



# Adult Competition Series Handbook 2024-25 Season

Competition Series: May 24, 2024 – February 17, 2025

## Series Finals at Adult Sectional Competitions:

### [Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships](#)

Dates: March 21-23, 2024

Location: Madison Ice Arena, Madison, Wisconsin

Host: FSC of Madison

### [Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championships](#)

Dates: March 14-16, 2025

Location: Paramount Iceland, Paramount, California

Host: Los Angeles FSC

### [Eastern Adult Sectional Championships](#)

Dates: March 14-16, 2025

Location: Extreme Ice Center, Indian Trail, North Carolina

Host: Carolinas FSC

Dear Skaters, Coaches and Officials,

On behalf of U.S. Figure Skating's Adult Skating Committee, we are pleased to announce the 2024-25 Eastern, Midwestern and Pacific Coast Adult Competition Series, our eighth 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 (ACS) accumulate points based upon placement in the free skate event and / or compulsory moves events at local nonqualifying 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: Skaters and Coaches

Welcome to the 2024-25 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, provided these competitions offer adult 1 through adult bronze events. Additionally, Adaptive Skating events are also eligible for ACS submission.

There are a few updates for this season:

- Like 2024-25, we are taking three scores – sectional free skate score plus a free skate score from a nonqualifying competition, and a third score from either a compulsory moves event at any nonqualifying competition (not Adult Sectionals) or a third free skate score.
- We are adjusting the move-up / bonus points: There will be a cap on move-up points at 6 points, and this will be calculated based on the earliest competition free skate level compared to the level for sectionals free skate.
- For skaters in pre-bronze or bronze that start and end the season in the same level and take their free skate test for that level, they may earn 2 points. They may NOT earn other move-up points for the season.

## Things to Know

### Information and Questions

1. Handbook updates, Links for registration for the Series and Score updates will be posted on [USFS Members Only: Skating Opportunities / Adults / Series Info](#)
2. Questions may also be directed to Marilyn via email at [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com)

### Key Series Dates

1. May 24, 2024 – February 17, 2025 – Compete at any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned nonqualifying competition
2. February 1, 2025 – Deadline to register for the Series (opening by August 5)
3. February 1, 2025 – Deadline to register for the Adult Sectionals
4. February 5, 2025 – Deadline to submit free skate test certificates for test bonus
5. February 21, 2025 – Deadline to submit non-sectionals competition results
6. March 2025 – Adult Sectionals and the ACS Final Awards for each section

## Eligibility and Test Levels

1. Adult Skaters - Athletes must be 18 years of age or older as of Feb 1, 2025 to participate
2. Athletes must be eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Open to adult skaters eligible to compete in the following levels:
  - a. Adult 1 – 6
  - b. Adult Beginner, Adult High Beginner,
  - c. Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze
  - d. Special Olympics Badge 1 – 12
  - e. Special Olympics Free Skate 1 – 4
  - f. Adaptive Badge 2 – 12
6. 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
  - Special Olympics Badge 1-12, page 26
  - Special Olympics Free Skate 1-3, page 27
  - Adaptive Skating Badge Levels 2-12, page 29Special Olympics Free Skate 4 per [Special Olympics Guidelines](#)

**Note:** 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, 2024, If you are unsure of your section, ask your club or [email us for help](#).

## Registration and costs

1. The Adult Competition Series (deadline Feb 1, 2025)  
Cost \$35. **The series registration fee is nonrefundable.**

Skaters interested in participating in the 2024-25 Adult Competition Series may begin competing on May 24, 2024.

Skaters who wish to participate in the ACS Final and awards will need to register prior to the conclusion of the Adult Qualifying Season registration period, Feb 1, 2025.

Registration for the ACS will take place on EMS. Once you log into EMS, select Series Information, and then choose 2024-25 Adult Competition Series. A \$35.00 fee will be due at that time.

2. The appropriate free skate event at their **home section** Adult Sectional Competition (deadline Feb 1, 2025)  
Cost based on Adult Sectional event registration

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

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 registration period will open in December 2024 and conclude on Feb 1, 2025.

3. At least one (scores will use the top two 2) non-Sectional point earning competitions (varies by competition) held between May 24, 2024 and Feb 17, 2025.  
Cost based on individual competition fees for event registration

Skaters compete in a minimum of one nonqualifying competition anywhere in the United States during the Series timeframe to accumulate points based on placement in the free skate event at each competition.

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.

Any competition held between May 24, 2024 to Feb 17, 2025 will count towards qualification. All program requirements can be found in the [Compete USA Handbook](#)

## Competition Results and Test Points

1. Skaters must email their competition results to [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com) by **Friday, Feb 21, 2024**. Early submissions are appreciated, and will be included in the interim standings
  - a. Results may be shared as a photo, scanned copy, email attachment, screen shot, or link to their final result sheet if results are available online.
2. Skaters wanting free skate Test Points for the Adult Pre-Bronze free skate test and / or Adult Bronze free skate test must email their test certificate from USFS to [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com) by **February 5, 2025**
  - a. Test dates must be between May 24, 2024 and Feb 1, 2025.
3. **Late submissions will not be accepted or counted towards final standings.**

# Points opportunities

## 1. Competition 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.

Three scores will be counted towards ACS points:

1. Free skate Event at Adult Sectionals (home section)
2. Free skate Event at a Non-qualifying Competition (highest score)
3. Free skate or Compulsory Event at a Non-qualifying Competition (second highest score)

**\*New for 2024-25:** either a compulsory moves event score OR a free skate score from a second Nonqualifying competition may be used as the 3rd score included in the final results. This means skaters can compete at 1 nonqualifying competition and sectionals and have 3 scores!

Out of Skaters:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32					
Placement	1	8.0	8.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0			
	2		6.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	15.5	16.0		
	3			6.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.5	
	4				4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	10.0	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	15.0	
	5					3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.5
	6						2.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	9.5	9.5	9.5	13.0	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	13.5	14.0
	7							2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	12.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.5
	8								2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	8.5	8.5	11.0	12.0	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5	13.0
	9									2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	10.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.5
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	12												1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	11.0
	13													1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.5	
	14														1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	9.0	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	9.5	10.0	
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	17																	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.5
	18																		1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	8.0
	19																			1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.5
	20																				1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	7.0
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	22																						1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5	6.0
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	25																									1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.5
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	27																												1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.5	
	28																													1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0		
	29																														1.0	2.0	2.0	2.5			
	30																															1.0	1.5	2.0			
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## 2. 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.

## 3. Ties

- Ties will not be broken at regular season competitions. In the case of a tie, both skaters will earn the points for that placement for that event.

- 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. Note, if skaters are in different groups at the adult sectional championship, then the tie-breaker will be on points earned in their sectional free skate event. If a tie remains, then they will be awarded as a tie for the final series standings.
4. Move Up Points – 3 points per level, maximum 6 points per season
    - 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).
    - Move-up points will be determined based on the first level the skater competes and the level that they compete in for the free skate event at the adult sectional competition.
  5. Free Skate Test Points – 2 points per test, maximum 2 points per season
    - A skater will earn two points towards their overall standings for passing either the Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate Test or the Adult Bronze Free Skate test between May 24, 2024 and Feb 1, 2025.
    - These points are only available for skaters who begin and end the season at the same level (pre-bronze or bronze).
    - Note: 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).

## Awards and Recognition

1. All registered skaters will receive the ACS 2024-25 pin
2. All Competitors at Sectionals will receive a final placement certificate at the Sectional ACS Awards Ceremony (held separately from the free skate awards ceremony)
3. First place winners in each section at each level will receive a trophy
4. Second through fourth place winners will receive a medal at the Sectional ACS Awards Ceremony
5. Additional Recognition Programs available to ACS Competitors

**U.S. Figure Skating Adult Lifetime Competitor Recognition Program:** Learn more [here](#). Skate Forever Young Awards: Learn more [here](#).



# Adult Competition Series (ACS) 2024-25 FAQ

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

Registration for the ACS will be held from August 5, 2024 through Feb 1, 2025. You may compete in any competition held between May 24, 2024 and Feb 17, 2025, 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 24, 2024 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.

## **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 registration fees are separate from the \$35.00 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 24, 2024 and Feb 17, 2025, 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 2024-25 season, skaters may compete and submit a results sheet from any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned competition which takes place between May 24, 2024 and Feb 17, 2025.

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

No, 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, 2024.

**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 21, 2024. **NO** late submissions will be accepted.

**When will standings be posted?**

Initial results and standings will be posted no later than January 27, 2025, and then every two weeks. Final results prior to sectionals will be posted on March 3, 2025.

Standings will be posted on USFS Members Only / Skating Opportunities / Adults / Series Info

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

**If I have a S.A.M., what level do I participate in?**

You should select the same level that you will compete in. Please make sure to share your Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.) with each competition LOC.

For information about the S.A.M. process, please review the [Adaptive Skating](#) page on [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org).

## 2024-2025 Adult Competition Series Scoring Examples

### Skater A

Competition	Event / Level	Eligible Event?	Scoring Notes
First Competition	High Beginner Freeskate	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score
First Competition	High Beginner Compulsory Moves	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score
Sectionals	Pre-Bronze Freeskate	Yes	Required
<b>First Comp Level</b>			
High Beginner	Pre-Bronze	1	$3 * 1 = 3$
<b>Freeskate Test Passed</b> between May 24, 2024 and Feb 1, 2025		None	0 – no tests taken
<b>Total Bonus Points (Max 6)</b>			<b>3</b>

### Skater B

Competition	Event / Level	Eligible Event?	Scoring Notes
First Competition	High Beginner Freeskate	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score
Second Competition	High Beginner Freeskate	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score
Sectionals	Pre-Bronze Freeskate	Yes	Required
<b>First Comp Level</b>			
High Beginner	Pre-Bronze	1	$3 * 1 = 3$
<b>Freeskate Test Passed</b> between May 24, 2024 and Feb 1, 2025		Pre-Bronze	0 - <b>NO</b> Test Credit, since got credit for moving up to Pre-Bronze already
<b>Total Bonus Points (Max 6)</b>			<b>3</b>

### Skater C

Competition	Event / Level	Eligible Event?	Scoring Notes
First Competition	Pre-Bronze Freeskate	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score
Second Competition	Pre-Bronze Freeskate	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score
Second Competition	Bronze Compulsory Moves	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score
Sectionals	Pre-Bronze Freeskate	Yes	Required
<b>First Comp Level</b>			
Pre-Bronze	Pre-Bronze	0	$3 * 0 = 0$
<b>Freeskate Test Passed</b> between May 24, 2024 and Feb 1, 2025		Pre-Bronze	$2 * 1 = 2$
<b>Total Bonus Points (Max 6)</b>			<b>2</b>

## Skater D

Competition	Event / Level	Eligible Event?	Scoring Notes
First Competition	Adult 4 Freeskate	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score, skip the 3 <sup>rd</sup> (and other) scores
Second Competition	Adult 5 Freeskate	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score, skip the 3 <sup>rd</sup> (and other) scores
Second Competition	Adult 5 Compulsory Moves	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score, skip the 3 <sup>rd</sup> (and other) scores
Sectionals	Adult Beginner	Yes	Required

First Comp Level	Sectionals Level	Move-up Levels	Bonus Points
Adult 4	Adult Beginner	3 (Adult 4-Adult 5-Adult 6-Adult Beginner)	$3 * 3 = 9$
<b>Freeskate Test Passed</b> between May 24, 2024 and Feb 1, 2025		None	$2 * 0 = 0$
<b>Total Bonus Points (Max 6)</b>			<b>6</b>

## Skater E

Competition	Event / Level	Eligible Event?	Scoring Notes
First Competition	Bronze Freeskate	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score
Second Competition	Bronze Freeskate	Yes	Include top freeskate and next highest score
Second Competition	Silver Compulsory Moves	No	Not eligible to be used
Sectionals	Bronze Freeskate	Yes	Required

First Comp Level	Sectionals Level	Move-up Levels	Bonus Points
Bronze	Bronze	0	$3 * 0 = 0$
<b>Freeskate Test Passed</b> between May 24, 2024 and Feb 1, 2025		Bronze	$2 * 1 = 2$
<b>Total Bonus Points (Max 6)</b>			<b>2</b>

# Adult Competition Series (ACS) Information for Officials and LOCs

## General Information

The 2024-25 season consists of two main elements:

1) Live 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 2024)

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**.

## Event Considerations - Nonqualifying / Non-Adult Sectional Events

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> score for the 2024-2025 season, the highest point earning score from either a compulsory moves event (level must be included in the ACS) or a 2<sup>nd</sup> Free skate program score may be used.

With this change, skaters may compete at one Nonqualifying competition and Adult Sectionals, and have the 3 scores for final placement: 1. Free Skate score from Adult Sectionals, 2. Free Skate score from a non-adult sectional event; 3. Compulsory moves score from a non-adult sectional event OR Free Skate score from a different non-adult sectional event.

Additionally, there is an opportunity for skaters to earn "move-up" points, if they compete at a lower level at the non-qualifying event and then move-up to a higher level for Adult Sectionals.

If a compulsory or free skate event has only one skater, please offer the option for them change to a higher level to have competition, but please retain the event if the skater needs the level available for ACS scoring opportunities.

## Event Considerations - Adult Sectional Events

Skaters must compete in the free skate event at the Nonqualifying competition held in conjunction with Adult Sectionals for their home section in order to complete the Series.

Skaters may skate up within the ACS, but need to compete in a level that is included in the ACS (thru Adult Bronze, Special Olympics Free Skate 4, etc).

Offering skaters the chance to move up to have competition and combining Men and Women into one group can provide more competition.

Please retain free skate the event with a single skater for all levels included in the ACS program, and reach out to the ACS coordinator with questions or concerns.

## Grouping Considerations – All competitions

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:

- For adult 1 through 6, adult beginner, and adult high beginner the maximum group size is 6 skaters. Always combine genders in the Adult 1 through adult high beginner events.
- For Special Olympic Badge, Special Olympic Free Skate and Adaptive Badge Levels the maximum group size is 6 skaters. Always combine genders at these levels.
- For adult pre-bronze and adult bronze, the maximum group size is 32 skaters if IJS, 16 skaters if 6.0. 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).
- 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
- 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 8 skaters
- Warm-up times as follows:
  - Adult 1-6: 4 minutes
  - Adult Beginner – Adult High Beginner: 4 minutes
  - Adult Pre-Bronze - Adult Bronze: 5 minutes

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

## Judging System Information

For the adult pre-bronze and adult bronze free skate events, either 6.0 or IJS may be used at the discretion of the LOC. The 6.0 judging system will be used for all other free skate events at the participating 2024-25 Adult Series Competition.

Free skate events consist of a choreographed program that contains required elements for the level entered.

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
- Special Olympics Badge 1-12, page 26
- Special Olympics Free Skate 1-3, page 27
- Adaptive Skating Badge Levels 2-12, page 29

Special Olympics Free Skate 4 per [Special Olympics Guidelines](#)

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

# Information for the LOC at the

## Before the Sectional Competition

Please coordinate with the Adult Competition Series Coordinator for awards ceremonies, so that the timing of the ACS awards can be incorporated into the Awards schedule and be a special portion of the competition.

The ACS awards should be approximately 2 hours after the end of the last series event, so that they can be done together. If there is a large time gap between ACS events, then separate ceremonies may be planned to enable a better experience for the skaters.

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!

## During the competition

The Adult Competition Series Chair and the National 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.

If the sectional competition is sharing results online, then the Adult Committee will monitor that website for results. If there are technical issues, it would be appreciated if the Chief Accountant or LOC would email results from the following events to [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com), in order for final standings to be calculated.

The list of specific events needed will be sent to each LOC prior to the start of the competition, and could include any of the following:

- Adult 1 through Adult 6
- Adult beginner and high beginner
- Adult pre-bronze and adult bronze
- Special Olympics Badge 1-12
- Special Olympics Free skate 1-4
- Adaptive Badge 2-12

If results are emailed, please be sure to include the results sheet that is signed by the referee and event accountant.

## 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**