



2019 ADULT QUALIFYING COMPETITION SEASON

TECHNICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

GENERAL

The 2019 U.S. Figure Skating adult qualifying competition season consists of four events, including three qualifying events (adult sectional championships) and the 2019 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships. All four events are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and conducted according to the 2018-2019 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 rule 2240 and rule 2212.

Coaches at U.S. Figure Skating Qualifying Competitions

To be a credentialed coach at a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying level competition, a professional coach or choreographer must meet the following requirements:

- Be declared by a skater at the time of registration or through their Event Management System (EMS) Portal
- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating AND the Professional Skater's Association
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2018-19 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

*SafeSport training is available through www.usfsaonline.org for full members of U.S. Figure Skating. There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

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, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions.**

For the 2019 competition season, the three qualifying events (adult sectional championships) will be held at the following locations:

[2019 Eastern Adult Sectional Championships](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/ASEasterns/>

March 8-10, 2019

Crossroads Figure Skating Club

Havertown, Pennsylvania

[2019 Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/ASMidwesterns/>

March 8-10, 2019

Centennial 7k Skating Club

Colorado Springs, CO

[2019 Pacific Coast Adult Sectional Championships](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/ASPacificCoast>

March 8-10, 2019

St. Moritz Ice Skating Club

Oakland, California

The 2019 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships will be organized for all qualifiers:

[2019 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships](#)

<https://www.facebook.com/usadultchamps/>

April 2-6, 2019

Salt Lake Figure Skating

Salt Lake City, UT

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 dance.

All other events offered at the adult sectional championships are considered nonqualifying. Any additional events not listed in rule 2055 may be offered at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee. Adult Competition Series events are also a part of the nonqualifying competitions held in conjunction with the adult sectional championships. Competitors will register directly with the Local Organizing Committee for these nonqualifying events. Please refer to the nonqualifying announcement for the events being offered and instructions on how to register.

U.S. ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

The U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships shall consist of the following events (See rule 2055):

- A. Events which 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 and championship adult dance.

B. Events which do not require qualification from sectionals ('NONQUALIFYING'): Masters junior-senior free skate, masters intermediate-novice free skate, adult gold free skate, adult silver free skate, adult bronze free skate, masters pairs, centennial pairs, adult gold pairs, adult silver pairs, adult bronze pairs, masters open dance, adult gold dance, adult pre-gold dance, adult silver dance, adult pre-silver dance, adult bronze dance, adult pre-bronze dance, adult centennial dance, masters dramatic entertainment, masters light entertainment, adult gold dramatic entertainment, adult gold light entertainment, adult silver dramatic entertainment, adult silver light entertainment, adult bronze dramatic entertainment, adult bronze light entertainment, 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.

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 choose to withdraw from the event of his/her choice without financial penalty.

A full description of all events and requirements can be found at:

Singles, Pairs, Dance:
[Adult Skating Technical Information](#)

Dramatic and Light Entertainment:
[2018 Showcase Competition Guidelines](#)

Pattern Dance Selections, please refer to rule 8081 or:
[2018-2019 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:
[2018-2019 Skater's Choice Adult Partnered and Solo Pattern Dance Timing Chart](#)

RECENT CHANGES TO EVENTS (please refer to the 2018-2019 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook; this is not an all-inclusive list of changes):

Championship Adult Silver and Adult Silver Free Skate Events: Per rule 1041, the International Judging System is used for these events at the adult sectional championships and the U.S. Adult Championships.

Championship Masters Intermediate-Novice, Championship Adult Gold and Championship Adult Silver Singles: Per rules 6520-6540, athletes who have previously qualified to compete at the U.S. Adult Championships in a higher-level championship event may now compete in these championship events provided they meet all eligibility requirements.

Adult and masters free skate events, including championship events, judged with the International Judging System:

- Waltz jumps now count as jump elements at all levels and receive credit as an Axel-type jump.
- The definition of a jump sequence has been changed to "two jumps of any number of revolutions, beginning with any jump, immediately followed by an Axel-type jump, with a direct step from the landing curve of the first jump to the take-off curve of the Axel jump". A jump sequence consisting of only one listed jump together with other non-listed jumps is not considered a jump sequence, but will count as an individual jump.

- There is a level limit on spins in adult silver, championship adult silver, adult gold and championship adult gold (adult silver and championship adult silver – max level 2, adult gold and championship adult gold – max level 3).
- There are new specifications for all levels for spins. See the [2018-2019 Adult Skating Calling Clarifications](#) for specifics.

All Pairs Events: Per rules 7510-7560, the step sequence requirement has been changed to a choreographic sequence for all levels of adult and masters pairs events.

Adult Silver and Centennial Pairs Events: Per rule 1041, the International Judging System is used for these events at the U.S. Adult Championships and the 6.0 system is used for these events at the adult sectional championships.

Adult Bronze, Silver and Centennial Pairs Events: Per rules 7541-7561, the maximum program length has changed to 2:30 maximum for adult bronze pairs events and 2:50 maximum for adult silver and centennial pairs events.

All Adult Solo Free Dance Events: Per rules 8701-8741, the required program length has changed to 1:40 +/-10 seconds for adult bronze, 2:00 +/-10 seconds for adult silver and 2:40 +/-10 seconds for adult gold.

Adult Gold Solo Free Dance Event: Per rule 8701, the edge element requirement is now one combination edge element and two short edge elements. The dance stop requirement is now one dance stop.

Adult Silver Solo Free Dance Event: Per rule 8721, the edge element requirement is now two short edge elements.

REMINDERS OF PAST CHANGES:

All championship events: Those competitors advancing in the championship events from the three sectional championships **will have to submit an additional entry fee** to compete in the same event at the 2019 U.S. Adult Championships. 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. 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.

Adult and masters pair events, including championship events, judged with the International Judging System: The two juvenile/intermediate features for “ice coverage” apply to lifts; the juvenile/intermediate features apply to pair spins; and there are new specifications for the PCoSp, CoSp, CCoSp, and spin in one position with no change of foot. See the [2018-2019 Adult Skating Calling Clarifications](#) for specifics.

Adult free dance events (championship adult, adult gold, adult pre-gold and masters open): Per rule 8512, the well-balanced program requirement for dance lifts is one combination lift or two short lifts. One additional choreographic short lift may be executed.

NOTE: The choreographic short lift is a dance lift performed after all the other required dance lifts. It does not matter what type it is or what the other types of lifts are before it. However, lifts are called in the order they are performed and teams are advised to execute their required lift(s) prior to their optional choreographic short lift.

Partnered and solo pattern dance events (all levels): Per rule 8075, the number of sequences to be danced in partnered and solo pattern dance competition are standardized with the number of sequences required on tests. See the [2018-2019 Skater's Choice Adult Partnered and Solo Pattern Dance Timing Chart](#) for specifics.

Dramatic and light entertainment events: Free dance tests (solo, partnered, standard, adult or masters) now qualify adult athletes to compete in dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events. Pattern dance tests no longer qualify adult athletes to compete in dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events (athletes who passed pre-bronze dance prior to 4/30/17 are grandfathered at the bronze level).

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). Clubs will receive one point for each event completed by their members. Additional points for medalists will be awarded as follows: 4 points for each 1st place medal, 3 points for each 2nd place medal, 2 points for each 3rd place medal, and 1 point for each 4th place medal.

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 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. Three levels of awards are available, based solely on age as of the close of entries (Feb. 1, 2019):

- 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. Details are available here – [Adult Special Achievement Awards](#).

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 Dec. 15, 2018)

A. METHOD

Online registration via www.usfsaonline.org is the ONLY method available for entry into the qualifying (championship) events – this includes CHAMPIONSHIP (qualifying events) at Adult Sectionals and ALL events at the 2019 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships.

To enter into the 2019 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 on the left hand side
- Find your Adult Sectional competition under Qualifying Competitions and click "Register"

Registration for all nonqualifying events at the adult sectional championships will be completed directly through the Local Organizing Committee. A separate announcement specifically for the nonqualifying event will be posted by the local organizing committee. Refer to the local information for instructions on how to register for the nonqualifying events.

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 2019 Adult Qualifying Season (sectionals and championships) is **11:59 p.m., Feb. 1, 2019. 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 **Feb. 1, 2019**.

Test requirements must also be met by **Feb. 1, 2019**. 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 2421, 2422 and 2423 for further testing information and guidelines. 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 Jan. 25, 2019. Forms are available on www.usfsaonline.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 an adult level at a qualifying competition (adult sectionals/U.S. Adult Championships) and a standard level at a qualifying competition (regionals/sectionals/U.S. Championships) in the same kind of event, in the same competition season and vice versa. For example, a skater may not enter novice men free skate on the standard track and masters free skate on the adult track in the same season, but may enter novice men free skate on the standard track and masters pairs on the adult track.

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 (competitors are permitted to enter both light and dramatic entertainment 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.

D. AGE CATEGORIES

Per rule 2552, there shall be age categories for all singles free skate, dramatic skate and light entertainment skate events (does not include pair/partnered or solo dance events).

For the 2018-2019 competitive season, the age categories at the U.S. Adult Championships are as follows:

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 over

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.

Events with two skaters MAY be combined with the closest appropriate group and/or level if a skater withdraws from the event during the conduct of the competition. This ensures that the remaining skater has an event in which to compete.

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 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 2544. 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 2544.

Competitors must state during the online registration process whether they will skate in their event at adult sectionals 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 2019 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).

2019 Adult Qualifying Competition Season Entry Fees

Entry Fee	Level/Discipline
\$175	Championship Events at Adult Sectional Championships
\$160	First Singles Event at U.S. Adult Championships
\$160	First Dance Event per team at U.S. Adult Championships
\$160	First Pairs Event per team at U.S. Adult Championships
\$145	Each subsequent singles 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 sectional championships **will have to submit an additional entry fee** to compete in the same event at the 2019 U.S. Adult Championships. Instructions will be emailed to qualifying competitors after the Adult Sectionals 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. 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 Feb. 10, 2019, the skater will be withdrawn from the 2019 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, 2019.

*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 2019 season, the international judging system (IJS) will be used for all championship singles events at adult sectionals. Championship adult dance and championship masters pairs events at adult sectionals 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, adult silver free skate, adult gold free skate, all masters-level free skate, adult silver pairs, centennial pairs, adult gold pairs, masters pairs, and pre-gold partnered dance and higher. Light entertainment and dramatic entertainment events will be judged as specified in the nonqualifying competition showcase guidelines, posted on <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84078>. 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 2018-2019 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook available online at: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>. Adult singles test requirements can also be found on the U.S. Figure Skating website in the [Adult Singles Free Skating Event Eligibility Chart](#).

C. TECHNICAL ELEMENTS

The well-balanced program charts for all levels and disciplines are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84112>. As referenced earlier in this announcement, U.S. Figure Skating will incorporate all changes made by the ISU in regard to well-balanced programs. Please refer to this website for continuous updates.

D. MUSIC AND PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

All competitors entering the 2019 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, by logging into "Members Only" at www.usfsaonline.org and selecting the blue EMS button. 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 will be required to do 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:** The team member who registers the team for the competition season will be the only individual able to submit and associate the team's skating program for the 2019 qualifying season.

MUSIC UPLOAD/SUBMISSION

For all qualifying competitions during the 2019 season, [online music submission](#) is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

File Format: MP3

If you need assistance formatting your file to MP3, please consider the following free applications listed below. Please note, U.S. Figure Skating/LOC does not endorse any conversion software.

[Format Factory](#)

**PC only, not compatible for Apple

[Audacity](#)

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](#).

File Specifications:

- Maximum File Size: 12MB
 - Sound Quality: Set up Medium or High!
- 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.

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 late February 2019. 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 early March 2019. The tentative schedule is a preliminary schedule; therefore, skaters should NOT rely upon this schedule in making travel arrangements.

ADVANCEMENT TO THE U.S. ADULT CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. QUALIFIERS

All competitors advancing to the 2019 U.S. Adult Championships will receive an email from U.S. Figure Skating within 48 hours of the conclusion of the sectional championships outlining the terms of advancement.

B. ALTERNATES

Skaters placing in fifth and sixth place 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 from the competition [website](#) 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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2019 MIDWESTERN ADULT SECTIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFYING ANNOUNCEMENT



*Monument Ice Rinks
16240 Old Denver Highway
Monument, CO 80132*

*Hosted by Centennial 7K SC
March 8 – 10, 2019*



GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2019 Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships will be held March 8 – 10, 2019 at the Monument Ice Rinks located at 16240 Old Denver Highway, Monument, CO 80132. The championships are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and hosted by the Centennial 7K Skating Club.

The 2019 Midwestern 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 master pairs, and championship adult dance.

The entry deadline for the 2019 Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships is **11:59p.m., February 1, 2019. NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Online registration via the Event Management System (EMS) at www.usfsaonline.org is the **ONLY** method available for entry into the qualifying championship events at the 2019 Adult Sectional Championships (and **ALL** events at the 2019 U.S. Adult Championships). [Click here for instructions.](#)

Online registration for practice ice and merchandise for the qualifying events at the 2019 Midwestern Adult Sectional Championships will be done using the EntryEeze software. Please refer to the instructions in the practice ice section.

All other events are offered at the adult sectional championships are considered nonqualifying and are held at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC). Competitors will register directly with the LOC for these nonqualifying events. Please refer to the nonqualifying announcement for the events being offered and how to register.

For additional information, check out the competition website at the following link: <https://www.Midwesternadultsectionals.com>

REFUND POLICY

Full refunds including practice ice, minus the online convenience fee, are available if withdrawal is prior to the close of entries – February 1, 2019. Pre-paid practice ice is not refundable or transferable except as listed above. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable.

JUDGING SYSTEM

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for Championship Adult Silver through Championship Masters Jr/Sr singles free skate events. All competitors skating in IJS events need to submit their planned program content via your skater portal in EMS. The deadline to submit the Planned Program Content online is **March 1, 2019**.

All other Championship events will be judged using the 6.0 majority system.

MUSIC

All competition music must be electronically submitted via your skater portal in [EMS](#) no later than **March 1, 2019**. Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on a zip/thumb drive or mobile device as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition.

PRACTICE ICE

Online registration for practice ice for the qualifying events will be done using the EntryEeze software.

All skaters must register at the registration desk prior to skating any unofficial or official practice session. We will be using the uploaded version of the music for the skater's event for practice ice.

There will NOT be any refunds after signing up for any unofficial or official practice ice sessions or for missed practice sessions due to any reason.

Safety on the ice is the responsibility of the skater. **Official practice ice will be leveled and a maximum of 18 skaters will be allowed on the ice for any given time slot (we will have Official and Unofficial sessions scheduled at the same time in order to maximize ice usage and will maintain the appropriate levels on the ice). A maximum of 5 couples will be allowed on the ice for Couples Dance and Pairs Official and Unofficial practice ice sessions.** Skaters are expected to follow usual rink etiquette. Coaching shall be from behind the side boards. Coaches are not permitted to be in the music box or on the platform for the officials. Only credentialed coaches and credentialed athletes will be permitted in the restricted areas with access to the ice.

OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE

Skaters may purchase 1 (One) official session per free skate event and free dance segment where music will be played – these sessions will be assigned by the Chief Referee and may be scheduled as early as Friday afternoon, March 8 if necessary due to entries. Sessions will be \$25.00 for 30 minutes. Final Round Official ice will be available for purchase at the rink should Final Rounds be necessary. **Official Practice ice MUST BE PRE-PURCHASED and will NOT be available for sale at the competition! Please follow the step-by-step registration process listed below.**

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE:

Skaters may reserve up to 2 unofficial practice ice sessions with your registration (you will be able to select the actual sessions after the schedule has been posted). Additional purchases of unofficial practice ice will be available for sale online after the schedule has been posted and those that pre-purchased sessions with their entries have chosen their sessions. The skater will receive an email with a PIN number in order to access your account to purchase your sessions. There will be no music played on unofficial practice ice sessions. Sessions will be 30 minutes in length and will cost \$20.00 if purchased with your entry before February 1, 2019. Additional purchases of unofficial practice ice after the schedule has been posted will be \$25.00. Any sales at the competition for remaining spaces will be available at the registration desk at the competition for \$30.00.

UNOFFICIAL WARM-UPS:

Skaters may reserve 1 (One) warm up session for each free skate, free dance segment, and showcase event with your registration and the session will be assigned by the practice ice chair. Warm up sessions will be scheduled 1-3 hours prior to the event. Warm up sessions will be scheduled on the secondary ice surface. Additional purchases of warm up ice will be available for sale online after the schedule has been posted and those that pre-purchased sessions have been assigned. The skater will receive an email with a PIN number in order to access your account to view or purchase your sessions. There will be no music played on warm up sessions. Sessions will be 15 minutes in length and will cost \$20.00 if purchased with your entry before February 1, 2019. Additional purchases of available warm-up sessions after the schedule has been posted will be \$25.00. Any sales at the competition for remaining spaces will be available at the registration desk at the competition for \$30.00.

ONLINE PRACTICE ICE AND MERCHANDISE PURCHASING STEPS:

Online registration for practice ice for the qualifying events will be done using the EntryEeze software. Please follow these instructions in order to ensure that you are correctly registered for your events and practice ice as well as purchasing any merchandise (tickets, credentials, etc.).

- 1) Go to <https://www.usfsaonline.org/> and log in to your Members Only account to access [EMS](#) to register and pay for your qualifying events – **THIS IS A MANDATORY STEP – IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER ON THE USFS WEBSITE, YOU ARE NOT ENTERED IN THE QUALIFYING COMPETITION!!!**
- 2) Once you have paid for your events, then go to <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=354> and click on the Skaters & Parents button
- 3) Type in your USFS number and the security code in the right hand box
- 4) On the next screen, you will:
 - a. Fill in your personal information
 - b. Indicate your club
 - c. Select your primary coach (**this is the coach that will receive the free credential**)
 - d. Indicate any secondary coaches
 - e. Click on "Save Skater Information"

- 5) On the next screen, you will:
 - a. Select the Championship event that you registered for on the USFS Members Only website (this will not cost you any money) – **you will also get a reminder when you select a championship event that you must have registered on the USFS website first! Make sure that you have done this!**
 - b. Select any Non-Qualifying events you may want to enter in addition to your Qualifying event (you will receive second event pricing for any non-qualifying events you enter) from the dropdown and put them in your shopping cart
 - c. Select “1” Official practice ice session for each Qualifying event that you entered by selecting that number of sessions from the drop down and put them into your shopping cart (this will be only 1 if you entered only 1 qualifying event)
 - d. If you entered a Non-Qualifying event, you will also be able to select 1 Non-Qualifying Official practice ice and put that session in your shopping cart
- 6) Click on the shopping cart in the upper right hand corner
- 7) You will be given the opportunity to purchase merchandise
- 8) You will be asked several mandatory questions:
 - a. Provide a description of your Light Entertainment Showcase program – enter n/a if not entering this event
 - b. Provide a description of your Dramatic Showcase program – enter n/a if not entering this event
- 9) You will be asked for payment and you will be paying for the following:
 - a. Qualifying Official practice ice, if selected
 - b. Non-Qualifying events, if selected
 - c. Non-Qualifying practice ice, if selected
 - d. Merchandise, if selected
- 10) **It is absolutely critical that you create an account and complete payment (even if the payment is “0”) if you wish to purchase ANY PRACTICE ICE at all. Without an account you cannot purchase any practice ice!**

You will be sent a PIN number via email when you create your account that will allow you access to your account in order to select your pre-purchased sessions or make any additional purchases of Unofficial practice ice or warm ups after the schedule has been posted!

ADMISSION

All Event Pass (available in the Merchandise section of your Entryeeze account):

Adult:	\$10.00
Child (10 and under):	\$5.00

Daily Event Tickets (available at the registration desk):

Adult:	\$15.00 per day
Children 10 and under:	\$10.00 per day

CREDENTIALS

Each athlete will receive a complimentary credential and a credential for **ONE** designated approved coach. This will be the primary coach designated on your registration in the online system.

The credentials are marked with the individual's name and are non-transferable. You must have credentials to enter Monument Ice Rink's warm-up area and the locker rooms. One additional coach credentials may be purchased online or at the registration desk. The additional coach must meet all coach compliance requirements. The additional coach credential is \$30.

At the time of registration, each competitor will receive their credential badges. 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 are non-transferable!

Credentials must be worn at all times while in Monument Ice Rink. Any lost credentials will be replaced for an additional charge of \$50 per badge.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

Local Motion Productions will provide action photos and videos for all events at this competition. ***Please note: flash photography and videotaping of the competition, including practice ice, in any form is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy.***

PROGRAM INFORMATION

If you would you like your photo in the event souvenir program, email a photo to Wendy Coates at wendycoates60@gmail.com, no later than **February 20, 2019**. Photos should be a "yearbook style" headshot in JPEG or PNG format with a pixel resolution of at least 600 x400 pixels. Detailed instructions with a link to the email address will be available on the event website <https://www.midwesternadultsectionals.com>. Submission of a competition entry automatically grants permission to use all accompanying information, including photographs, for publicizing these Championships.

MERCHANDISE

Each competitor will receive one free Event program in their goody bag.

Additional programs:	\$5.00 with entry	\$10.00 at competition
All-Event Pass – Adult	\$10.00	
All-Event Pass – Child	\$5.00	
Additional Coach Credential:	\$30.00	
Good Luck Ad	\$10.00	
Quarter Page Ad	\$25.00	
Half Page Ad	\$35.00	
Full Page Ad	\$50.00	
Competitors' Party Sponsor	\$25, \$50, \$75, or \$100	
IJS Protocol Packet:	\$5.00 (full results and all competitors' protocols)	
IJS Protocol Test Request (Adult Gold FS Test):	\$10.00	

COMPETITORS PARTY

The competitor's party will be held on Saturday night, March 9, 2019 from 7-10 p.m. at the hotel in the Ballroom. Party is free to all participants, volunteers, and officials. Theme: Pajama Party (wearing PJs instead of casual attire is optional) – BYO Pillows and blankets. Movie - The Beginner, which has only been shown in a few select locations in the US. The film is in German with English subtitles. Info and trailer here - <https://riverrunfilm.com/film/beginner/>.

If you'd like to sponsor the party in lieu of "Tossies" to help cover costs and be listed as a sponsor in the competition program, please select the sponsorship option in the "Merchandise" section of Entryeze or contact Lori Fussell at LoriFussellUSFS@comcast.net

TOSSIES FOR ALL!

We are excited to bring back "Tossies for All"! The "Tossies for All" initiative is an opportunity for YOU to have YOUR TOSSIE included in the goodie bag that each competitor receives at registration. Support ALL of your fellow adult skaters while also taking the "work" out of tossing gifts to friends. To participate in the "Tossies for All" initiative as a goodie bag item donor, please contact Lori Fussell at LoriFussellUSFS@comcast.net no later than February 15th – Tossies must be received by the club no later than March 1, 2019.

Tossies can be shipped/mailed to Lisa Landon – 3405 Birnamwood Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920.

As a reminder, Tossies are encouraged; however, they must be fully wrapped so as to not leave any debris on the ice. Live flowers are not allowed as tossies at all!

MAKE IT A SPRING BREAK VACATION!

Coming into town for the Midwestern Adult Sectional Figure Skating Championships, or just looking for an excuse to check out the beautiful mountains of Colorado? Join the Monument Skating Academy for their Adult Skating Camp to be held the week of March 11 - 13, 2019! Additional details to follow, but mark your calendars for an exciting three days of elite coaching, off and on-ice classes, and opportunities to gain new perspective on the sport of figure skating! Here is the link to sign up:

<http://www.monumenticeacademy.com/adultcamp>

SCHEDULE / GROUPS

A tentative schedule will be posted on the competition website. This schedule is subject to change based on the number of entries. An updated schedule will be posted on the event web site <https://www.midwesternadultsectionals.com> as soon as possible following the close of entries. (Entries close on February 1, 2019).

ACCOMODATIONS

Please identify as the **Centennial 7k Midwestern Adult SC- Competitors** when making your reservations to secure these rates or click on the link on the competition website (<https://www.druryhotels.com/bookandstay/newreservation/?groupno=2335117>) to make your reservations online. Please make your reservations early to guarantee you have the necessary room(s). Please use our official hotel as it helps us to keep our other prices lower through a rebate program!

OFFICIAL HOTEL:

Drury Inn & Suites Colorado Springs Near Air Force Academy
1170 InterQuest Parkway
Colorado Springs, CO 80921
Telephone: (719) 599-4000
www.druryhotels.com

Deadline for Reservations: Sunday, February 03, 2019

Visit the competition website for more information and additional nearby hotels.

<https://www.midwesternadultsectionals.com/travel1>

AIRPORT INFORMATION:

Colorado Springs International Airport is located approximately 30 miles from the Monument Ice Rink and the Drury Inn & Suites near the Air Force Academy

Colorado Springs Airport - COS
7770 Milton E Proby Parkway
Colorado Springs, CO 80916
<https://flycos.coloradosprings.gov>

Denver International Airport is located approximately 75 miles from the Monument Ice Rinks and the Drury Inn & Suites near the Air Force Academy

Denver International Airport – DEN
8500 Peña Blvd
Denver, CO 80249
<http://www.flydenver.com>

As a member of U.S. Figure Skating you are eligible to receive discounted flights to U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events on United Airlines. Book now by calling the United Olympic Desk at 1-800-841-0460 and receive up to 10% off the retail fare price by mentioning the designated code, **UO24**

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation To/From Colorado Springs Airport

- Taxi service and UBER/LYFT are available to the hotel
- Colorado Springs Shuttle
Shuttle Service directly to the hotel from Colorado Springs Airport
877-587-3456 – please call for reservations
- Rental cars are also available at the airport.

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ARENA INFORMATION

The competition will be held at the Monument Ice Rinks located at 16240 Old Denver Highway, Monument, CO 80132. The East Rink (main competition surface) is 200 x 85 with rounded corners the West rink (secondary competition surface and practice ice) is 200 x 85 with rounded corners.

Directions to the rink:

I-25 to Baptist Road Exit

Go West (towards the mountains) and at the roundabout take the first right onto Old Denver Highway. The rink is about 1 mile up the road on the left (west side of the street – toward the mountains)

Dirt Road – Parking horizontal (east/west) on north side of road and vertical (north/south) on South side of road
 Centennial Club Members
 Volunteers
 Competitors



West Parking Lot
 • Competitor Parking
 Access to West Rink and East rink – slightly longer walk to East Rink

West Rink Main Entrance

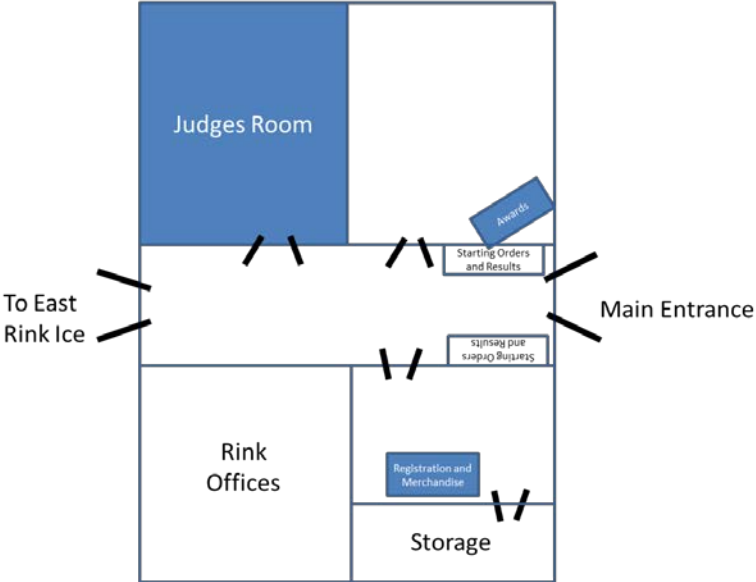
West Rink Handicap & Authorized Personnel Only Entrance

Center Parking Lot
 • Officials' Parking
 • Handicap Parking for West Rink

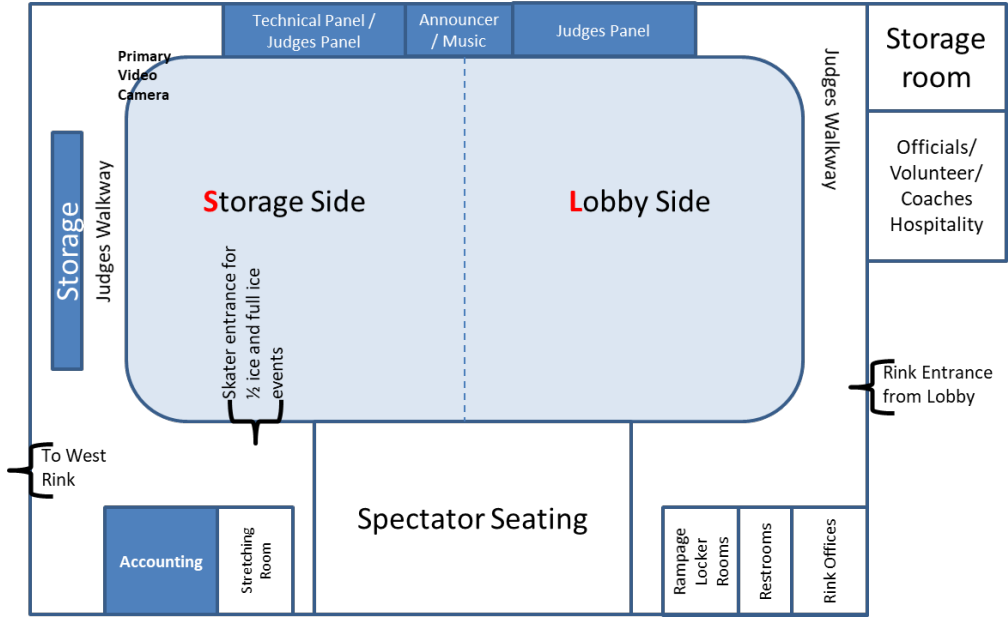
East Rink Main Entrance and Handicap Entrance
 Main Entrance
 • Registration
 • Awards
 • Vendors
 • Skating Orders
 • Officials Room
 • Hospitality

East Parking Lot
 • Competitor Parking

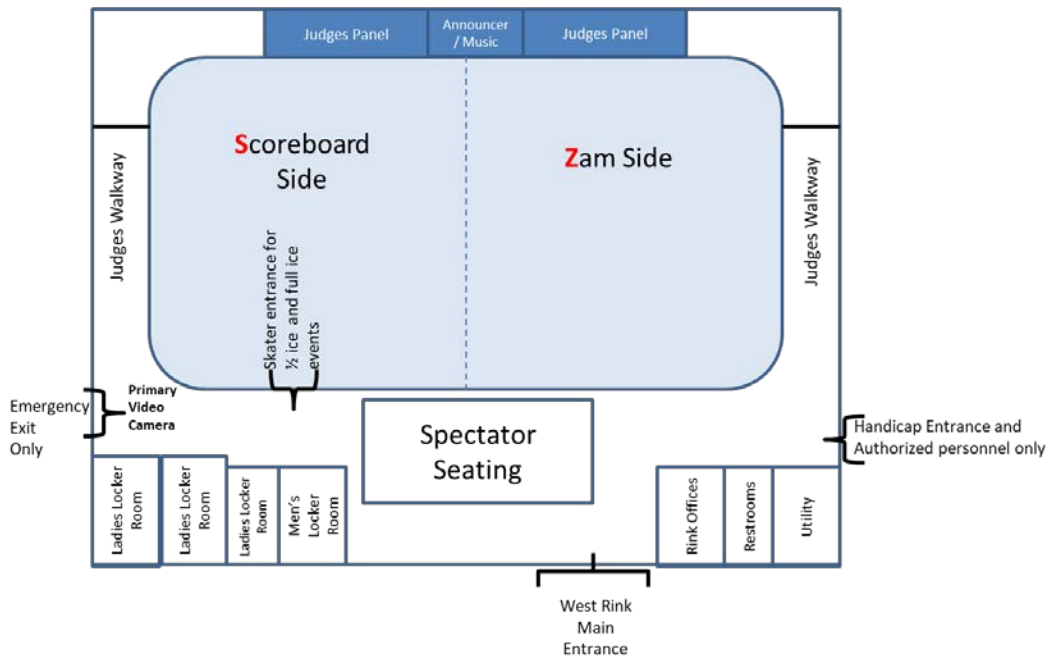
East Rink Lobby



East Rink



West Rink



LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE – CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Competition Co-Chair(s):	Lisa Landon	lisa_landon@comcast.net
Competition Co-Chair(s):	Lori Fussell	LoriFussellUSFS@comcast.net
Registrar:	Karen Sulpizio	sksul@aol.com
Practice Ice:	Lisa Landon	lisa_landon@comcast.net
Programs:	Wendy Coates	wendycoates60@gmail.com
Advertising & Sponsorship:	Lisa Landon	lisa_landon@comcast.net
Chief Referee:	Lisa Landon	lisa_landon@comcast.net
Registration/EMS:		productsupport@usfigureskating.org
Event Website:		https://www.midwesternadultsectionals.com