

# 2021 Skate Cleveland Competition Safety Plan

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## Overall Event Operations:

- Risk waivers will be incorporated through EMS registration.
- Mandatory mask requirement is in effect at all times except for skaters that are on the ice competing.
- Two spectators per registered athlete (which includes 1 Chaperone) will be admitted to the athlete's actual competition event but not practice sessions.
- The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- Skate orders, results, and event protocols will be online only.
- Medals will be given for first through third places and can be picked up at the Registration Desk. No awards ceremonies will take place, pictures can be taken outside—podium will be placed outside.
- A designated warm up area (along with skates on) will be provided outside.
- Locker Rooms will not be available.
- Athletes must come dressed and ready to skate for practice and competition events. No changing will be allowed in restrooms. If locker rooms are unavailable, designated transition areas will be utilized.

## Schedule

A Detailed Schedule for the competition will be available on Entryeze. Athletes and coaches have designated arrival times for both competition and practice ice. Our ice arenas are side by side with doors (in both

arenas) that lead into the actual ice surface. On either end of the bleachers are exit doors that will lead athletes and spectators into the parking lot. Ushers will take athletes to the appropriate locations for equipment transition and access to the ice for competition warm up. The athletes participating in that event (including coaches and chaperones) will be led into the building and arena. Chaperones will be asked to go directly to the bleachers and space out accordingly. Skaters will warm up in the café with coaches. Chaperones must go directly to the arena stands. There are two exits inside Rink 1 at each end of the bleachers. Exits are located at the lobby end inside Rink 2. Skaters will enter and exit at the Zamboni end on Rink 1 and 2 (with the exception of split ice events on Rink 2). At the conclusion of the athlete's program, he/she will exit the same door entered. Athlete/coaches/chaperones can watch the remainder of the event and then must then use the doors to exit inside the arena. Spectators and Chaperones will be asked to leave via doors inside the arena at the lobby end. These exits will lead straight into the parking lot where benches will be provided to take skates off.

### Building Flow

Pathways have been established within the building to minimize gathering between groups. Athletes will not be permitted access to the building until their designated time per the detailed event schedule. During competitions and practice, ushers will lead athletes to the lobby side access to the ice for their competition warm up. At the conclusion of their competition athletes will exit zamboni end and be ushered out of the building. A detailed layout for operational flow during competition and for practice ice is provided. It will be found at [entryeeze.com](http://entryeeze.com). Please stay connected with the website for any changes.

### Event Flow

- Limit personal belongings to only necessary event items, as you will need to carry all items as you move from transition areas
- Athletes and their coach will check-in at registration (located in tents in front of the main entrance) where skaters, coaches, and

chaperones will be screened and given a bracelet that will allow them to enter the building.

- Skaters may warm up outside, a warm up area inside will be provided during the event immediately in advance.
- 20 minutes prior to the event, skaters will check in with an usher.
- The current event group will then be taken from the warm up area and will enter the ice for their warm up.
- After the prior group is finished competing and have departed from the rink, spectators and chaperones must leave the building.
- Once the athlete's event has been completed they will be led to an area in the parking lot under a tent where they can take their skates off.

### Chaperone Flow

- Two Chaperones/Spectators will be allowed per skater.
- Two Chaperones/Spectators per registered athlete will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition event and practice ice.
- Chaperones must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- Spectators will show their bracelet, enter through the main doors, and go directly to the arena bleachers and take their seat which will be socially distant.
- Upon completion of the event Chaperones/spectators will be ushered down the bleachers and out of the arena via the lobby exit doors.
- All must wear masks and follow social distancing while within the facility.

### Coaches

- 2 coaches will be allowed per skater for practice ice.
- 2 coaches per skater allowed for competition.
- Masks must always be worn by coaches the entire time in Centre Ice Facility.
- Coaches will utilize the screening and registration area outside the building upon arrival.

- Coaches will not be allowed to stay in the building between events unless you have another skater in the event immediately following your current skater. Those coaches will be given a designated waiting area (café).

### Officials

- Officials' platforms will adhere to social distancing guidelines and must wear masks while in the facility.
- Each judge will bring their own supplies. (pens/pencils/clipboard/blankets etc.)
- Some supplies will be available on site (judge forgot a pencil, etc.)
- Will provide each official's papers for each day's events in a packet.
- Tech panel officials will need to bring their own notebooks with technical information.
- Disinfecting wipes will be provided by the LOC for officials to wipe down their station, desk, chair, computer, etc when they are done before the next panel arrives.
- Officials will be scheduled in teams with longer rotating shifts to limit exposure to other panels/teams.
- The Official's room will be set up with social distancing guidelines and pre-prepared individual food items. (subject to changes per Ohio Health Dept gathering limitations)
- Officials are encouraged to leave the facility when they are not officiating and return to their hotel or explore the town to limit time in the arena and lounge. An outdoor seating area will be made available to officials.
- Officials will enter and exit the building from a side door on the north side of the building.
- They will use this back staircase to make their way to the panels.
- The outdoor seating area will be just outside these doors.