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**2023 Jessamine Open – April 29, 2023**

**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.

### **COVID-19 INFORMATION:**

As of March 15, 2022, and consistent with updated CDC guidance on mask use, face coverings are no longer required to be worn indoors at U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned events or activity if the community levels are Low or Medium. US Figure Skating encourages masks to be worn indoors if the community is in the High category based on the [CDC Community Levels by County Map](#).

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **TEST LEVEL:**

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

*Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.*

*Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.*

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

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

**IF OFFERING ADULT EVENTS:**

Age classes for all free skate and showcase 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

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.

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](http://usfigureskating.org)

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event</b>
Excel Free Skate	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Well Balanced Free Skate	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event</b>
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Moves in the Field (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Partnered Moves Challenge (Bronze – Gold)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Adult Moves in the Field (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event</b>
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00

Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Interpretive	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00

## **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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have 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

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 SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

### **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.usfsonline.org](http://www.usfsonline.org) → Person Icon  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.

Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#).

### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **Registration (EntryEeze):**

Entries will be accepted via EntryEeze at [entryeeze.com](http://entryeeze.com) with credit card only. Each transaction will include credit card fee.

#### **Deadline**

Online registration opens on February 11, 2023 and closes on March 18, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. 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 the competition will need their U.S. Figure skating or LTS member number and be current members in good standing.

### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

**DEADLINE: April 15, 2023**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to Entry Eeze registration system no later than **April 15, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.** 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 Competition Chair, Angi Grant at [president@sc-fsc.com](mailto:president@sc-fsc.com). Due to pandemic regulations uploading the music electronically is the only accepted method of providing program music.

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. SC 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, 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 and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page). Any use of electronic devices or smart phones must be avoided and absolutely no photo/videography is allowed inside locker rooms.

### **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 2023 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 the 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 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.

### **AWARDS:**

Results will be posted online only. Link for results will be added to the South Carolina Figure Skate Club website under 2023 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.

### **PHOTO/VIDEO:**

Professional video and photography sales services may be provided during the competition. The competition will not be live streamed as spectators will be allowed in the building.

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 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 Resource section of Member's Only on USFS website.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The Hyatt Place is the host hotel for the Palmetto Skate Club. A block of rooms will be reserved with a special group rate and information will be posted on the Entryeeze page.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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

If you have questions, please contact [President@sc-fsc.com](mailto:President@sc-fsc.com). Please indicate "Jessamine Open Question" in the subject line.