
2025 Jessamine Open – March 29, 2025

South Carolina Figure Skating Club (f/k/a Palmetto Skate Club)

Flight Adventure Park, 1019 Broad Stone Road, Irmo, SC 29063



I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Jessamine Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or [current Compete USA handbook](#) 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.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA® member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - o Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.
 - o If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to the information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

EVENTS OFFERED:

We encourage all competitions to promote and support all athletes, including skaters with disabilities through offering Adaptive events and levels (included in the table below). If you have any questions regarding Adaptive Skating, the levels offered, and/or accommodations for skaters, email events@usfigureskating.org.

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> [Program Requirements](#)
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeuasa
- **Skate United:** For any Skate United (S.U.) Athlete, please have them register for their appropriate level under the “standard” option. Once the registration is complete, the following form must be submitted to the competition chair via email at scfsclub@gmail.com.
 - [Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.](#)
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at scfsclub@gmail.com.
 - [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Well Balanced Free Skate	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 - 8)	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Skate United <i>*see statement above</i>	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MANEUVERS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Beginner Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00

Low Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
Intermediate Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00
High Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$120.00	\$75.00

OUR COMMUNITY:

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating’s SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the [SkateSafe® Program Handbook](#) for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating’s Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline at scfsclub@gmail.com.

COMPLIANCE:

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>.

COACHES

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. Details regarding

compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#). All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Coaches of foreign athletes: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

MANDATORY ATHLETES

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

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION (ENTRYEEZE):

Entries will be accepted via EntryEeze at entryeeze.com with credit card only. Each transaction will include a credit card fee.

DEADLINE

Online registration opens in mid-January 2024 and closes on February 10, 2024 at 11:59pm. Late entries will be subject to the approval of the LOC and Chief Referee and may be assessed a late entry fee of \$30.00.

Skaters wishing to register for competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating or LTS member number and be current members in good standing.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: March 15, 2025 at 11:59pm

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EntryEeze registration system no later than March 15, 2025 at 11:59pm. 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 doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed

under any circumstances and must be paid prior to registration onsite. Paid late fee is required in order to participate in the event.

Music can be uploaded in mp3 format as soon as registration has been finalized and events are paid for. For any questions about uploading music, please contact the LOC at scfsclub@gmail.com.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

REFUND POLICY

No refunds will be granted under ANY circumstances after entry deadline, unless the event is canceled. South Carolina Figure Skating Club reserves the right to divide an event, limit the number of entries, hold an event with only one entry and cancel an event (with refund) with only one entry. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are non-refundable.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, South Carolina Figure Skating Club (f/k/a Palmetto Skate Club) and Flight Adventure Park 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at Flight Adventure Park (f/k/a Plex Indoor Sports), 1019 Broad Stone Road, Irmo, SC 29063, 803-732-1900, <https://flightadventurepark.com/irmo/>. The ice surface measures 85' x 200' with rounded corners, hockey barriers and seating.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only and will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes under 11 years old 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 Area Policy in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy:

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe® Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

All official notices will be posted at the registration desk and also online under the South Carolina Figure Skating Club website, under 2024 Jessamine Open (<https://sc-fsc.com/jessamineopen/>). It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the registration desk 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.

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. Prior to the close of entries, there will be no information about the schedule or pre-plan of the schedule.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be available during the designated times throughout the competition. The cost of reserved practice ice (available for pre-purchase at time of registration through EntryEeze) is \$20.00 per 20-minute session. Skaters who reserve practice ice will have a selection period of one week in which to choose their sessions (maximum 2). This will be followed by open sales for any remaining practices at a cost of \$25.00 for walk up sessions. No refunds will be granted for unused practice ice. Skaters who are more than five (5) minutes late to the session may forfeit their slot. No music may be played on practice sessions. Use of personal devices and ear plugs is strictly forbidden.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Registration will open one (1) hour prior to the first scheduled event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located immediately inside the entrance of the rink. Please register/check in promptly upon arrival.

All skaters are also required to sign required waivers by U.S. Figure Skating and Flight Adventure Park. The waiver for Flight Adventure Park is located at <https://ffnfirmo.aluvii.com/employee/Waiver/SignWaiver2?waiverId=1&>.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS:

Results will be posted online only. Link for results will be added to the South Carolina Figure Skating club website under 2025 Jessamine Open Competition tab.

Medals or ribbons will be presented to all skaters in each competition event. Award ceremonies will be scheduled and announced on the day of the competition.

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PHOTO/VIDEO:

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and

approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.

For the safety and welfare of the skater, personal photography and videography will be permitted in the stands only and is restricted to hand-held/battery operated equipment (no tripods). Flash photography is strictly prohibited in the ice arenas and stands. No one will be permitted to obstruct the view of other seated spectators by standing in front of or hanging over the plexi-glass barriers or to film at alternative ice entrances. In order to comply with local fire safety codes, all aisles within the stands must also remain clear. Non-compliance with this policy or refusal to comply immediately with requests from event officials will result in the violator being escorted out of the rink.

Note, per the U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited as stated in the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resources section of Member's Only on USFS website.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Additional details can be found at <https://sc-fsc.com/jessamineopen/>.

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Angi Grant	scfsclub@gmail.com
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