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# Spring Fling

Hosted by the Winterhurst FSC

Serpentini Arena

14740 Lakewood Heights Blvd

Cleveland, Ohio 44107

## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The Spring Fling Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or current Compete USA handbook as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating [website](#).

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, (if offering compete USA events) Learn to Skate USA member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

## **COVID-19 INFORMATION:**

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#). Please note that the Winterhurst FSC and Serpentine Arena will be following the current Health and Safety Protocols based upon the current, Federal, State of Ohio and Local Governments and Health Agencies recommendations and guidelines. They are subject to change as the state and local mandates evolve.

## **SERIES INFORMATION:**

Spring Fling has been selected as a U.S. Figure Skating Excel Series Competition. Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings.

[Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Series Information](#)

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **TEST LEVEL:**

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

*Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.*

*Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to the select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.*

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price	Additional Events Price
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary – Senior & plus events)	IJS	\$145	\$85	\$45
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$145	\$85	\$45
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary - Senior)	IJS	\$145	\$85	\$45
Well Balanced Free Skate (No test - Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$145	\$85	\$45
Adult Free Skate (Beginner -Bronze)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price	Additional Events Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
Spins Challenge (Preliminary–Senior)	IJS	\$145	\$85	\$45
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Bronze)	6.0	\$110	\$45	\$45
Adult Spins Challenge (Silver–Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$145	\$85	\$45
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price	Additional Events Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$110	\$45	\$45
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$110	\$45	\$45
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$110	\$45	\$45
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$110	\$45	\$45
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$110	\$45	\$45
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$110	\$45	\$45
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$250		
Production Ensemble	CJS	\$250		
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price	Additional Events Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$65	\$40	\$40
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$65	\$40	\$40
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$65	\$40	\$40
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$65	\$40	\$40
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$65	\$40	\$40
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$65	\$40	\$40
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$65	\$40	\$40

- Skaters registering in both a Basic Skills event and a Beginner event must pay the Beginner 1<sup>st</sup> event fee and then the additional event fee for the other events.
- Please ensure you have checked the correct boxes while registering. If you incorrectly mark a box that results in the event needing to be changed after March 26, 2023, you will be assessed a \$30 fee per changed event. **No event changes will be made after April 16, 2023.**
- All showcase events will enter the ice from the Zamboni end. Props will need to enter the doors at the Zamboni end with the skaters.
- Please Note: There will be a service charge assessed of \$35 for all credit card disputes.

## **EVENTS OFFERED:**

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](#)

(If offering singles events) NOTE: Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

## **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](http://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe).

## **COACHES**

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#). All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

EMS Coach Resources (SYS or TOI only):

- [Team Management Guide](#)

## **(Required if you are offering any team events) TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL**

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

IF USING EMS: All team personnel and skaters who will need to receive a credential must be listed in the Team Portal for the competition (Team Personnel for coaches and team managers; Competition Roster for skaters and alternates). In order to be added in EMS, the individual must first be added in the team's profile through Member's Only.

## **(Required if you are offering any team or partner events) MANDATORY ATHLETES**

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training. \*

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport™ Training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (does not include SYS and TOI team registration):**

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: 03/20/2023 at 11:59pm ET

Late Registration Deadline: 03/23/2023 at 11:59pm ET + \$50 Late Fee if approved by Referee

1. Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA member number and password
  - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose Spring Fling Competition from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

#### **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.**

#### **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 "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

#### **TEST CREDIT:**

Test Credit is available. Please email [sscspringfling@gmail.com](mailto:sscspringfling@gmail.com) the skaters name and event for test credit prior to the start of the event. You can also request test credit at the registration desk in the lobby prior to the start of the event.

#### **CRITIQUES**

Critiques will not be offered.

#### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than 04/10/2023 11:59pm ET. 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.

**DEADLINE: 04/10/2023 11:59pm ET**

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

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

## **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:**

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than 04/10/2023 11:59pm ET. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS 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.

**DEADLINE: 04/10/2023 11:59pm ET**

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

If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

## **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. There are no refunds for practice ice.

## **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, Winterhurst FSC and Serpentine Winterhurst Arena 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.

## **IV. COMPETITION DETAILS**

### **FACILITIES:**

Serpentine Arena at Winterhurst

14740 Lakewood Hts. Blvd

Cleveland, OH 44107

<https://www.serpentinearena.com/open-skate>

Both the ice surfaces measure 200 X 85 feet with rounded corners.

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

#### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (GENERAL LOCKER ROOMS):**

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. An exception can be made for athletes under 11 years old that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

#### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (TEAM LOCKER ROOMS):**

The designated team coach, team manager, team service personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room/Changing Area monitor. If there are concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing Area is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

### **U.S. FIGURE SKATING TRAVEL POLICY:**

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the [SkateSafe Handbook](#).

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:**

<https://www.winterhurstfsc.com/>

A bulletin board will be available in the lobby near the registration desk. Please check the bulletin board for any updates. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

**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 available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

**PRACTICE ICE:**

Practice ice will be available for purchase in EMS after the competition schedule is posted. An email would be sent notifying participants of the practice ice details. Practice ice will be offered at various times during the competition. All sessions are \$14 for 20 minutes. There are no refunds for practice ice sessions, event if not used. Sessions may be designated by level and discipline if entries warrant. Music will not be played on practice ice.

**ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

Check-in will open each day of the competition one hour prior to the start of the competition. The Check-In Table will be in the lobby to the right. Attendees should check in at least 45 minutes prior to the event.

**AWARDS:**

Medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Compete USA events will be awarded medals to 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place and ribbons for all other placements. Medals will be distributed immediately following results being posted online and will be in Rink 1.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:**

828 Studios will be providing photo and video. A video is included in the entry fee for each event and information on the digital downloads will be emailed to you by 828 Studios. Photos will be available for purchase thru 828 Studios.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Official Hotel:

DoubleTree by Hilton Westlake

1100 Crocker Road

Westlake, Ohio 44145

440-871-6000

Hotel rate is \$109/night

You can call to reserve your room or use the link below:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/clecrdt-92j-39e15f81-fd40-42d8-9a38-c3163e462444/>

Friday, April 7 is the cut-off date for reservations.

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport is 10 mins from the rink.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

<https://www.winterhurstfsc.com/>

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