

# 49<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL



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South Suburban Sports Complex  
4810 E County Line Road, Littleton, CO 80126

Special Covid-19 statement: DI 2021 and the South Suburban Sports Complex Center will be complying with all Federal, State, and Local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of DI 2021, including recommendations from US Figure Skating. Masks will be required for entry to the facility. Additional requests concerning health screening and limiting spectators may be necessary and that will be communicated to the competitors by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Depending upon entries and current health recommendations, the LOC will evaluate whether the competition will be cancelled. If cancelled, a full refund will be issued. This information will be communicated by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Entries due February 3, 2021 -- Online registration only!**  
**(\$15 early bird discount if you register by Jan 13th, 2021)**

**Participating Competition:**



**\*\* EMS ONLINE REGISTRATION & SECURE PAYMENT \*\***

**[www.denverfsc.org](http://www.denverfsc.org)**

For further information please contact:

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Denver Invitational 2021 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](#). Requirements will be those designated for the 2020-2021 competitive season however ALL Short Programs will follow the rules for 2021-2022.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are currently registered members 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.

### **SERIES INFORMATION**

DI 2021 has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of the 2021 Excel Series, 2021 Synchronized Series and 2021 Skate Colorado Compete USA Series.

### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate up one or two levels above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Not all events need to be skated at the same level.

### **Age restrictions/requirements**

Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements.

- Juvenile: Girls – 12 years of age or younger; Boys – 13 years of age or younger
- Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years of age or older; Boys – 14 years of age or older
- Intermediate must be under the age of 18
- Adults must be 21 years of age or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

Adult Events: Age classes for all free skate, dramatic & 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. Men and ladies will not be combined in adult silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

### **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. Information will also be posted at [www.denverfsc.org/competitions](http://www.denverfsc.org/competitions).

### **ENTRIES**

Entries must be **entered online by 11:59pm MST on February 3, 2021**. Online registration through [EMS](#) with credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee. Late entries and changes to your entry after this date will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee and will be assessed a \$25.00 fee.

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**Early Bird Discount:** Entries registered by 11:59pm MST on January 13, 2021 will receive a \$15 discount.

### **ENTRY FEES**

COVID-19: All first event fees include a non-refundable fee of \$40. This fee is to help offset the expense associated with hosting this event with the CDC, state and county guidelines and requirements. If the competition is cancelled due to COVID-19, this surcharge will be refunded.

<b>EVENT TYPE</b>	<b>ENTRY FEE</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
First IJS Event	\$165	Not-Combined Events
First IJS Event	\$200	Combined Solo Dance \$200
Additional IJS Event	\$65	
First 6.0 Event	\$145	
Additional 6.0 Event	\$50	
All 3 <sup>rd</sup> (or more) Events	\$35	
First Compete USA (Basic Skills) Event	\$110	
Each Additional Compete USA Event	\$35	
Synchronized Skating	\$160/team + \$5/skater	Single Event
Synchronized Skating	\$265/team + \$5/skater	Combined Event (Jr & Sr teams only)
<b>Early Bird Discount</b>	<b>-\$15</b>	Registered by Jan 13, 2021
Late Fee/Change Fee	\$25	Late registration or change after Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021
PPC/Music upload Fee	\$10	PPC and/or Music not submitted by March 1 <sup>st</sup>

### **EMS REGISTRATION (non-synchro events)**

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.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 "2021 Denver Invitational" or "2021 Denver Invitational (Synchro Events)" from the list of non-qualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

### **PARTNERED EVENTS - Shadow Dance/Artistic Duets**

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. **The registered partner is responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload & practice ice,**

### **EMS REGISTRATION (synchro events)**

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>.
2. Team managers and coaches have access to registration.
  - a. Use your personal member number and password to login.
3. Click the **BLUE** "EMS Event Management System" button.
4. Choose "Competition Registration – Teams" from the menu.
5. Select the team you would like to register for competition.
6. Click the REGISTER NOW button for Foot of the Lake Synchro.

**NOTE:** Only the competitions for which your team(s) are eligible will appear.

7. Walk through the on-screen registration process which will include:
  - a. Team Verification: confirm the team's information is accurate.
  - b. Registration Overview: review general information about the competition.
  - c. Event Selection: Confirm the event you are registering the team for is accurate.
  - d. Competition Roster Selection: Click the "**Add Skaters**" link. The screen will display all skaters listed in your Main Roster. Check the box next to a skater's name to add them to the competition roster.
  - e. Coach Information: Click the "**Add Coaches**" link. The screen will display all coaches listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to a coach's name to add them. Only the coaches who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add coaches who are listed in your Team Profile.

- f. Team Service Personnel Information: Click the “**Add Team Service Personnel**” to add attending team service personnel. The screen will display team managers and team service personnel listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to a name to add them. Only the team service personnel who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add team service personnel who are listed in your Team Profile.
8. Payment via credit card will be required to complete your registration as it is the only accepted form of payment for registration in EMS. Registrations are not considered complete until an invoice confirmation via email has been received. A 3% processing fee will be assessed at check-out.

**NOTE:** Payment must be submitted individually for each team's registration. If you are planning on registering multiple teams in a short period of time, it is recommended that you contact your credit card company to prevent anti-fraud systems from being activated.

### **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 February 3, 2021 unless no competition exists. Two entries will constitute an event. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Depending upon entries and current health recommendations due to COVID-19, the LOC will evaluate whether the competition will be cancelled. If cancelled, a FULL refund will be issued, less any credit card processing fees. The decision to cancel will be made by February 15, 2021 and will be communicated to all registrants.

### **FACILITIES**

The competition will be held at the brand new South Suburban Sports Complex. The sports complex has three indoor surfaces, 85' x 200', with rounded corners. Depending on COVID restrictions, a snack bar and full restaurant are available and vendors will be set up.. Two of the three ice surfaces have spectator seating. Within a few miles of the Sports Complex are several malls with many retail shops and restaurants.

### **MUSIC**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **March 1, 2021 by 11:59pm MST**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$10 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.

#### MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
- 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 bring a copy of their competition music on phone/tablet as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. CDs will not be accepted.

### **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **March 1, 2021 by 11:59pm MST**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$10 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.

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

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

### **LIABILITY**

U.S. Figure Skating, Denver FSC and the South Suburban Sports 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.

### **REGISTRATION DESK**

The registration desk will be open one hour prior to, and during, competition events at South Suburban Sports Complex. Weather permitting, the registration table will be located outside near the main entrance to the arena. Please register/check in promptly upon arrival. Skaters must register at least one hour prior to their first event.

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

An official bulletin board will be maintained near the registration desk at South Suburban Ice Arena. 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.

### **ADVERTISING**

If you are interested in placing an ad in the competition program for your skater, your club, your business, or your upcoming competition please see the advertisement page on our website at [denverfsc.org/competitions](http://denverfsc.org/competitions)

### **PRACTICE ICE**

Practice Ice is 30 min in length. Music will NOT be played. Depending on COVID-19 requirements, practice ice MAY be offered each day of competition but is not guaranteed to be on the day of your event. Maximum of 2 Practice Ice sessions may be requested per skater per eligible event (Max 1 per synchronized team). For Ice Dance, one exclusive practice ice session will be offered. Props are NOT allowed on practice ice sessions.

Compete USA (Basic Skills) Practice Ice is 20 min in length and is available for Free Skate and Compulsory Moves/Elements. Music will NOT be played.

### **PRACTICE ICE FEES**

	<b><u>PRE-PURCHASE</u></b>	<b><u>OPEN SALES</u></b>
Practice Ice – 30 min	On or before Feb 3: \$15.00	At Registration: \$20.00 (if space is available)
Compete USA – 20 min	On or before Feb 3: \$12.00	At Registration: \$15.00 (if space available)
Synchronized – 20 min	On or before Feb 3: \$100.00/team	N/A

**Once your registration is complete, you can access the Practice Ice/Schedule tab in EMS to pre-purchase your credits.** Practice sessions will be organized according to level, whenever possible, and limited to 20 skaters or less. Because of COVID-19 limitations, we reserve the right to cancel or change any practice session. [Practice Ice will be selected by skater.](#) Practice ice sessions are not refundable once purchased.

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

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 11 years old and younger 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

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Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport](#) page). Due to COVID-19, please assume that **locker rooms WILL NOT** be available for use. If they become available, an announcement will be made.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY**

Local Motion Production will be at the event to live stream events. They will do online sales of action photography and videography. Note, [per U.S. Figure Skating policy](#), photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member's Only.

### **AWARDS**

Presentation of awards will immediately follow the posting of results. Medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers in all events with the exception of Compete USA (Basic Skills) events which will award medals to 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place. In the Solo Dance combined event, and Synchronized combined event, medals will be awarded only for the final combined placement.

### **TEST CREDIT**

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. Test Credit packets are \$10.

### **CRITIQUES**

At this time, we are unable to commit to having critiques at DI 2021. We will add critiques into the schedule if we are able. Critiques would be offered free of charge.

### **HOSPITALITY**

It is unlikely we will be able to offer Coaches hospitality during the event. If we can, we will surely add it!

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES**

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non qualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

#### 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)

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.

**CONTACT INFO**

If you have questions, please contact Lisa May: [lisa@denverfsc.org](mailto:lisa@denverfsc.org), 720-272-0290  
 All schedules & updates will be posted to our website [www.denverfsc.org/competitions](http://www.denverfsc.org/competitions)

**OFFICIAL HOTEL**

Comfort Suites Highlands Ranch  
 7060 E County Line Road  
 Highlands Ranch, CO 80126  
 call: 303-770-5400 - ask for the 2021 Denver Invitational rate

Nightly Rate: \$68.00/room  
 Only 1 mile from the South Suburban Sports Complex!

**COMPETITION EVENTS**

**SERIES INFORMATION:** DI 2021 has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating to be part of the 2021 Excel Series, 2021 Synchronized Series.

Events offered at the 2021 Denver Invitational have been limited based on COVID-19 and include only the events listed below. See current [rulebook](#) or click links below for current rules and requirements for the 2020-2021 season

<b>SINGLES FREESKATE &amp; SHORT PROGRAM EVENTS</b>	<b>IJS/6.0</b>
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a> - part of the 2021 Excel Series	IJS
<a href="#">Well Balanced Short Program</a> *REMEMBER JUNIOR ELEMENTS CHANGE for 2021-2022 SEASON – not reflected in this chart	IJS
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate</a>	IJS
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate</a>	IJS
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	
<a href="#">Dramatic Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Light Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Duets (No Test – Senior, Adult)</a>	6.0
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	
<a href="#">Solo Pattern Dance</a> (not participating in series) – if this changes, link will be updated	IJS
<a href="#">Solo Free Dance</a>	IJS
<a href="#">Solo Combined Dance</a>	IJS
<a href="#">Shadow Dance</a>	IJS
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS - part of the 2021 Skate Colorado Compete USA Series</b>	
See notes & requirements on subsequent pages for Series	6.0
<b>SYNCHRONIZED - part of the 2021 Synchronized Skating Series</b>	
<a href="#">Synchrhonized Skating – Preliminary - Senior</a> <a href="#">Synchronized Skating – Synchro Skills (Snowplow Sam, 1, 2, 3)</a> 6.0 - Synchro Skills, Snowplow Sam, Open Adult, Open Masters & Open Collegiate IJS - Prelim - Senior, Collegiate, Adult, Masters	6.0 IJS



# 2021 Skate Colorado Compete USA Series

<p>Aspen Invitational (Lewis Arena)  <b>Date: December 4-6, 2020</b>  <a href="http://www.aspenfigureskatingclub.com">www.aspenfigureskatingclub.com</a>            0861 Maroon Canyon Road            Aspen, CO 81611            Competition Chair: Janette Buchanan  <a href="mailto:jnbuchanan@yahoo.com">jnbuchanan@yahoo.com</a>            (650) 465-1720  <b>Competition Application Deadline: Nov 7, 2020</b></p>	<p>Denver Invitational            (South Suburban Sports Complex)  <b>Date: March 11-14, 2021</b>  <a href="http://www.denverfsc.org">www.denverfsc.org</a>            4810 E. County Line Road            Littleton, CO 80126            Competition Chair: Lisa May  <a href="mailto:lisa@denverfsc.org">lisa@denverfsc.org</a>            (720) 272-0290  <b>Competition Application Deadline: Feb 3, 2021</b></p>
<p>Ft. Collins Classic (EPIC)  <b>Date: April 8-11, 2021</b>  <a href="http://www.fortcollinsfsc.org">www.fortcollinsfsc.org</a>            1801 Riverside            Fort Collins, CO 80525            Competition Chair: Kelly Cann  <a href="mailto:kelly.cann79@gmail.com">kelly.cann79@gmail.com</a>            (970) 237-9842  <b>Competition Application Deadline: March 5, 2021</b></p>	<p>Funtastics (APEX)  <b>Date: April 17, 2021</b>  <a href="http://www.alpinesc.org">www.alpinesc.org</a>            13150 W 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave            Arvada, CO 80005            Competition Chair: Carol Zeles  <a href="mailto:cmzeles@gmail.com">cmzeles@gmail.com</a>            (303) 979-0802  <b>Competition Application Deadline: March TBD, 2021</b></p>
<p>Colorado College Cup (Honnen Ice Arena)  <b>Date: ?</b>  <a href="http://www.coloradocollege.edu/other/honnen">http://www.coloradocollege.edu/other/honnen</a>            14 Cache La Poudre St.            Colorado Springs, CO 80903            Competition Chair: Donna Schoon  <a href="mailto:dschoon499@gmail.com">dschoon499@gmail.com</a>            (719) 389-6156  <b>Competition Application Deadline: ?, 2021</b></p>	<p>Front Range Invitational (Greeley Ice Haus)  <b>Date: June 5, 2021</b>  <a href="http://www.mountainviewskatingclub.com">www.mountainviewskatingclub.com</a>            900 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue            Greeley, CO 80633            Competition Chair: Melayna Rael  <a href="mailto:competition@mountainviewskatingclub.com">competition@mountainviewskatingclub.com</a>            (970) 302-4253  <b>Competition Application Deadline: May 16, 2021</b></p>
<p>Broadmoor Open (World Arena)  <b>Date: June 27, 2021</b>  <a href="http://www.broadmoorskatingclub.com">www.broadmoorskatingclub.com</a>            3185 Venetucci Blvd            Colorado Springs, CO 80906            Competition Chair: Barbara Bradley  <a href="mailto:HoneyB23@aol.com">HoneyB23@aol.com</a>            (719) 540-5655  <b>Competition Application Deadline: May 3, 2021</b></p>	<p>Vail Invitational (Dobson Arena)  <b>Date: July 15-18, 2021</b>  <a href="http://www.skateclubvail.com">www.skateclubvail.com</a>            321 E. Lionshead Cir            Vail, CO 81657            Competition Chair: Carol Ewers/Kelly Diemund  <a href="mailto:cowers12@gmail.com">cowers12@gmail.com</a> / <a href="mailto:kellydeimund@gmail.com">kellydeimund@gmail.com</a>            (630) 379-6867 / (970) 376-3945  <b>Competition Application Deadline: June 16, 2021</b></p>
<p>Cup of Colorado/Colorado Gold            (South Suburban Sports Complex)  <b>Date: August 12-15, 2021 (tentative)</b>  <a href="http://www.coloradoskatingclub.net">www.coloradoskatingclub.net</a>            4810 E. County Line Road            Littleton, CO 80126            Competition Chair: Chris Kanive/Paula Kroell  <a href="mailto:cupofcolorado2021@gmail.com">cupofcolorado2021@gmail.com</a>            (303) 204-2212 / (814) 440-5672  <b>Competition Application Deadline: July ?, 2021</b></p>	<p>Colorado Springs Invitational/RMSG            (Monument Ice Rinks)  <b>Date: September 9-12, 2021</b>  <a href="http://www.centennialskatingclub.org">www.centennialskatingclub.org</a>            16240 Old Denver Highway            Monument, CO 80132            Competition Chair: Lisa Landon  <a href="mailto:lisa_landon@comcast.net">lisa_landon@comcast.net</a>            (719) 659-0912  <b>Competition Application Deadline: Aug 6, 2021</b></p> <p><b>*** All 2021 Skate Colorado Compete USA Competition Series awards will be presented at the conclusion of this competition ***</b></p>



**MISSION STATEMENT:** To provide an opportunity for Colorado skaters to develop their skating skills in a fun, competitive environment.

**AWARDS:** During the competition season, skaters and teams/clubs will have the chance to compete at **10** different competitions and earn points for a final standing. Trophies and medals will be awarded at the conclusion of the Skate Colorado Compete USA competition at the 2021 Colorado Springs Invitational.

*Skate Colorado Compete USA Series Team Banner (3x4) – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place banners will be awarded to the club/skating school with the most points scored throughout the entire series (all **10** competitions) by skaters representing that club/skating school (points for clubs and skating schools located at the same rink will be added together to enhance and create more of a “team” concept). Points will be awarded based upon the same system as the individual points. **Only the top 10 team members’ OVERALL scores FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON (including move up points) will count toward the team points for the determination of the team trophy.** Tie breakers will be the same as the individual tie breakers.*

## **Free Skate Program and Elements/Compulsory Series Point System**

A skater must enter **BOTH** the Free skate Program **AND** the Elements/Compulsory event **IN THE SAME LEVEL** in each of at least TWO of the **10** registered Skate Colorado Compete USA Competitions to be eligible for accumulating points. Skaters must compete in a minimum of 2 competitions. **Only up to the best 4 scores (free skate and compulsory/elements added together) of the season will be totaled for the final score in the series.** Each event will have a maximum of six skaters. Both youth and adults may accumulate points!

The system for scoring points for the trophies will be as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> place	6 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	3 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	2 points
6 <sup>th</sup> place	1 point

*\* A skater will earn three points toward their overall standing each time the skaters enters a level that is higher than the level competed in at the previous competition throughout the duration of the series. In order to keep the extra three points he/she must compete in that level or higher in all subsequent competitions. Move up points will be awarded for all 10 series events (even though the event point scores may not be one of the final four best scores).*

In the event that there is only one skater in an event, the skater will have the choice to skate alone OR move up a level to compete against other skaters, **HOWEVER, THE SKATER WILL HAVE TO MOVE UP IN BOTH THE ELEMENTS/COMPULSORY MOVES AND THE PROGRAMS W/MUSIC EVENTS.** In this case, those skaters will be allowed to move back to their original level to compete at the next competition and shall not be awarded the 3 point move up credit.

If an event has 2-6 skaters, the points will be awarded as if there were six skaters in the group. If there is only one skater in the group, that skater will be awarded three points.

In case of a tie, the total number of skaters that the competitor has skated against throughout the series (all competitions and not just the competitions with the 4 best scores) will be the 1st tie breaker. The total score for all free skate events during the season will be the 2nd tie breaker, the total score for all compulsory events during the season will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> tie breaker, and the number of levels increased throughout the season will be the 4<sup>th</sup> tie breaker.

All points follow the skater throughout the series, so if a skater moves up to higher levels, the points follow the skater. Once a skater moves up a level, they may not compete at a lower level unless they moved up as a result of having no other skaters in their group.

Trophies will be awarded 1-3 in each level from Snowplow Sam through Free Skate 6 and Adult 1-6. The trophies will be awarded to the skaters at their level as of the last competition in which they compete.

### **Rules and Format:**

#### **COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The **Skate Colorado Compete USA Series** is sponsored equally by the **10** participating ice rinks and/or U.S. Figure Skating member clubs. Competition packages will be available at all participating ice rinks and/or via the club or rink websites. Each competition will have its own entry forms and specific rules so please make sure to read the entire announcement for each competition.

#### **ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Learn to Skate USA Program/Club or any other Learn to Skate USA Program/Club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries.

All Snowplow Sam through Basic 6 skaters are eligible to skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition and **NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances.**

All Pre-Free Skate through Free Skate 6 skaters are eligible to skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition. **Skaters may have passed Pre-Preliminary MITF and no higher, Preliminary Dance and no higher, and may NOT have passed any U.S. FIGURE SKATING free skate tests.**

*It is very important to the success of the series that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the local organizing committee and/or their Chief Referee discover that a skater has been placed in a category that is below their class level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater to the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors.*

### Elements: Snowplow Sam – Basic 6

Format: Each skater will perform one element at a time in the order listed below (no excessive connecting steps or choreography)

- To be skated on ½ ice, no music
- **All elements must be skated in the order listed – no additional elements are allowed**
- **The skater must demonstrate the required elements as described**
- **Each element may only be attempted once**
- Time: 1:00 MAX

### Compulsory: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 and Adults 1-6

Format: In program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional

- To be skated on ½ ice, no music
- **The skater must demonstrate the required elements as described**
- **Each element may only be attempted once**
- **May use any additional elements from previous levels as connecting steps.**
- **Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements**
- A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Time: 1:15 MAX Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6; 1:30 MAX Adult 1-6

### Programs with Music: Snowplow Sam – Basic 6

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice
- Vocal music is allowed
- **The skater must demonstrate the required elements as described and may use any additional elements from their current level or a previous level**
- **Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements**
- If the description of a required move states the direction of the element or the placement of the free leg, then options are **NOT** allowed
- A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Time: 1:10 MAX

### Programs with Music: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 and Adult 1 – 6

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice
- Vocal music is allowed.
- **The skater must demonstrate the required elements as described and may use, but is not required to use, any additional elements from their current level (including bonus elements) or a previous level**
- **Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements**
- If the description of a required move states the direction of the element or the placement of the free leg, then options are **NOT** allowed
- A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Time 1:40 MAX

# Required Descriptions for Elements & Compulsories

Level	Skating rules / standards	Level	Skating rule/ standards
Snowplow Sam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March followed by a two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> <li>Forward snowplow stop</li> <li>Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row</li> </ul>	Free Skate 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>Waltz three-turns, 2 sets clockwise and 2 sets counterclockwise</li> <li>Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position – minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Loop jump</li> <li>Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination</li> </ul>
Basic 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot</li> <li>Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>	Free Skate 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Half loop jump</li> <li>Flip jump</li> </ul>
Basic 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot</li> <li>Scooter pushes, 2-3 each foot</li> <li>Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward</li> <li>Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>	Free Skate 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions</li> <li>Camel spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Waltz jump - loop jump combination</li> <li>Lutz jump</li> </ul>
Basic 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>Forward half swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>Forward slalom</li> <li>Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> <li>Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot</li> </ul>	Free Skate 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward power pulls, minimum 3 on each foot</li> <li>Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total</li> <li>Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination</li> <li>Axel jump, minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving</li> </ul>
Basic 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Backward half swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left</li> <li>Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions</li> </ul>	Adult 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward marching</li> <li>Forward two-foot glide</li> <li>Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)</li> <li>Forward snowplow stop on one or two feet</li> </ul>
Basic 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>Advanced two-foot spin, min 4 revolutions</li> <li>Hockey stop</li> </ul>	Adult 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward skating across the width of the ice</li> <li>Forward one-foot glides, both feet</li> <li>Forward slalom</li> <li>Backward wiggles</li> <li>Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>Mohawk, right to left and left to right</li> <li>Bunny Hop</li> <li>Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left</li> <li>Beginning one-foot spin, max 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position</li> <li>T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>	Adult 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward stroking with proper blade use</li> <li>Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Backward skating to a long two-foot glide</li> <li>Backward snowplow stop, right and left</li> </ul>
Pre-Free Skate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Mazurka – right or left</li> <li>Waltz jump</li> </ul>	Adult 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Hockey stop, both directions</li> <li>Backward one-foot glides, right and left</li> </ul>
Free Skate 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes</li> <li>Backward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions</li> <li>Toe loop</li> <li>Half flip jump</li> </ul>	Adult 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>Beginning two-foot spin (min 2 revolutions)</li> </ul>
Free Skate 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and forward inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis</li> <li>Backward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>Beginning back spin, optional entry and free foot position, max 3 revolutions</li> <li>Half Lutz</li> <li>Salchow jump</li> </ul>	Adult 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> <li>Backward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> <li>Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>T-stop</li> <li>Lunge</li> <li>Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on one foot)</li> </ul>

# Required Descriptions for Programs with Music

Level	Skating rules / standards	Level	Skating rule/ standards
Snowplow Sam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March followed by a two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> <li>Forward snowplow stop</li> <li>Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row</li> </ul>	Free Skate 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternating mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, (minimum 3 revolutions)</li> <li>Loop jump</li> <li>Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination</li> <li>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz-loop jump combination</li> </ul>
Basic 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot</li> <li>Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>	Free Skate 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>Sit spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Half Loop jump</li> <li>Flip jump</li> <li>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz-loop or Waltz-Euler-Salchow combination</li> </ul>
Basic 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward one-foot glide, either foot</li> <li>Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> <li>Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward</li> <li>Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>	Free Skate 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Backward outside three-turn, mohawk (backward power three-turn), 2-3 sets both directions</li> <li>Camel spin - minimum 3 revolutions</li> <li>Waltz-loop jump combination</li> <li>Lutz jump</li> </ul>
Basic 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>Forward half swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>Forward slalom</li> <li>Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> <li>Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot</li> </ul>	Free Skate 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creative step sequence using a variety of three turns, mohawks, and toe steps, half ice</li> <li>Camel-sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total</li> <li>Waltz jump-Euler (half loop)-Salchow jump combination</li> <li>Axel jump: minimum requirement is a clear attempt either stationary or moving</li> </ul>
Basic 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counter clockwise</li> <li>Backward half swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left</li> <li>Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions</li> </ul>	Adult 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward marching</li> <li>Forward two-foot glide</li> <li>Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)</li> <li>Forward snowplow stop, one or two feet</li> </ul>
Basic 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, clockwise and counter clockwise</li> <li>Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>Advanced two-foot spin, min 4 revolutions</li> <li>Hockey stop</li> </ul>	Adult 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward skating across the width of the ice</li> <li>Forward one-foot glides</li> <li>Forward slalom</li> <li>Backward wiggles</li> <li>Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row</li> </ul>
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Free Skate 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward power stroking, 4-6 consecutive powerful strokes</li> <li>One-foot upright spin, entry from backward crossovers, with free foot in crossed leg position (scratch spin) - minimum 4 revolutions</li> <li>Toe loop jump</li> <li>Half flip jump</li> <li>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump-toe Loop combination</li> </ul>	Adult 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left</li> <li>Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>Beginning two-foot spin</li> </ul>
Free Skate 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alternating forward outside spiral (right and left) and inside spiral (right and left) on a continuous axis</li> <li>Beginning back spin, max 2 revolutions</li> <li>Half Lutz jump</li> <li>Salchow jump</li> <li>NOT ALLOWED – Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe Loop combination</li> </ul>	Adult 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Forward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> <li>Backward stroking with crossover end patterns</li> <li>Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>T-stop</li> <li>Lunge</li> <li>Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on one foot)</li> </ul>