



2019 SA NQ Competition
Hosted by: The Florida Interclub Council
In Partnership with Panthers FSC and Pines FSC

October 4 – 7, 2018

The 2019 SA NQ Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which 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, and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be 12 years of age or younger as of the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be 13 years of age or older at the close of entries.

Skaters entering beginner – pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age, should the number of entries warrant more than one group for qualifying rounds.

ENTRIES:

Entries will only be accepted online via www.usfsaonline.org. Online registration opens July 15,

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2018 and closes **September 1, 2018**. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

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. This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page. For additional information, click [here](#).

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Select the "Registration/Administration" option under the Events tab.
4. Click "Event Registration & Information"
5. Choose "2019 SA NQ Competition" from the list of competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact EMSsupport@usfigureskating.org.

EMS SKATER PORTAL:

Once online registration has been completed, you will gain access to your EMS Skater Portal for this competition. This is where you will manage music and PPC upload as well as purchase practice ice, view the competition schedule (once available) and update coach information. To access your skater portal, click the **BLUE** Event Management System button on the [Members Only](#) landing page then select the competition name from options at the bottom of the screen.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after September 1, 2018 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Payment of the entry fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events..

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at The Florida Panthers IceDen located at 3299 Sportsplex Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33065. The Front Desk can be reached at 954-341-9956. Information regarding the competition is available at the following websites:

[Panthers Ice Den](#)
[Panthers Figure Skating Club](#)
[Pines Figure Skating Club](#)

The Panthers IceDen has (3) three NHL (200'X85') ice surfaces. The Stadium Rink has seating for 500, Mezzanine Rink 250, and Den Rink has 250. There are (4) four Locker Rooms associated with each surface. The Florida Panthers IceDen offers a full-service pro shop, concession stand and café. The Panthers IceDen temperature fluctuates with the weather conditions outside. During the humid summer months the rink is colder than during the less humid Fall and Winter months.

MUSIC – DEADLINE: September 20, 2018 - \$25 late fee will be assessed for all music submitted after the deadline.

All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than September 20, 2018. All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
 - For assistance with file conversation, click [here](#).
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Florida Interclub Council, Panthers FSC, Pines FSC, and The Florida Panthers IceDen 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.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- Short Program – Juvenile
- Well Balanced Free Skate – No Test, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile and Open Juvenile
- All Excel and Excel Plus Single Events

PROGRAM CONTENT: DEADLINE: September 20, 2018 - \$25 late fee will be assessed for all music submitted after the deadline.

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit their PPC via the EMS Skater Portal no later than September 20, 2018. Program content must be entered under the Music & Program Content tab of your EMS for this competition.

6.0 JUDGING SYSTEM

The 6.0 Judging System will be used for:

- Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program with music
- Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 Program with music
- Introductory Free Skate Program (Beginner & High Beginner)
- Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Elements
- Pre-Free Skate - Free Skate 6 Compulsory
- Introductory Levels Compulsory (Beginner & High Beginner)
- Compulsory Moves (No Test - Senior)
- Showcase Events - Dramatic Entertainment Events

- Showcase Events - Light Entertainment Events
- Jumps Challenge
- Spins Challenge

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on October 3, 2018 at 12:00pm and end (1) one hour after the conclusion of the competition. Registration will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in a location to be determined. All participants will be notified of the location prior to the start of the competition. Please register promptly upon arrival.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: Please click here to review the [Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy](#). More detailed information can be found in the [SafeSport Handbook](#).

PRACTICE ICE: All practice ice will be available for purchase online through the EMS Skater Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the Main page of your skater portal. For additional information regarding practice ice offerings, visit your competition website – saregionals.com or panthersfsc.com

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Professional Photography and Videography will be available on site.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented for all round First place through Fourth Place.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the Panthers IceDen. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit – form must be picked up at the registration desk.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the following requirements:

U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- 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.

Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through <http://www.usfsaonline.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:
<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact Scott Cudmore and Maureen Dalton, LOC Co-Chairs at 2019SAFIC@gmail.com or call Scott's cell (561) 596-1129.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Competitors from out of Florida can choose to fly into Fort Lauderdale Airport (FLL), West Palm Beach Airport (PBI) or Miami International Airport (MIA).

The Official Hotel for this event is:

Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel, Golf Club & Convention Center
Address: 11775 Heron Bay Blvd, Coral Springs, FL 33321
Phone: (954) 753-5598

Official Merchandise will be available for Pre-Sale and on site in the Florida Panthers Retail Shop located inside the Panthers IceDen.

SECTION 2:

Events Offered

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Rules of Competition

FREE SKATE & SHORT PROGRAM SINGLES

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[Snowplow Sam- Free Skate 6 Program \(with music\)](#)

[Excel Free Skate \(new for 2018-19 season\)](#) – effective September 1, 2018

[Singles Short Program \(Juvenile ONLY\)](#)

[Singles Well Balanced Free Skate \(No Test – Open Juvenile\)](#)

COMPULSORY MOVES – SINGLES

[Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6 Program](#)

[Compulsory Moves \(No Test – Senior\)](#)

SPECIALITY EVENTS - SINGLES

[Jumps Challenge](#)

[Spin Challenge](#)

SHOWCASE - SINGLES

[Light & Dramatic Entertainment Events](#)