# 6th Annual October Skatefest EDMPETE



# **Gardens Competitive Series Competition**

Presented by Gardens Sports Limited

SPORTS ACADEMY

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The Gardens Ice House 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel MD 20707 www.thegardensicehouse.com

### 2025 October Skatefest

**Eligibility Rules for Participants:** The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible members of either the Learn to Skate USA Program and/or 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 /USFS Program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition. For **Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6**, NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances. For the **Aspire 1-4 and Well Balanced levels**, eligibility will be based upon highest free skate test level passed (moves in the field test level will not determine skater's competitive level).

Deadline Date: Entry deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Visit <u>www.entryeeze.com</u> to register. There will be no refunds after the close of entries except events canceled by the Local Organizing Committee (rule #3235).

Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee and may require an additional \$30.00 late fee. We reserve the right to combine groups when applicable and limit the number of entries on a first come, first served basis. Single entrants will be judged against the test standard. Walk in registration will not be accepted. Refunds will not be issued due to weather conditions.

### **Competition Information**

Payment: Visa and MasterCard accepted

**Entry Fees:** \$68.00 first event

\$33.00 for each additional event.

\$80.00 Team events event, plus \$5 per skater

There will also be a \$30.00 change of event fee if you need to alter your event after the close of entries.

**Schedules:** Will be posted on our page at <a href="http://www.entryeeze.com">http://www.entryeeze.com</a> and at <a href="www.thegardensicehouse.com">www.thegardensicehouse.com</a> as soon as possible after the close of entries. Schedules will not be mailed.

**Music:** Music must be uploaded via Entryeeze 1 week prior to the competition. It is the responsibility of the skater to have a backup CD in your possession. Competition officials are not responsible for the condition of your CD.

**Registration Desk:** The registration desk will be open throughout the competition. Skaters MUST check in at least one hour prior to the event. It is not unusual for a warm-up for more than one event to be combined. In addition, events frequently run early, so BE READY with skates on before the event is called!

**Awards:** All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to the top 3 finishers. Awards Ceremonies will be held throughout the competition. Ceremony times will be posted on the competition schedule

**Gardens Competitive Series:** This competition is a part of the 2025-2026 Gardens Competitive series. All competitors will receive points for their respective placements which will be complied for their respective team/clubs. Point totals will be announced at the conclusion of each competition in our series with a Team Trophy being awarded at the end of the season to the team with the highest cumulative point totals for the series.

**Practice Ice:** Will be provided, if time allows and will be determined after the close of entries and announced on the website.

**Applications: Applications may NOT be mailed.** All entries must be made through out competition page at <a href="https://www.entryeeze.com">www.entryeeze.com</a>.



# Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program with Music

**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 with music
- The skater may use elements from a previous level
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements
- Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:10 max	<ul> <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>
BASIC 1	1:10 max	<ul> <li>Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet</li> <li>Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
BASIC 2	1:10 max	<ul> <li>Forward one-foot glide (no variations), 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 swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
BASIC 3	1:10 max	<ul> <li>Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 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>
BASIC 4	1:10 max	<ul> <li>Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</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>
BASIC 5	1:10 max	Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise     Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive     Forward outside three-turn, right and left     Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions     Hockey stop
BASIC 6	1:10 max	<ul> <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, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position</li> <li>T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>



# 2024 ASPIRE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

	JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCE
Aspire 1 Free Skate 1:40 Max	Maximum 5 jump elements:  Permitted jumps:  Waltz jump  Max 1 jump sequence  Permitted sequence:  Waltz jump/waltz jump with no turns or hops in between	Maximum 2 spins: Required spins: Two-foot spin Forward one foot spin (free foot optional)	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt) • One ½ of the ice
Aspire 2 Free Skate 1:40 Max	Maximum 5 jump elements:  Permitted jumps:  Any jump from Aspire 1 Single Salchow Single Toe loop  Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence  Permitted combinations: Waltz jump/toe loop Salchow/toe loop Permitted jump sequence: Waltz jump/waltz jump with no turns or hops in between	Maximum 2 spins: Permitted spins: Any spin from Aspire 1 Back upright spin Forward Sit Spin	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt) • One ½ of the ice
Aspire 3 Free Skate 1:40 Max	Maximum 5 jump elements:  Permitted jumps:  Any jump from Aspire 1 and 2  Euler (half-loop)  Single loop  Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence	Maximum 2 spins: Required spin: Forward upright spin to back upright spin Permitted spins: Any spin from Aspire 1 and 2 Forward Camel Spin	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt) • One ½ of the ice
Aspire 4 Free Skate 1:40 Max	Maximum 5 jump elements:  Permitted jumps:  Any jump from Aspire 1, 2 and 3 Single Flip Single Lutz  Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence	Maximum 2 spins: Required spin: Forward camel to forward sit spin combination Permitted spins: Any Spin from Aspire 1, 2 and 3	Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt) • One ½ of the ice

### Clarifications:

### Jumps:

All Levels

• Maximum 2 of any same jump

Aspire 1 and 2

Euler is not permitted

### Jump Sequence:

Aspire 3 and 4

 A jump sequence consists of two or three jumps in which the second and/ or the third jump is a waltz jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump

### **Jump Combinations:**

Aspire 3 and 4

 Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps

### Spins:

All Levels

- Minimum 3 revolutions
- No flying entry
- A Spin may not be repeated
- · Basic positions only

Aspire 3 and 4

- One spin must be the required spin
- Second spin must be a spin in one position

### **Step Sequence:**

All Levels

- Jumps may be included in the step sequence
- Moves in the field, Spiral Sequences, Arabesques, Spread Eagles, Ina Bauers, Split Jumps, Etc. are allowed but will not be counted as elements



# Well-Balanced Free Skate Program

### **GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:**

- · Skaters may not enter both a well-balanced free skate event and an excel free skate event at the same competition
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed; skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed or skate up one level higher.
- · Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events
- Step sequence clarification: Implementation date December 1, 2023: pChSq (confirmed or no value)

PRE-PRELIMINARY — 1:40 MAX		
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES
<ul> <li>Max 5 Jump Elements</li> <li>All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed         <ul> <li>No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed</li> <li>Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or combination (maximum of 2 single Axels)</li> <li>Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences</li> <li>Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed</li> <li>Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump</li> </ul>	Max 2 Spins  Spins must be of a different character  One spin MUST be a spin in one position  One spin may change positions  Spins may change feet  Spins may start with a flying entry  Min 3 revs.	<ul> <li>Max 1 Choreographic sequence</li> <li>Must use one-half the ice surface</li> <li>Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>Jumps may be included in the sequence</li> <li>If IJS is used, then pChSq</li> </ul>

PRELIMINARY — 2:00 +/- 10 SECONDS			
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	
<ul> <li>Max 5 Jump Elements</li> <li>1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump*</li> <li>All single jumps, including single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop) o Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed o An Axel plus up to two different, allowed double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or combination o Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> <li>Max 2 jump combinations or sequences o Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one three jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is allowed o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by an Axel-type jump</li> </ul>	Max 2 Spins  Spins must be of a different character  One spin MUST be a spin in one position  One spin may change positions  Spins may change feet  Spins may start with a flying entry  Min 3 revs.	Max 1     Choreographic sequence     Must use one-half the ice surface     Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements     Jumps may be included in the sequence  If IJS is used, then pChSq	

# **2025 Excel Program Requirements**

Excel Pre-Preliminary 1:40 Max	Maximum 5 jump elements:  ■ All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel  □ No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed  □ Maximum of two of any of the same jump, may be as solo jumps or part of jump combinations/sequence  ■ Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence  □ Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps  □ A jump sequence consists of two or three jumps in which the second and/or the third jump is a waltz jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump_into the take-off curve of the waltz jump	Maximum 2 spins:  One spin must be in a single position with no change of foot*  No flying entry  Minimum 3 revolutions  One spin may be either a single position spin with no change of foot or a combination spin with or without a change of foot  No flying entry  Spins must be of a different character	Maximum 1 Sequence:  • One Choreographic Sequence (pChSq)  O Must be clearly visible
Excel Preliminary 2:00 +/- 10 sec  (Will be phased out after 2025 season)	Maximum 5 jump elements:  • All single jumps allowed, except for the Axel  • No single Axels, double, or higher jumps allowed  • Maximum of two of any of the same jump, may be as solo jumps or part of jump combinations/sequence  • Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence	Max Level: 1  Maximum 2 spins:  One spin must be a camel or layback spin with no change of foot and no change of position*  No flying entry  Minimum 3 revolutions	Maximum 1 Sequence:  ■ One Choreographic Sequence (pChSq)  ○ Must be clearly visible
	<ul> <li>Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps</li> <li>A jump sequence consists of two or three jumps in which the second and/or the third jump is a waltz jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump into the take-off curve of the waltz jump</li> </ul>	1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*	
Excel Preliminary Plus 2:00 +/- 10 sec	Maximum 5 jump elements:  ■ All single jumps allowed, including single Axel  ■ No double, or higher jumps allowed  ■ Single Axel and all other single jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum 2 of any same jump)  ■ Number of remaining single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded  ■ Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence  ■ Jump combinations and jump sequences are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination or one jump sequence may include three jumps  ■ A jump sequence consists of two or three jumps in which the	Maximum 2 spins:  ■ 1 spin combination, with or without change of foot*  □ Minimum 6 revolutions □ No flying entry  ■ 1 spin with only 1 position* □ No change of foot □ No flying entry □ Minimum 3 revolutions	Maximum 1 Sequence:  One Choreographic Sequence (pChSq)  Must be clearly visible
	second and/or the third jump is an Axel-type jump with a direct step from the landing curve of the first/second jump_into the take- off curve of the Axel-type jump	Max Level: 1	



<sup>\*</sup>Denotes required element



# Adult 1-6 Free Skate with Music

### **GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:**

- · The skating order of the required elements is optional
- The elements are not restricted 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
- Skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use, but is not required to use, any additional elements from previous (lower) levels
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each required element missing and for those elements performed from a higher level

### ADULT 1 — 1:40 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- · Forward marching
- Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- Forward snowplow stop two feet or one foot

### ADULT 4 - 1:40 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward one-foot glides, right and left
- · Hockey stop, both directions

### ADULT 2 - 1:40 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- · Forward skating across the width of the ice
- · Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- · Backward skating
- · Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row

### ADULT 5 - 1:40 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- · Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Beginning two-foot spin

### ADULT 3 - 1:40 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- · Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left

### ADULT 6 - 1:40 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- · Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)



# Adult Beginner - Bronze Free Skate Program with Music

### **GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:**

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice; vocal music is allowed
- To be skated on full ice
- The minimum number of required spin revolutions is indicated in parentheses following the spin description; revolutions must be in position.

ADULT BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX				
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS	
Max 4 Jump Elements Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet and waltz jump Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps Max. 2 of any same jump	Max 2 Spins  Two forward upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests	

ADULT HIGH BEGINNER — 1:40 MAX				
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS	
Max 4 Jump Elements:  Jumps limited to bunny hop, mazurka, ballet, stag, split, waltz, ½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, toe loop, Salchow  Max 1 combination or sequence consisting of only the allowed listed jumps  Max. 2 of any same type jump.	Max 2 Spins:  Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests	

ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:40 MAX					
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS		
Max 4 Jump Elements:  Max 2 combinations or sequences o 1 jump combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump  Each jump may be repeated only once and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump) Only single and half-revolution jumps are permitted (half flip and half lutz are permitted)  No single Lutz, single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted	<ul> <li>Max 2 Spins:</li> <li>Max Level 1</li> <li>Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 E)</li> <li>Min 3 revs</li> <li>Spins with a flying entry are not permitted</li> <li>A two-foot spin is permitted as one of the spins at this level and is of a different character than a one-foot spin</li> </ul>	Connecting steps throughout the program are required	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Pre-Bronze or Pre-Preliminary Free Skate		

ADULT BRONZE — 1:50 MAX					
JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCES	QUALIFICATIONS		
Max 4 Jump Elements:  Max 2 combinations or sequences o 1 combination may contain 3 jumps, and the other may contain only 2 jumps o Jump sequence is any listed jump immediately followed by a waltz jump  Each jump may be repeated only once, and only as part of a combination or sequence (maximum of 2 of any jump)  All single jumps are permitted (except single Axel) No single Axel, double or triple jumps are permitted	<ul> <li>Max 2 Spins:</li> <li>Max Level 1</li> <li>Spins must be of different character (for definition, see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</li> <li>Min 3 revs total if no change of foot</li> <li>Min 3 revs each foot if change of foot</li> <li>Min 2 revs in each position</li> <li>No flying spins are permitted</li> </ul>	Max 1 Sequence:  • 1 choreographic step sequence, fully utilizing at least ½ of the ice surface (may include moves in the field and spirals)  • Additional moves in the field, spiral and step sequences will not be counted as elements but will be counted as transitions and marked as such.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze or Preliminary Free Skate		



# Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Elements

### THERE ARE TWO FORMAT OPTIONS FOR THE ELEMENTS EVENT:

- 1. Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge/referee OR
- 2. Skater will perform one element at a time in the <u>order listed below</u> (no excessive connecting steps or choreography) Judge/referee directed example: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on, or each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.
  - To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice (determined by the LOC)
  - · No music
  - Divide Snowplow Sam skaters by level (1-4), if registrations warrant
  - · All elements must be skated in the order listed.
  - Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

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SNOWPLOW SAM	1:00 max	<ul> <li>SKATING RULES/STANDARDS</li> <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>
BASIC 1	1:00 max	<ul> <li>Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet</li> <li>Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
BASIC 2	1:00 max	<ul> <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>
BASIC 3	1:00 max	<ul> <li>Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 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>
BASIC 4	1:00 max	<ul> <li>Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive</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>
BASIC 5	1:00 max	Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise     Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive     Forward outside three-turn, right and left     Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions     Hockey stop
BASIC 6	1:00 max	<ul> <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, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position</li> <li>T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>



# **ASPIRE COMPULSORY**

**FORMAT:** In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on half-ice
- No music
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements listed
- A deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
Aspire 1	1:15 max	<ul> <li>Waltz Jump</li> <li>½ Flip</li> <li>One-foot upright spin</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
Aspire 2	1:15 max	<ul> <li>Single Salchow</li> <li>Single Toe Loop</li> <li>Sit spin</li> <li>Choreographic step sequence</li> </ul>
Aspire 3	1:15 max	Single Loop Salchow/Toe loop jump combination Forward upright spin to back upright spin Choreographic step sequence
Aspire 4	1:15 max	Single Flip     Waltz Jump-Euler-Salchow jump combination     Camel-Sit spin combination     Choreographic step sequence



# Adult 1-6, Beginner-Bronze Compulsory

- The skating order of the elements is optional; elements may only be attempted once
- To be skated on half ice in simple program format with limited connecting steps
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element missing, repeated or from a higher level

### ADULT 1 - 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- · Forward marching
- Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- · Forward snowplow stop on one or two feet

### ADULT 2 - 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- · Forward skating across the width of the ice
- · Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- · Backward skating
- · Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row

### ADULT 3 — 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- · Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- · Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- · Backward snowplow stop, right and left

### ADULT 4 - 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Hockey stop, both directions
- · Backward one-foot glides, right and left

### ADULT 5 — 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Backward outside edge and backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- · Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Beginning two-foot spin (min 2 revs)

### ADULT 6 - 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- · Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- · Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)

### ADULT BEGINNER — 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Mazurka
- Waltz jump
- Forward beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers (min 2 revs)
- Forward moving inside open mohawk (right and left) heel to insten
- Alternating right and left forward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)

### ADULT HIGH BEGINNER - 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Waltz jump
- ½ flip
- Forward upright spin minimum 2 revolutions
- Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Alternating right and left backward outside and inside edges across the width of the ice (one outside edge, right and left, one inside edge, right and left)

### ADULT PRE-BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Single toe loop
- Jump combination or sequence consisting of half revolution jumps (½ flip, ½ Lutz, ½ loop, waltz), toe loop, or Salchow – maximum of 2 jumps in combination or 3 jumps in a sequence
- Forward upright spin minimum 3 revolutions
- Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward spiral (any edge)

### ADULT BRONZE — 1:30 MAX

### **ELEMENTS**

- Single Salchow
- Jump combination or sequence consisting of ½ revolution jumps and/or full revolution jumps (no Lutz or Axel) – maximum 2 jumps in combination or 3 jumps in a sequence
- Solo spin in one position with no change of foot (min. 3 revolutions)
- · Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- Spiral sequence (Minimum 2 spirals)



# TEAM COMPULSORY

**FORMAT:** The designated skater from each team will perform their chosen element in sequence on full ice with no music and will follow this format:

- 1. Minimum of three to four skaters on a team; each skater will do at least one required element
- 2. Teams will be directed to find a "base" for their team along the boards on the ice where they will stay for the remainder of the event
- 3. The announcer, referee or judge-in-charge will call the first element (e.g. jump or stop) to be performed
- 4. The team member performing the element will step forward and execute the skill, with the element first being performed by the skater on team one, then team two, then team three and so on
- 5. Once all the teams have had their skaters complete the element, the next element will be called
- 6. Judging is done with one mark for each element (skater) for total team points

LEVEL	JUMPS/STOPS	SPINS/TURNS/GLIDES	SKATING SKILLS
SNOWPLOW SAM - BASIC 3, HOCKEY 1-4	Wiggles, two-foot swizzles forward or backward (4-8 in a row) Snowplow stop (one or both feet) or hockey stop (with skid)	Curves, glide turns or hockey turns (right and left, forward) March then glide on two feet or forward one-foot glide on left and right foot (one-time skater's height, forward)	Forward half-swizzle pumps or forward C-cuts on a circle (right and left, 6-8 consecutive)
BASIC 4 – BASIC 6  Side toe hop, bunny hop, ballet jump or mazurka -Waltz jump		Forward inside pivot or two-foot spin (min. 3 revs.) One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free foot position (min. 3 revs.)	Moving forward to backward two-foot turns on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise (from Basic 3)
ASPIRE 1-2  Single jump (limited to waltz jump, 1/2 flip, 1/2 lutz, salchow, toe loop) Combination jump or jump sequence: waltz jump/toe loop, salchow/toe loop, or waltz jump/waltz jumps with no turns or hops in between		Forward solo spin (2 foot spin, forward 1 foot spin) Backward solo spin	Choreographic step sequence 1/2 Ice (ChSt)
ASPIRE 3-4  Single jump (no Axel) Jump combination or jump sequence (no Axel allowed)		Solo spin (scratch spin, layback, camel or sit, min. 3 revs., no flying entry) -Combo spin: one change of foot, change of position optional (min. 3 revs. on each foot)	Choreographic Step sequence (ChSt)
ADULT 1-6	Forward snowplow stop Lunge	Forward swizzles, 4-6 in a row Backward one-foot glide, right and left	Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
ADULT BEGINNER/ ADULT HIGH BEGINNER	Bunny hop Waltz jump	Beginning one-foot spin from backward crossovers Backward inside three-turn, right and left	Alternating right and left forward outside edges across width of the rink
ADULT PRE- BRONZE/ ADULT BRONZE	Half Flip Salchow jump	Forward upright spin Backward upright spin	Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down and cross behind, one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise



# JUMP CHALLENGE

### **GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS**

- 1. Level 1 through Level 4 events should be skated on half ice.
- 2. Only the listed elements will be judged.
- 3. No bonuses will be awarded during jump challenge events using IJS.
- 4. Each jump may be attempted twice. If the skater chooses to repeat the jump, the second attempt will be the one judged. The second attempt must immediately follow the first attempt.
- 5. Elements not according to requirements will receive no value.
- 6. Applicable deductions:
  - a. Time Violations
    - 1. IJS for up to every 5 seconds in excess = -0.25
    - 2. 6.0 for up to every 10 seconds in excess = 0.1
  - b. Fall Deductions:
    - 1. IJS for each fall = -0.25
    - 2.6.0 for each fall = -0.1

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
LEVEL 1	1:15 max	<ul> <li>Half Flip</li> <li>Half Lutz</li> <li>Waltz Jump + Waltz Jump Sequence</li> </ul>
LEVEL 2	1:15 max	<ul> <li>Single Loop</li> <li>Single Salchow</li> <li>Waltz Jump + Single Toe Loop Combination</li> </ul>
LEVEL 3	1:15 max	<ul> <li>Single Flip</li> <li>Single Lutz</li> <li>Two Jump Combination: Any two single jumps, may include one single axel</li> </ul>
LEVEL 4	1:15 max	<ul> <li>Single Axel</li> <li>Double Salchow or Double Toe Loop</li> <li>Three Jump Combination: Any three single jumps, may include one single axel</li> </ul>



# SPIN CHALLENGE

### **GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS**

- 1. All events may be skated on half or full ice, depending on the competition announcement.
- 2. Spins may be skated in any order. Spins may not be repeated. Only the listed elements will be judged connecting steps may be performed but will not be considered.
- 3. Layback spins are not permitted in Level 1 or Level 2.
- 4. If using IJS, please see bottom of page for spin calling clarifications.
- 5. Applicable deductions:
  - a. Time Violations
    - 1. IJS for up to every 5 seconds in excess = -0.25
    - 2. 6.0 for up to every 10 seconds in excess = 0.1
  - b. Fall Deductions:
    - 1. IJS for each fall = -0.25
    - 2.6.0 for each fall = -0.1

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
LEVEL 1	1:30 max	<ul> <li>Forward upright spin (min. 3 revs)</li> <li>Backward upright spin (min. 3 revs)</li> <li>Forward upright spin to backward upright spin (min. 3 revs each foot)</li> </ul>
LEVEL 2	1:30 max	<ul> <li>Upright spin, forward or backward (min. 3 revs)</li> <li>Forward sit spin (min. 3 revs)</li> <li>Forward camel spin (min. 3 revs)</li> </ul>
LEVEL 3	1:30 max	<ul> <li>Combination spin, no change of foot, forward or backward (min. 6 revs)</li> <li>Sit spin, forward or backward (min. 4 revs)</li> <li>Camel spin, forward or backward (min. 4 revs)</li> </ul>
LEVEL 4	• Combination spin, with change of foot, forward or backward (min. 6 revs each foot) • Spin in one position, flying entry. camel, sit, upright or layback (min. 5 revs) • Spin in one position, forward or backward. Camel, sit, upright or layback. Must be different position than flying spin (min. 5 revs)	

### SPIN CALLING CLARIFICATIONS

Spins are called in a program-like fashion; therefore, spin variations may not be repeated. Except as noted below, all spins will be assessed per ISU Communications 2623 (Levels of Difficulty) and 2656 \*SOV), and ISU spin criteria and any associated "V" will be applied.

For competition events Levels 1-4:

Spin in one position: If a basic position is not achieved for two continuous revolutions, but there is a recognizable position attempted (CSp, SSp, LSp, CSSp, CLSp, CUSp), the spin will receive a Level Base.

• Level Feature: Five continuous revolutions (no change in position, edge, variation; no loss of basic position) in camel, sit, layback or Biellmann; compulsory for higher than Level Base. (Note: Unlike ISU criteria, this feature does not require the basic sit position to be in a difficult variation.) This feature may be awarded once per spin, if executed in different basic positions and/or in different difficult variations.

Combination Spin (CoSp & CCoSp): If there are not two basic positions achieved for two continuous revolutions, the spin will receive No Value.

• Level Feature: All three basic positions performed anywhere within the combination spin, with each position held for at least two continuous revolutions; compulsory for Level 1.

# COMPULSORY MOVES



### **General event parameters:**

- 1. Levels 1-4 will be skated on half ice
- 2. Elements may be performed only once.
- 3. The skater may include connecting steps between the required elements.
- 4. Music is not allowed
- 5. If using IJS, please see page 2 for spin calling clarifications.
- 6. Applicable deductions:
  - a. Time Violations
    - 1. IJS for up to every 5 seconds in excess = -0.25
    - 2. 6.0 for up to every 10 seconds in excess = 0.1
  - b. Fall Deductions:
    - 1. IJS for each fall = -0.25
    - 2. 6.0 for each fall = -0.1

LEVEL	SOLO JUMP	JUMP COMBINATION/SEQUENCE	SPIN	CHOREO/ STEP SEQUENCE
<b>Level 1</b> 1:15 max	Half Flip     or     Half Lutz	Waltz Jump + Waltz Jump + SEQ	Forward One-Foot Upright     Spin     No flying entry     No change of foot     Min. 3 revs.	Spiral on Both Legs     No Variations     Forward (FSpr1)     or Backwards     (BSpr1)     Leg must be hip level or higher for min. 3 secs.
<b>Level 2</b> 1:15 max	Single Salchow or     Single Toe Loop	Waltz Jump + Single Toe Loop	Forward Sit Spin     No flying entry     No change of foot     Min. 3 revs.	Choreographic     Sequence (pChSq)     that must be one     spiral with variation     and one of the     following:         Split Jump         Stag Jump         Falling Leaf
<b>Level 3</b> 1:15 max	Single Loop	Choice of one of the following options:  • Single Flip + Single Toe Loop  • Single Lutz + Single Toe Loop  • Single Flip + Single Loop  • Single Lutz + Single Loop	Forward Camel Spin     No flying entry     No change of foot     Min. 3 revs.	Choreographic     Sequence (pChSq)     Must be 2     different skating     movements and     clearly visible
<b>Level 4</b> 1:15 max	Double Salchow or     Double Toe Loop	Choice of one of the following options:  • Single Axel + Single Toe Loop  • Single Axel + Single Loop	Combination Spin     No flying entry     No change of foot     Min. 6 revs. total	Choreographic     Sequence (pChSq)

# COMPULSORY MOVES



### **Spin Calling Clarifications**

Except as noted below, all spins will be assessed per ISU Communications 2623 (Levels of Difficulty) and 2656 \*SOV), and ISU spin criteria and any associated "V" will be applied.

### For competition events Levels 1-4:

**Spin in one position:** If a basic position is not achieved for two continuous revolutions, but there is a recognizable position attempted (CSp, SSp, LSp, USp, CCSp, CSSp, CLSp, CUSp), the spin will receive a Level Base.

• **Level Feature:** Five continuous revolutions (no change in position, edge, variation; no loss of basic position) in camel, sit, layback or Biellmann; compulsory for higher than Level Base. (Note: Unlike ISU criteria, this feature does not require the basic sit position to be in a difficult variation.)



# **Showcase Events**

Showcase events are open to skaters in the levels listed below. Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible. Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United track. Skaters with intellectual disabilities may register for Special Olympics events. Skaters must enter at the same level as their free skate event or highest test level of skater's in the group ensemble or production number. If a free skate event is not being entered, skaters must enter at their current test level or one level higher.

Show costumes are permitted if they do not touch or drag on the ice. Costuming and make up for showcase programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance and reflect the meaning of the story or theme. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure. No bobby pins, feathers, hair accessories or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. (a 0.1 deduction will be taken). Props and scenery must be placed and removed by unaided singles and duet competitors within one minute on and off and by unaided ensemble contestants within two minutes for setup and two minutes for removal. A 0.1 deduction will be assessed by the referee against each judge's mark for every 10 seconds in excess of the time allowed for the performance, for handling props and scenery and for scenery assistance.

Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint for theatrical qualities. Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious loss of control will reduce contestant's marks. Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence. Theatrical elements evaluated will include energy, poise, acting, pantomime, eye contact, choreography, form/extension and the use of props and ice. The 6.0 judging system will be used. Deductions will be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

\* For specific guidelines regarding the conduct of showcase competitions, refer to the nonqualifying showcase guidelines posted on usfigureskating.org.

Showcase categories may include:

- Levels can be subdivided or combined, if necessary, depending on entry numbers and event set up to ensure performances
  are contested as per the guidelines. Example combined events: Character Performance and Comedic Impressions. <u>Snowplow</u>
  Sam events are limited to Lyrical Pop and Character Performance.
- **Emotional (formerly Dramatic) Performance:** Programs should portray a story, expressing conflict, resolution and/or depth of emotion. Skater should provoke an emotional response with the audience through related skating movements, gestures and choreographic processes. The entire spectrum of emotions should be considered when selecting the theme (e.g. love, loss, longing, fulfillment, happiness, melancholy, sadness, etc.).
  - Lip synching is not permitted.
  - Props and Scenery are permitted.
  - No Technical Limitations.
- Character Performance: Skaters will impersonate a character, original or adapted, on the ice. Performances as a character from a movie, musical, book, original idea, original adaptation are all welcome here.
  - Lip synching is required
  - Props and Scenery are permitted
  - No Technical Limitations
- Comedic Impressions: A humorous performance intentionally designed to achieve continuous/multiple chuckles, laughs, or audible rises from viewers. Performance is projected outward towards audience and entertaining through skating movements, gestures and physical actions deemed comedic.
  - Lip synching is permitted
  - Props and Scenery are permitted
  - No Technical Limitations
- Lyrical Pop: Perform to your favorite song containing lyrics, without lip-synching.
  - · Lip synching is not permitted
  - Props and Scenery are not permitted
  - No Technical Limitations
- **Duets/Trios:** Theatrical/artistic performances by 2 to 3 skaters.
- **Mini production ensembles:** Mini production ensembles: Theatrical performances by three to seven competitors. 2:00 maximum length.
- **Production ensembles:** Production ensembles: Theatrical performances by eight to 30 skaters. 2:30 maximum length. NOTE: Skaters may only enter one duet, one mini production, and one production ensemble.



# **Showcase Events**

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
SNOWPLOW SAM	Elements only from Snowplow Sam 1-4 curriculum	May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating tests	Time: 1:00 max
BASIC 1-6	Elements only from Basic 1-6 curriculum		
ASPIRE 1-4/ADULT 1-6/ ADULT BEGINNER/ADULT HIGH BEGINNER  No prescribed or restricted elements  No prescribed or restricted skating free skate or free dance tests		Time: 1:20 max	
PRE-PRELIMINARY	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary or any free dance test	Time: 1:20 max
PRELIMINARY	No prescribed or restricted elements.	Must have passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate or free dance test	Time: 1:30 max
ADULT PRE-BRONZE	No prescribed or restricted elements	Must have passed no higher than adult pre- bronze free skate test; see National Showcase guidelines for more specific information regarding adults	Time: 1:40 max

# Interpretive

### **COMPETITION FORMAT:**

The Organizing Committee must pre-select and edit musical choices appropriate for these events. During the warm-up, skaters will hear the selection of music twice. Following the warm-up, all skaters except for the first skater will be escorted to a soundproof lock-er room or another area of the arena. The first skater will hear the music one more time and then perform a program to the music. As each skater performs, the next skater in line will be allowed to hear the music for the third time before they perform to the music. The listening skater will not be allowed to view the performing skater.

Levels: Levels should be broken by ability with ages divided appropriately

**Judging Rules:** Skaters are judged on originality, pattern, technical (the ability to include jumps and spins) and music interpretation/ expression. Spins and jumps performed must be appropriate to competition level.

Time: Music Duration for all levels: Up to 1:30 max

**Coaching:** There is to be no instruction allowed during this event from coaches, parents or fellow skaters. Staging area must be kept clear except for ice monitor and listening competitor.



# Special Olympics

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS BADGE 1-12

Competition hosts can use the skills listed below to create either an elements event or program event for Special Olympics competitors. If doing a program, music can be used and will be 1:10 max.

### **BADGE 1**

- · Stand unassisted for five seconds
- · Sit on ice or fall and stand up unassisted
- · Knee dip standing still unassisted
- March forward 10 steps assisted

### **BADGE 2**

- · March forward ten steps unassisted
- Swizzles, standing still three repetitions
- · Backward wiggles or march assisted
- · Two-foot glide forward for distance of at least length of body

### **BADGE 3**

- · Backward wiggles or march
- · Five forward swizzles
- · Forward skating across the rink
- Forward gliding dip covering at least length of body (R and L)

### **BADGE 4**

- · Backward two-foot glide covering at least length of body
- · Two-foot jump in place
- One-foot snowplow stop (R and L)
- Forward one-foot glide covering at least length of body: (R and L)

### **BADGE 5**

- · Forward stroking across rink
- · Five backward swizzles
- Forward two-foot curves left and right across rink
- Two-foot turn front to back, in place

### **BADGE 6**

- Gliding forward to backward two-foot turn
- Five consecutive forward half-swizzles on circle (R and L)
- Backward one-foot glide length of body (R and L)
- · Forward pivot

### **BADGE 7**

- Backward stroking across the rink
- Gliding backward to forward two-foot turn
- T-stop (R or L)
- Forward two-foot turn on a circle (R and L)

### **BADGE 8**

- Five consecutive forward crossovers (R and L)
- Forward outside edge (R and L)
- Five consecutive backward half-swizzles on a circle (R and L)
- Two-foot spin

### **BADGE 9**

- Forward outside three-turn (R and L)
- Forward inside edge (R and L)
- · Forward lunge or shoot the duck at any depth
- · Bunny hop

### **BADGE 10**

- Forward inside three-turn (R and L)
- Five consecutive backward crossovers (R and L)
- · Hockey stop
- Forward spiral three times length of body

### BADGE 11

- Consecutive forward outside edges minimum of two on each foot
- Consecutive forward inside edges minimum of two on each foot
- Forward inside mohawk (R and L)
- Consecutive backward outside edges minimum of two on each foot
- Consecutive backward inside edges minimum of two on each foot

### **BADGE 12**

- Waltz jump
- One foot spin, minimum of three revolutions
- Forward crossover, inside mohawk, backward crossover, step forward — step sequence should be repeated clockwise and counter clockwise
- Combination of three moves chosen from badges 9-12



# Solo Pattern Dance

### **GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:**

- · Levels are based upon the skaters' highest pattern dance test passed
- · A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing two solo pattern dances
- The patterns to be skated depend upon which quarter of the year the competition is held. The skater will perform the two pattern dances listed for his/her level, based upon the date of the competition. If the competition falls over two quarters (for example, June 30–July 2), the dance will be selected based on the start date of the competition listed in the announcement (in this example, the second quarter).
- Skaters will complete both dances at each level. Dances will be scheduled at the discretion of the chief referee for each competition and may be competed consecutively or with a break in-between pattern dance groupings.
- · Skaters with physical disabilities may register for standard track or Skate United Track for events

PRELIMINARY			
JANUARY 1-MARCH 31	APRIL 1-JUNE 30	JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30	OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31
Dutch Waltz     Canasta Tango	Rhythm Blues     Dutch Waltz	<ol> <li>Canasta Tango</li> <li>Rhythm Blues</li> </ol>	1. Rhythm Blues 2. Dutch Waltz

PRE-BRONZE				
JANUARY 1-MARCH 31	APRIL 1-JUNE 30	JULY 1-SEPTEMBER 30	OCTOBER 1-DECEMBER 31	
1. Swing Dance 2. Cha-Cha	1 Fiesta Tango 2 Swing Dance	1. Cha-Cha 2. Fiesta Tango	1. Swing Dance 2. Cha-Cha	

### **ADULT PRELIMINARY**

Qualifications: No higher than one pre-bronze dance test (partnered, solo, standard, adult/adult 21+ or adult 50+/masters)

### SELECTED DANCES FOR THE SEASON (NUMBER OF SEQUENCES TO BE DANCED IN PARENTHESES)

Dutch Waltz (2) Canasta Tango (2)

### ADULT PRE-BRONZE

**Qualifications:** The complete preliminary dance test and no higher than one bronze dance test (partnered, solo, standard, adult/adult 21+ or adult 50+/masters)

### SELECTED DANCES FOR THE SEASON (NUMBER OF SEQUENCES TO BE DANCED IN PARENTHESES)

Rhythm Blues (2) Swing Dance (2)