICAL ELEMENTS / PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The well-balanced program charts for all levels and disciplines are posted on the [Adult Skating Rules and Resources Page](#) of the U.S. Figure Skating website.

For IJS information, reference the appropriate discipline section of the current ISU rules and the

Adult Calling Clarification document, found on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

The lyrical pop/character/comedy showcase event contains programs that meet the definition of lyrical pop, character performance or comedic impressions programs in the [Showcase Guidelines](#). Due to the combination of categories, props and lip-syncing are optional.

D. MUSIC AND PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

All competitors entering the 2024 adult sectional championships and U.S. Adult Championships are required to submit the following items via their EMS Skater Portal one week prior to competition start date:

- Upload of each piece of competition music
- Music copyright information for all music
- [Planned Program Content](#) detailing the elements in the program **(IJS ONLY)**

Please note that you do not have to complete this at time of entry, although it is strongly encouraged. An athlete may update their skating program details at any time, after registration is complete, and up till one week prior to event start. Athletes will not be allowed to make any edits to their skating program one week prior to the start of the competition as this time is used for event organizers to download your information and prepare for the event. If any adjustments need to be made within one week of the event, they must be done onsite at the competition.

Finally, you will not be allowed to receive your credential at registration until U.S. Figure Skating and the local organizing committee have both received your skating program information. Questions? Email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

******PAIRS AND DANCE TEAMS:** When registering for a partnered event, only **one** member of the partnership will complete the event registration in EMS. Previously, the registering skater had sole control over the management of the registration. As of this season, the partner now has access to manage all the necessary competition items as well. Regardless of the partner being registered for other events, they will now have access to the competition portal for partnered event management, schedules and competition information.

MUSIC UPLOAD/SUBMISSION

For all qualifying competitions during the 2024 season, [online music submission through EMS](#) is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

File Specifications:

- File Format: MP3
- Maximum File Size: 12MB
 - Sound Quality: Set to Medium or High!
 - Rate: 192kbps (minimum)
- Maximum Running time: Five (5) minutes
- Maximum Leader/Trailer: The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music and the trailer is the silence between the end of the music and track. The Music Committee prefers that neither are included on the file but if necessary, are no more than two (2) seconds respectively.

Copyright Information:

U.S. Figure Skating, in compliance with BMI Licensing requirements, must collect the copyright information from each piece of music used in a skater's program. For assistance with this requirement, please click [here](#).

E. OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD

The official bulletin board will contain any announcements or changes, and it is the responsibility of the competitors to check it often for official notices. Please refer to the local portion of the announcement for further information regarding the bulletin board.

F. SCHEDULE

A tentative schedule for the U.S. Adult Championships will be posted on the event website as soon as possible, estimated to be early March 2024. This schedule will not include event times, only the days on which each event will be held. A schedule will not be finalized until after the completion of the three adult sectional championships, in late March 2024. The tentative schedule is a preliminary schedule; therefore, skaters should NOT rely upon this schedule in making travel arrangements.

Skaters who enter more than one event assume the possibility of events being scheduled on the same day. The more events a skater enters, the higher this possibility is.

G. HEADPHONES

Earbuds and headphones of any kind will not be allowed on any practice sessions or warm-ups associated with the adult sectionals and adult championship competitions. If a skater is found to be wearing them on a practice session for these events they are subject to be disqualified for the event.

ADVANCEMENT TO THE U.S. ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. QUALIFIERS

All competitors advancing to the 2024 U.S. Adult Championships will receive an email from U.S. Figure Skating within 48 hours of the conclusion of the adult sectional championships outlining the terms of advancement.

B. ALTERNATES

Skaters placing in fifth and sixth place at the adult sectional championships are not required to provide any information to U.S. Figure Skating or the local organizing committee. All competitors are required to download the event announcement as they may be selected to compete up to 24 hours before their event. Response is required within 12 hours of receipt of the notice, or the next alternate will be contacted.

INSURANCE/LIABILITY

A. LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, the host club(s) and/or interclub association, the organizing committee, and the ice arenas being utilized for these events accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships (U.S. Figure Skating rule 1600).

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2024 EASTERN ADULT SECTIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2024 Eastern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships will be held March 14-16, 2024, at the Robert Morris Island Sports Center located at 7600 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225. The competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and hosted by the Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club.

The 2024 Eastern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships consist of the following qualifying championship events: championship masters junior-senior free skate, championship masters intermediate-novice free skate, championship adult gold free skate, championship adult silver free skate, championship masters pairs, and championship adult partnered dance. **Technical specifications and requirements for all qualifying championship events are detailed in the above 2024 Adult Qualifying Competition Season Technical Announcement portion of this document.**

All other events are offered as a part of the 2024 Eastern Adult Sectional Championships and are considered non-qualifying and offered at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). **Please refer to the [Non Qualifying Specifications](#) for the non-qualifying events being offered and other information specific to the non-qualifying events (located at the end of this document).** Competitors will register through EMS for these non-qualifying events. And, for the purpose of fee calculation, registration for a qualifying event in the corresponding adult sectional championship will count as a first event in this adult sectional non-qualifying competition.

For additional information, check out the [competition website](#).

FACILITIES

The competition will be held at Robert Morris Island Sports Center located at 7600 Grand Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15225, (412) 397-4454. Island Sports Center has (2) rinks; Easterns will be hosted on the Olympic regulation sized rink known as the Olympic Rink. The Olympic rink is typically around 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Practice ice will be available starting the evening of Wednesday, March 13, 2024. Competitors are not permitted to purchase regular freestyle ice on the Clearview rink during Adult Sectionals and can only purchase Eastern Adult Sectionals practice ice.

There is an onsite Ice-House Bistro that serves salads, sandwiches, snacks, hot foods and Starbucks. You can review more [info](#) [and](#) [see](#) [the](#) [menu](#) [here](#).

You can access the [rink's website here](#).

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#).

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club and Robert Morris Island Sports Center accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

ONSITE REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN:

Registration will be open one to two hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in front of skate rental, in the long hallway outside of the Olympic Rink. Please register/check in promptly upon arrival.

SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be posted on the [competition website](#).

PRACTICE ICE

All sessions will be unofficial and are 20 minutes in duration. There are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used. No music is played on practice ice and athletes are not allowed to wear headphones.

Pre-Purchase: Practice ice will be available for pre-purchase after registration has been completed until February 1st, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET. Practice ice will be selected by skaters during the session-selection window. After the close of the entries, you will receive an email to access your practice ice record and select your sessions via EMS. \$25 per singles skater and \$50 for pairs/dance, if you pre-purchased sessions.

Session Selection: The session-selection window will begin no later than February 20th, 2024, at 3:00 pm ET.

Open Sales: Following the closing of the pre-purchase selection window, skaters will have an opportunity to purchase and select additional UPI sessions for \$30 per session for singles skaters and \$60 for pairs/dance. The open sales selection will be available throughout the event. Purchase will be subject to availability.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

There will be (1) male locker room, (2) female locker rooms or (1) oversized female locker room, and (1) gender neutral locker room. Locker rooms do not have mirrors or bathroom facilities available within the locker room.

PHOTO/VIDEO

RES Video & Media Productions (resvideoandmedia.com) will be our onsite videographer and photographer. Each skater will receive 1 complimentary video of their main program and 1 still photo. These are for personal use only and not for public sharing. The video will be made available after the event concludes through a passcode sent to the skater on resvideoandmedia.com. RES Video & Media Productions will have a vendor table onsite to accept any additional orders.

Note, per [U.S. Figure Skating policy](#), photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

AWARDS

Adult Sectional Championships - Medals will be awarded to 1st - 4th place finishers in qualifying events.

Adult Sectional Non-Qualifying Events - Medals will be awarded to 1st - 4th place finishers in non-qualifying events.

2024 Adult Competition Series - Trophies and medals will be awarded to Adult Competition Series finalists after the conclusion of the Program/Free Skate events and after the final placements have been calculated by the Adult Skating Committee and sent to the LOC and accountant. Plan on receiving these results a minimum of two hours after your event. Trophies will be awarded to 1st-4th place finishers and medals will be awarded for 5th and 6th place.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained at the entrance near registration. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit must request their test credit at registration prior to the start of the competitors event. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. There will be a \$20 surcharge for a test credit packet.

TOSSIES

No items of any kind are to be thrown on the ice. Violation of this rule may subject the offender to ejection from the arena. Baskets will be provided for spectators to use for athlete gifts.

ADMISSION

Due to multiple points of entry/exit and the number of events taking place at the rink at any given time Pittsburgh Figure Skating Club will not be charging admission to watch the event. The Olympic Rink is also available on LiveBarn.

LiveBarn Information: [Click here](#)

CREDENTIALS

Each athlete will receive complimentary credentials for ONE designated approved coach. Credentials are marked with the individual's name and are non-transferable. You must have credentials to enter the warm-up area and the locker rooms. The competitor's coach will pick up their credential badge separately at check-in.

A photo ID must be shown by all coaches when the credential is picked up.

Credentials must be worn at all times while in The Olympic Ice Arena. Any lost badges will be replaced for an additional charge of \$5.00 per badge.

VOLUNTEER INFO

To make this a great event we will be in need of volunteers. A volunteer link will be sent out closer to the event date and posted to social media.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Merchandise will be available for pre-order to have shipped to your home prior to the event or for pickup at the event. To receive your order in the mail by **March 11th**, or for pick up during the event, you must order by **February 25th**. You will also be able to order during the event and have items shipped to you. A link will be shared at a future date. The link to pre-order/order merchandise is: <https://www.21-custom.com/collections/us-figure-skating>

There will be limited vendor space, please contact Carol Waggy if you are interested in being a vendor

cwag30121@gmail.com.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Options 1: Comfort Inn PA315, 4770 Stuebenville Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 US.

Group Rate for: March 13, 2024 - March 16, 2024

Group ID: 4625607

Option 2: Mainstay Suites, Pittsburgh Airport PA069, 1000 Park Lane Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275

Group Rate for: March 13, 2024 - March 16, 2024

Group ID: 4625542

Option 3: Sheraton Pittsburgh Airport Hotel, 1160 Thorn Run Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Group Rate for: March 13, 2024 - March 16, 2024

Group ID: M-R8PVN34

Robert Morris University, Island Sports Center is 16 minutes / 9.7 miles from Pittsburgh International Airport. All major airlines have daily flights into Pittsburgh and car rental is available. You can find more airport information here:

<https://flypittsburgh.com/>

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact event chairs via email and allow up to 48 hours for responses to be provided.

Competition Chair(s): Ann M

| Position | Name | Email |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Competition Chair | Ann Marie Miller | usfs2024easterns@gmail.com |
| Competition Chair | Jennifer Cox | usfs2024easterns@gmail.com |
| Practice Ice | Marie Pine | mmpine12@gmail.com |
| Vendors/Merchandise | Carol Waggy | cwag30121@gmail.com |
| Advertising & Sponsorship | Tammy McWilliams | tammyrae527@gmail.com |
| Chef Referee | Aristeo (AB Brito) | arisbrito@gmail.com |
| Registration/EMS | productsupport@usfigureskating.org | |
| Event Website | https://www.usfigureskating.org/event/2024-eastern-adult-sectional-championships | |

2024 EASTERN ADULT SECTIONAL

NON-QUALIFYING EVENT SPECIFICS

The 2024 Eastern Adult Sectional Non-Qualifying Events will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating [website](#). Events are open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated, or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules and who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member or collegiate club or who are individual members in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

SERIES INFORMATION

[U.S. Figure Skating Adult Competition Series](#) final events and awards will be a part of this competition.

NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITION ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL

Test Level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate up one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Skaters may compete in as many categories/disciplines as qualified by their test level (or one above, but not both) and age, but may compete in only one event per category/discipline of competition. Competitors may enter both partnered and solo dance events.

Non-Qualifying Competition Age Restrictions/Requirements: This competition is limited to athletes 18 and older as of the entry deadline.

Age classes for all free skate, emotional performance, and lyrical pop/character/comedy events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

Age classes for all solo free dance and solo pattern dance events:

- Young Adult/Class I/II: 18 years through 45 years
- Class III/IV/V: 46 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the Chief Referee and/or the competition committee. Men and women will be combined in adult 1 through adult high beginner free skate events, and all levels of compulsory moves, solo pattern dance, solo free dance, jumps, spins and showcase events. In the adult pre-bronze and adult bronze free skate events, a single male or female competitor with no competitor of the same gender in another age class may choose to be combined with the opposite gender, skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. Men and women will not be combined in adult silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The Chief Referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITION EVENTS OFFERED, JUDGING SYSTEM AND ENTRY FEES

Program Requirements: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/program-requirements>

| U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS | | | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| SINGLES | IJS/6.0 | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd+ EVENT |
| Adult Free Skate (Adult BRONZE – Master Jr/Sr) | IJS | \$210 | \$210 | \$210 |
| Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze) | 6.0 | \$165 | \$125 | \$125 |
| Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate | 6.0 | \$165 | \$125 | \$125 |
| Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music | 6.0 | \$165 | \$125 | \$125 |
| PAIRS | IJS/6.0 | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd+ EVENT |
| Adult Pairs Free Skate | 6.0 | \$270 | \$270 | \$270 |
| PARTNERED ICE DANCE | IJS/6.0 | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd+ EVENT |
| Adult Pattern Dance | 6.0 | \$270 | \$270 | \$270 |
| Adult Free Dance | 6.0 | \$270 | \$270 | \$270 |
| SHOWCASE – <u>NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION</u>** | CJS/6.0 | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd+ EVENT |
| Lyrical Pop/Character/Comedy (Adult Pre-Bronze - Masters) | CJS | \$195 | \$150 | \$150 |
| Emotional Performance (Adult Pre-Bronze - Masters) | CJS | \$195 | \$150 | \$150 |
| Duets (Adult Pre-Bronze - Masters) | CJS | \$195 | \$150 | \$150 |
| Adaptive Showcase Events | CJS | \$195 | \$150 | \$150 |
| SOLO DANCE | IJS/6.0 | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd+ EVENT |
| Adult Solo Pattern Dance | 6.0 | \$195 | \$195 | \$195 |
| Adult Solo Free Dance | 6.0 | \$195 | \$195 | \$195 |
| COMPETE USA EVENTS (SEE SINGLES & SPECIALTY EVENTS ABOVE) | | | | |
| 2023-24 Compete USA Manual | | | | |
| SPECIAL OLYMPICS/ADAPTIVE SKATING | | | | |
| Special Olympics Badges | 6.0 | \$165 | \$125 | \$125 |

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Online registration for the Adult Sectional Non-Qualifying Competitions will be through the U.S. Figure Skating [Event Management System](#). Registration opens on Dec 18, 2023, and closes on February 1, 2024, at 11:59pm.

To enter the 2024 Eastern Adult Sectional Competition, proceed in the following manner:

- Log on to www.usfsaonline.org.
- Input your username and password.

- Your username is your U.S. Figure Skating membership number or LTS USA number.
- If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
- Click EMS then “Competition Registration”
- Find your competition under Qualifying Competitions and click “Register”

If you experience difficulty with online registration, please call the U.S. Figure Skating main number at 719.635.5200, or e-mail U.S. Figure Skating member services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.

FOREIGN SKATERS

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Create Account (Non-Member)” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

PARTNERED EVENTS:

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

REFUND POLICY:

After the close of entries, February 1, 2024, there will be absolutely NO entry fee refunds, unless an event is canceled, no competition exists, or notification of withdrawal is received before the close of entries. There are no refunds on practice ice or credential fees paid. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

MUSIC UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **February 29th at 11:59PM**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$30 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

EMS Skater Music Upload How To: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach, and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

Music Criteria:

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair, and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a digital copy of their competition music on a phone or other Bluetooth device as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – IJS EVENTS:

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **February 29, 2024, at 11:59 PM**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$30**. The late fee will automatically

be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

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IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non qualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.





Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. *
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. *
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR have a Learn to Skate USA instructor membership.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

www.usfsonline.org  [Person Icon](#)  [or Account](#)  [Member Profile](#)  [Compliance](#)

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing. For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.