## Know Before You Go!

2023 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships

Tuesday, Feb. 21



#### **OVERVIEW**



- Traffic flow, parking, facility access
- Registration & ticketing
- Arena maps & OPI/competition flow
- SkateSafe policies & reminders
- Field of Play/Rules Reminders
- Awards Ceremonies
- General reminders
- QUESTIONS please hold all until the end.

#### TRAFFIC FLOW, PARKING, & FACILITY ACCESS





Jefferson Ave. Pull Off (Arena Entry)
Fulton St. Parking (\$10/day)

NOTE: Pre-Purchased parking passes can be picked up at check-in.

For non-bus parking, see the **Downtown Parking Map**.

## ACCREDITATION/TICKETING



An event credential or ticket is required to access the Civic Center.

- Registration inside entrance at Jefferson Ave. pull off
  - PLEASE UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO IN ADVANCE (COACHES & TSP ONLY)!
  - Coaches and TSP must pick up their own credential and present a photo ID.
  - Request that a coach or team manager pick up team's credentials, then return to bus stationed outside to distribute upon first arrival.

Accreditation/Info Desk Hours				
Tuesday	4pm – 6pm			
Wednesday	7am – 6pm			
Thursday	7am – 8pm			
Friday	7am – 8pm			
Saturday	7am – 12pm			

• Tickets – available online now! Go to <u>www.ussynchrochampionships.com</u> for more information!

## SPECTATOR ENTRY BAG POLICY



Ticketed spectators and any team entering the facility through the Great Hall (Toyota Box Office) will be subject to the <u>Peoria Civic Center Safety & Security policies</u>.

#### **CLEAR BAG POLICY**

Each guest will be allowed to carry in one (1) clear plastic, vinyl, or PVC bag that does not exceed  $12'' \times 6'' \times 12''$  or one (1), one-gallon clear plastic bag. In addition to a clear plastic bag each guest will be allowed to carry in one (1) small clutch that does not exceed  $4.5'' \times 6.5''$ . Diaper bags (with a child age 3 and under) and bags carrying medically necessary items will be allowed after a visual inspection inside the bag is completed by security.

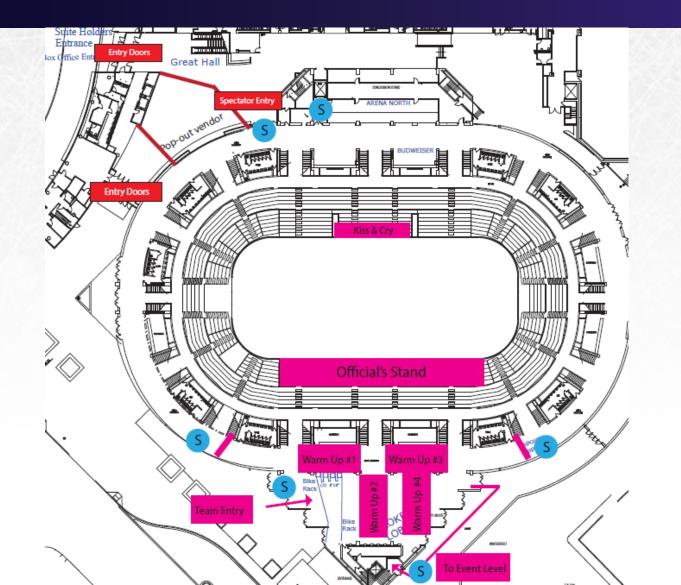
Credentialed persons entering through the Jefferson St. Entrance will not be subject to this policy.

#### **RE-ENTRY POLICY**

If a spectator enters the Civic Center, then departs only to attend an event again at a later time on the same day, they must exit through the Great Hall doors to receive wristband/stamp.

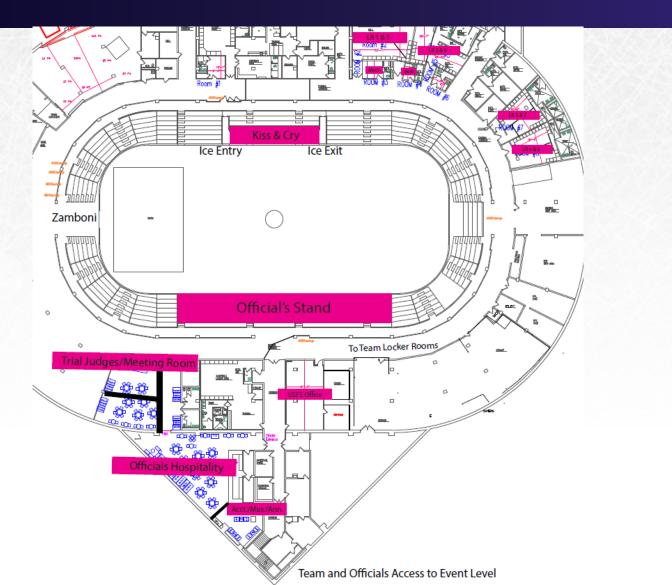
#### ARENA LAYOUT – CONCOURSE LEVEL





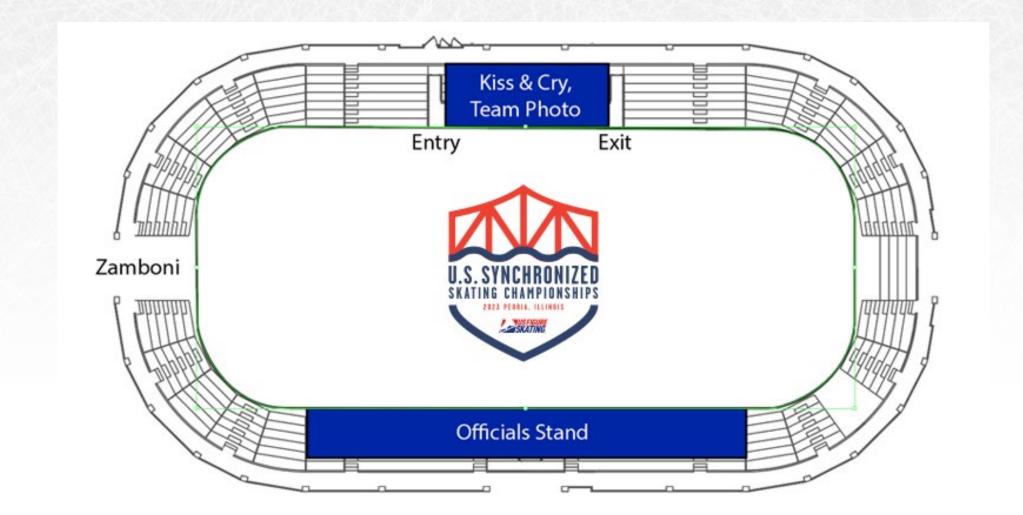
### ARENA LAYOUT – EVENT LEVEL





#### ARENA LAYOUT – ICE SURFACE





#### **UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE FACILITY NOTES**



#### **OWENS CENTER – Peoria Park District**

1019 W Lake Ave. Peoria, IL 61614

5.9 miles/10 min from Civic Center

**Veterans Memorial Arena – Pekin Park District** 

250 Red Bud Dr. Pekin, IL 61554

11.5 miles/21 min from Civic Center

Unofficial Practice Ice Schedule – <u>CLICK HERE</u>

#### https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe

#### SkateSafe® Handbook

**SKATESAFE®** 

• All Participants are required to adhere to these policies for the duration of the competition. In addition, Adult Participants are required to be familiar with and adhere to the SkateSafe<sup>®</sup> Travel Policy located within this document.

#### Mandatory Reporting

- *All Adult Participants* (leadership, coaches, skaters, officials, volunteers, etc.) are required to report suspected child abuse and/or sexual misconduct to the U.S. Center for SafeSport and local law enforcement. Reports can be made to the Center <u>here</u> or by calling 833-5US-SAFE (587-7233).
- All other SkateSafe<sup>®</sup> violations, such as emotional and physical misconduct, bullying, hazing, harassment, discrimination or violations of the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe<sup>®</sup> Handbook, must be made directly to U.S. Figure Skating.





## LOCKER ROOM POLICIES/REMINDERS



- Only credentialed coaches, team service personnel, and skaters affiliated with the team are permitted to access the locker room.
- Use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing area is strictly prohibited per SkateSafe Locker Room policies.
- For teams with male or non-binary athletes/coaches:
  - Athletes an over 18 and under 18 male locker room have been provided. These locker rooms are available solely for the purposes of changing before competition. Once all athletes on the team are fully dressed, a male athlete may join the team to complete getting ready for competition (this can include putting skates on).
  - Athletes & Coaches entering the team locker room: when a locker room space is shared which the locker rooms for the Championships are – the team with a male athlete/coach must notify the entering or existing team that they have a male athlete/coach and request permission to enter.
- Shared locker room courtesy reminders
  - U.S. Figure Skating expects that all teams will be respectful of each other in a shared locker room space. This applies to overall team conduct including the playing of music and respect for any pre-event rituals.
  - If a team is re-entering the locker room or getting ready to leave the locker room area, and another team is in the shared space preparing to compete, the courtesy of allowing that team to complete their preparations prior to competing should be given precedence.
  - NOTE: every effort has been made to arrange the schedule to avoid as much overlapped time as possible. Additionally, thick curtaining will be used between shared locker room spaces.

## PRACTICE ICE RULE: SYNCHRO CHAMPIONSHIPS



- Pay attention to the start time of your event's Official Practice Ice (OPI)
- Coaches are <u>not</u> allowed on the judging platform during practice ice.
- Rule 2950 (Rulebook page 140)
  - For the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships, after the <u>first official practice for an event</u> has begun, no team in that event may practice for any length of time on any ice surface <u>outside of the practice ice</u> <u>provided by the organizers.</u>
- If you are interested in additional practice ice, email <u>events@usfigureskating.org</u>

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	PRACTICE DURATIONS								
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6 MIN	8 MIN	10 MIN	11 MIN	12 MIN					
PRELIM FS	JUV FS	INT FS	JUNIOR FS	SENIOR FS					
	OPEN JUV FS	NOVICE FS	COLLEGIATE FS						
	PRE-JUV FS	JUNIOR SP							
		SENIOR SP							
	ADULT FS								
	MASTERS FS								
	OPEN COLLEGIATE FS								
	OPEN ADULT FS								
	OPEN MASTERS FS								

## PRACTICE ICE RULE: SYNCHRO CHAMPIONSHIPS



	8-Minute <sup>2</sup> Session	10-Minute <sup>3</sup> Session	11-Minute <sup>4</sup> Session	12-Minute <sup>5</sup> Session	
(Start timer or stopwatch when the team is announced!) (name of team) may now take the ice for their (x) minute official practice ice session. Each team's music will be played TWO times in	00:00	00:00	00:00	00:00	
its entirety, without interruption. (At the indicated elapsed time, announce) Your music will begin in THIRTY seconds	01:00	01:00	01:00	01:00	
(At the indicated elapsed time, play the program music)	01:30	01:30	01:30	01:30	
(At the indicated elapsed time, announce) Your music will begin in THIRTY seconds	04:30	05:30	06:30	06:30	
(At the indicated elapsed time, play the program music)	05:00	06:00	07:00	07:00	
(At the conclusion of the music, announce) There are approximately (number of minutes) minutes remaining in this practice ice session.	X:XX <sup>6</sup>	X:XX <sup>6</sup>	X:XX <sup>6</sup>	X:XX <sup>6</sup>	
(If applicable, at the indicated time announce – See Footnote 6) There is one minute remaining in the practice ice session.	07:00	09:00	10:00	11:00	
(15 seconds before the indicated elapsed time, announce) This concludes the official practice ice session for, (name of team). Please leave the ice.	08:00 <sup>7</sup>	10:00 <sup>7</sup>	11:00 <sup>7</sup>	12:00 <sup>7</sup>	

#### FIELD OF PLAY REMINDERS



- New this season (Technical Notification 287)
- <u>The first team of each starting group in juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, collegiate,</u> adult, and masters events is granted a two-minute warm-up period before their call to start. This also applied to the senior elite 12 division.
- Subsequent team get <u>at least</u> 60 seconds to warm up prior to being announced may be longer depending on time it takes to finish marking the prior team. Please plan ahead if you end up with a longer warm-up time.

#### Call to Start Reminder: Rule 1322 (Rulebook page 109)

**B.** Synchronized skating: Every synchronized team (for both IJS and 6.0 events) must take the starting position and make a signal to the referee of each segment of the competition (short program and free skate) no later than <u>30 seconds</u> after the team's name has been announced. If this time has expired and the team has not yet taken the starting position, the referee will apply a deduction from the final score as per rule 9923. If 60 seconds started from the call to start have expired and the team has not yet taken the starting position, the referee will apply a deduction from the starting position, the team will be considered as withdrawn.

#### FIELD OF PLAY REMINDERS



#### Review Falls and Interruptions: Rule 1404 Allowance of a Delayed Start or Restart

(Rulebook pages 111-112)

- 1404 A. If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient, the <u>team captain</u> must stop skating and **notify the event** referee. No restart may be made if the team captain fails to inform the event referee within 30 seconds after the start. If the **interruption happens after the 30 second mark**, the performance will continue from the point of interruption. Back-up music must be readily available at rink side. No deduction will be made by the event referee or judges.
- 1404 B. If an interruption or stop in the music or any other adverse condition <u>unrelated to the team</u> or their equipment, such as lighting, ice condition, etc. Occurs at any time during the program, the team must stop skating at the acoustic signal of the event referee. If the event referee does not stop the skating with an acoustic signal, the team captain should inform the event referee about any music deficiencies (even if happening after 30 seconds). The rest of the team must continue to skate until they are ordered to stop by an acoustic signal of the event referee...No penalty will be applied for the team captain leaving the team to consult the event referee or the event referee then stopping the program. Immediately after the problem has been resolved, the team will continue from the point of interruption.
- 1404 C. If a skater is injured during the performance, or another adverse condition <u>related to the skater</u> (such as health problems or unexpected damage to the skater's clothing or equipment) impedes the skater's/team's skating, the skater must stop skating and <u>either this skater</u> (if possible) or <u>the team captain</u> must report to the event referee. <u>The rest of the team must continue to skate until they are ordered to stop by an acoustic signal of the event referee.</u>

## AWARDS CEREMONIES - PROCESS



All teams placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> are invited to participate in the awards ceremony on ice. Timing is tight to allow for on-ice awards presentations so please be aware and respectful of the awards schedule outlined below as well as the staging guidelines for the awards ceremonies.

#### Preparation

- Come dressed, especially if you are in a ceremony between events vs. end of day.
- Bring hard guards! Our overflow ready areas may not be matted.
- Meet staff member near bottom of elevator from concourse to receive instructions about staging.
- Designate **two team representatives** for the podium.
- Teams introduced 4 3 2 1
- A U.S. Figure Skating official will provide medal on tray to representatives on podium, <u>skater puts on own or</u> <u>teammates.</u>
- Rest of team will be provided with baskets with additional medals for rest of team, they may put on each others behind the podium.
- Official photos on podium and on-ice full team.
- Please exit ice when directed by the announcers. Please help us be fair to the next award ceremony or the continuing competition and schedule.

#### AWARDS CEREMONIES - SCHEDULE



#### **Awards Ceremony Schedule**

Event	In Awards Staging	Line Up	Presentation On-Ice	Photos	Exit Ice			
Thursday, March 2								
Adult	5:26 PM	5:41 PM	5:46 PM	5:56 PM	6:04 PM			
Masters	5:46 PM	6:01 PM	6:06 PM	6:16 PM	6:24 PM			
Junior	8:39 PM	8:54 PM	8:59 PM	9:14 PM	9:19 PM			
Friday, March 3								
Intermediate	4:10 PM	4:25 PM	4:30 PM	4:45 PM	4:53 PM			
Elite 12	4:35 PM	4:50 PM	4:55 PM	5:10 PM	5:18 PM			
Saturday, March 4								
Juvenile	4:35 PM	4:50 PM	4:55 PM	5:10 PM	5:18 PM			
Novice	5:00 PM	5:15 PM	5:20 PM	5:35 PM	5:43 PM			
Collegiate	9:02 PM	9:17 PM	9:22 PM	9:37 PM	9:45 PM			
Senior	9:27 PM	9:42 PM	9:47 PM	10:02 PM	10:10 PM			

LOCAL INFORMATION



# DISCOVER

www.PEORIA.org

#### MUSIC & PPC DEADLINE REMINDER



Please upload all music and PPC to EMS portal for this competition. It did not carry over from sectionals!

If you have already submitted, verify what is submitted is accurate!

## MUSIC & PPC DEADLINE TOMORROW WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22 AT 11:59PM ET

#### TEAM PERSONNEL DEADLINE



Confirm all coaches and team service personnel (TSP) attending the event are listed in your team's portal in EMS.

All coaches and TSP should also upload their photo to their Members Only profile by this deadline.

If you have already submitted, verify what is submitted is accurate!

## TEAM PERSONNEL DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEB. 24 AT 11:59PM ET

Any last-minute changes after this deadline must be conducted at accreditation by an already credentialed team personnel member.

#### FINAL THOUGHTS



- We reach out to each of you to help us make this National Championships a <u>successful and positive experience</u> for every skater.
- Competition creates "Life Lessons". Help make those positive and lasting.
- <u>GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP</u> rises above all other lessons.
- Lead by example.





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