



**AERODROME**  
ICE SKATING COMPLEX



**SKATE FEST**  
COMPETE USA



**SC of Houston**

**SC of Houston and Aerodrome LTS**  
**SkateFest '21**  
**Compete USA and Exhibitions**  
**March 12-14, 2021**

The SkateFest 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 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, and who are currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

**COVID-19 INFORMATION:**

- **All attendees are always required to properly wear face coverings** over their nose and mouth and secured under their chin while in a facility (exception: skaters may remove when on the ice). This is not only for your protection, but for the protection of others and is applied to all attendees.
- **Social distancing must be always maintained.** The CDC recommends a distance of 6 feet and separate pathways will be established within the venue (minimizing crossover and contamination).
- **Chaperones/Spectators:** At this time, we will allow one chaperone and 3 additional guests per skater for the event. All guests must check in, temperature check and wear their credentials. For additional guests, livebarn.com feed is available for \$17 per month. You may cancel that subscription at any time. To register go to [www.livebarn.com](http://www.livebarn.com). Chaperones are allowed in the building at the same time as their skater. Guests are allowed in the building 15 minutes prior to the skater's skate time and 15 minutes after. Guests will not be allowed at the Awards booth. It is expected that all guests come see their skater and then leave immediately.
  - o Only one approved coach will be allowed to put the skater on the ice during the event.
- **U.S. Figure Skating Waivers are a requirement for ALL athletes.** The online waivers must be completed via [Members Only](#) prior to the competition, instruction [here](#).
- A pre-event zoom call will be held on Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to go over the event protocol

and last-minute details. A question/answer session will also be held. Below is the link for the zoom meeting.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4554247446?pwd=OWRlcXkwcG9YU29oYXU2U3JTNUMvdz09>

Meeting ID: 455 424 7446  
Passcode: 2021

A remind has also been set up for communications. Join by texting @skatefe to 81010

SERIES INFORMATION: This Compete USA competition is not part of a series.

**ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

Suggested language (modify as appropriate):

**Test Level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. For the 2020-2021 competition season, athletes may skate up two levels above that for which they qualify but they are not eligible for IJS Test Credit. Note, athletes may not skate down in any event.

**Age restrictions/requirements:**

Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

**IF OFFERING ADULT EVENTS:**

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- 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 older

Age classes for all solo free dance and solo pattern dance events:

- Young Adult/Class I/II: 18 years through 45 years
- Class III/IV/V: 46 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through adult bronze free skate events (based on the [Adult Competition Series rules](#)), and all levels of compulsory moves, solo dance, solo free dance, jumps, spins and dramatic/light entertainment events. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

**COMPETITION REGISTRATION:**

Registration will be completed through Entryeeze. Registration will open on February 1, 2021 and will close

on February 21 at 11:59 p.m. If late entries are accepted, there will be a \$25 additional fee.

**Mandatory Athletes:**

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, 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 SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [safesport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:safesport@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

**REFUND POLICY:** Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Credit card charges will be issued a \$25 fee for any contested charges. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available online through Entryeze.

**There will be a \$25 change fee for each change of event or level after the entry deadline date.** Full refunds, minus the online processing fee, are available if withdrawal is prior to the entry deadline.

**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.

**FACILITIES:** The competition will be held at Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex, 8220 Willow Chase Drive North, Houston, TX 77070, [www.aerodromes.com](http://www.aerodromes.com). The ice surface size is 85' x 100' with rounded corners.

**MUSIC SUBMISSION:**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to Entryeze no later than **February 21, 11:59 PM**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who does not 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. Music must be in .mp3 or m4a format. Simply changing the file extension to mp3 or m4a from another format is not acceptable.

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, SC of Houston and Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex 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.

**ONSITE CHECK-IN:** Check-in will open on Friday, March 12, 2021 one hour prior to the first event. It will be located at the entrance of the rink.

**Upon arrival to the rink, the skater and one chaperone may enter the rink at the designated signs for**

**check in. The skater and chaperone will then return at their scheduled time. Temperature checks and health screenings will be conducted for all who enter the building.**

**NO LOCKER ROOMS:**

**No facilities, including restrooms, will be available for costume prep or changes. Due to COVID conditions, this will be strictly enforced.** Competitors/Athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Practice ice will be available for sale only through Entryeeze at the time of online registration. You will be able to purchase one practice ice per event you are entering. Practice Ice times will be assigned to the skater based on ice availability and the competition schedule.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:**

At the time of this announcement, it is not planned to have a photographer for on ice photos. An opening on the ice will be available for one approved chaperone to take pictures of their skater only during their performance.

**Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.**

**AWARDS:** Start up order and results will be posted online that you will be able to access through a QR code on smart phones. Awards will be presented at a designated time. Medals will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> places.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex. 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. To join the Remind messaging service, text @skatefe to 81010.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:**

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating. There is a limit to one credentialed coach per skater. Only one coach may be represented per skater at the ice entrance during practice ice and competition.

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. \*

- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. \*
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

#### Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

\* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

[www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) → Person Icon  or Account → Member Profile → Compliance

#### Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

**VOLUNTEER INFO:** We need many volunteers to make this SkateFest happen! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lisa Hayes at [LDLHayes@gmail.com](mailto:LDLHayes@gmail.com).

Click [here](#) for sample volunteer positions and schedule.

#### **VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:**

Reminder: compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events include key LOC members, **locker room monitors and ALL medical event personnel**. To be considered compliant, an approved volunteer serving in one of these positions must:

- ✓ Must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check\*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional
- ✓ Must complete annual SafeSport Training
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification \*

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**CONTACT INFO:** If you have questions, please contact Lisa Hayes, Competition Committee Chair at 832/264-1755 or [LDLHayes@gmail.com](mailto:LDLHayes@gmail.com).

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**EXHIBITIONS:** As part of this SkateFest weekend, we will also be holding critiques and exhibitions for the higher level skaters. This will be offered for all excel levels from pre-preliminary – Senior, and all Well-Balanced levels.

#### **VIRTUAL SKATEFEST FUN RUN**

The SkateFest will close on Sunday with a Virtual/in person fun run/skate/walk. For those who chose to do your run virtually, you may pick up your medal on this morning or it will be mailed to you.

For those that sign up ahead, you may come at your designated time to either skate/walk/or run your Fun Run in person! Go to [www.skatingclubofhouston.org](http://www.skatingclubofhouston.org) for more information and sign-up links.

**SECTION 2: Events Offered and Entry Fees:**

**SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.**

*\*\*Review the charts for requirements and levels, if not offering all levels, include that information below, for example: "Spins Challenge (Beginner – Preliminary)". [Chart below was updated on Nov. 30, 2020 \(see: Showcase New Event Implementation\)](#).*

<b>U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS</b>				
<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>IJS/6.0</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
<b>Exhibition</b> (Excel Pre-Pre – Well balanced) Senior	n/a	\$65	\$25	\$15
<b>Exhibition + Critique</b> (Excel Pre-Pre – Well balanced Senior)	n/a	\$85	\$35	\$25
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>				
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">No Test – Preliminary Free Skate</a> (*offer if LTS only)	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Excel Compulsory Moves</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Compete USA – Jumps &amp; Spins</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Compete USA – Showcase</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Compete USA – Solo Dance</a>	6.0	\$85	\$20	\$15
<a href="#">Compete USA Manual</a>				
<b>SPECIAL OLYMPICS/ADAPTIVE SKATING</b>				
Exhibition with medal	n/a	\$85		
<a href="#">Special Olympics Manual/Handbook</a>				
<a href="#">Adaptive Skating Manual</a>				