

The 42nd Annual Pasadena Open Championships

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

Hosted by:



Friday, September 17 – Sunday, September 19, 2021

Pasadena Ice Skating Center

300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

ENTRY DEADLINE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

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The 42nd Annual Pasadena Open Championships 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.

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 an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

Message from The Pasadena Figure Skating Club regarding COVID-19: *The safety of our competition participants is our top priority. PFSC closely monitors the information provided by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and federal, state and local health agencies for the latest developments related to the COVID-19 pandemic. We will also follow the guidance of the USFS Board of Directors and Los Angeles County officials for total numbers of people permitted in rinks at one time, social distancing, and other best practices. There will be no dressing rooms on site. We ask that all persons wear a mask while inside the arena, except skaters during their competition performance. We will also make adjustments, if necessary, to our competition procedures in order to ensure full compliance with federal, state and local mandates. We will communicate applicable policies and procedures and provide timely updates, as they emerge. We respectfully require Pasadena Open participants to adhere to our competition directives for the safety of all.*

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition level is determined by the highest free skating test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

Age restrictions/requirements: Male skaters entering Juvenile Free Skate events must be 13 years of age or younger at the close of entries. Male skaters entering Open Juvenile Free Skate events must be at least 14 years of age at the close of entries. Female skaters entering Juvenile Free Skate events must be 12 years of age or younger at the close of entries. Female skaters entering Open Juvenile Free Skate events must be at least 13 years of age at the close of entries.

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

ENTRY FEES:

Entries will be accepted online via EMS at www.usfigureskating.org. Online entries open on July 1, 2021 and close on August 29, 2021. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password. Late entries will be subject to the approval of the Chief Referee and will be assessed a late entry fee of \$35.00. Only credit card payment will be accepted.

First Event (Intermediate through Senior SP/FS combine)	\$160.00
First Event (No Test- Juvenile and Open Juvenile SP or FS and Adult FS)	\$100.00
Compete USA/Excel Events (Basic, Free Skate, Snowplow Sam and Adult)	\$70.00
Compete USA Compulsory Moves (if the only event entered).	\$60.00
Showcase Event	\$80.00
Each Additional Singles Event	\$60.00
Each Additional Compete USA/Showcase/Excel Event	\$50.00
Pair Events (per team)	\$110.00
Synchro FS Event (per team)	\$250.00
Additional Online Processing Fee	3%
Late Fee	\$50.00

All singles and pairs events (Compulsory Program, Free Skating and Artistic) are considered separate events. The Short Program for Intermediate and above levels is part of the Free Skating event and is not subject to any additional fee.

Club permissions and Coach approval will be processed through EMS. After the completion of skater's registration, e-mails will automatically be sent to the skater's club and coach for their approvals. There will be a **\$50 charge** for event changes due to skater/coach error.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline of August 29, 2021 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. Refunds of entry fees will be made for withdrawals made prior to the close of entries. The online processing fees are not refundable. Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$35 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or competition events.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Schedule of events will be posted at the Pasadena Ice Skating Center, on the EMS Skater portal and on the Pasadena FSC website: www.pasadenafsc.com. E-mail notification will be sent when it is posted. The competition schedule is tentative and subject to change.

ARENA: The ice surface is **200 feet by 85 feet** (NHL size) and is fully enclosed. The ice rink is located on Green Street between Marengo and Euclid on the east side of the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

PARKING: Parking is available at the Pasadena Center. Enter at the "Sheraton" sign on either Marengo Street or Euclid Street. Posted signs will direct you to the parking closest to the ice rink. The parking fee is \$15.00 per day, but you may bring your parking stub to the Pro Shop for validation and receive \$2.00 off the ticket price. Parking management does not allow exit and re-entry for any reason. Other parking garages are available within walking distance of the ice rink: The Paseo Colorado Mall, directly across Green Street from the Pasadena Civic Auditorium is free for the first 90 minutes, \$1.50/half hour thereafter; The Los Robles garage- on Euclid and Green Street is \$9/day and \$6 with validation. You can also get up to 2 hours of free parking with validation from most businesses located in the Paseo Colorado Mall.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: The official hotel for the Pasadena Open Championships is the Hilton Pasadena located at 168 S. Los Robles Ave, Pasadena, CA 91101, 626-577-1000. (Official hotel subject to change.) Other hotels in close vicinity of the Pasadena Ice Skating Center are: the Hyatt Place Pasadena and the Westin Pasadena. Please contact the desired hotel directly to make reservations. The Paseo Colorado is an upscale, outdoor shopping center located across the street with many fine restaurants and boutique stores.

MUSIC: All competition music must electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music and Program Content tab no later than **September 5, 2021**. Vocal music is allowed for all events. All music must meet the following criteria:

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz- this will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- 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. It is preferred that there be NO leaders or trailers at all, which may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Failure to upload music will result in a \$10 fee. Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must have the copy available rink side during the competition. If backup is a CD, standard CD-R format only will be accepted and the CD must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event and running time.

Back-up CDs may be picked up at the registration desk following each event. All reasonable care will be taken, but the Pasadena Figure Skating Club cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, the Pasadena Figure Skating Club and the Pasadena Ice Skating Center 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.

JUDGING SYSTEM: The International Judging System (IJS) and electronic data entry will be used for the following events:

- Free Skate events, No Test - Senior
- Short program events, Juvenile – Senior
- Pairs Free Skate events, Juvenile – Senior
- Pairs Short program events, Novice – Senior
- Adult events, Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold and Masters Intermediate –Senior
- Synchro events, Pre-Juvenile Free Skate and Open Juvenile Free Skate

All competitors skating in these events need to submit a planned program content form online via the EMS Skater Portal. **The deadline to submit the form is September 5, 2021.** Program content must be entered under the Music & Program Content tab of your EMS for this competition. Failure to timely submit a planned program content form for an IJS-judged short program or free skate will result in a \$10 fee.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- Compete USA Events, Compulsory Moves, Showcase Dramatic/Light, Beginner, and High Beginner

REGISTRATION DESK: Registration will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located near the entrance of the rink. Please register promptly upon arrival. **All competitors are required to register at least 30min prior to their scheduled events.**

PRACTICE ICE:

Official practice ice schedules will be announced and posted on our website at www.pasadenafsc.com. Available practice ice sessions can be pre-purchased online via EMS Skater Portal and will be available after close of entries; walk-ons are subject to session availability. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the Main Page of your skater portal. No music will be allowed during the official practice ice. For regular freestyle sessions, please call the Pasadena Ice Skating Center for more information at 626-578-0801 or visit their website at www.skatepasadena.com. PFSC club sessions are held every Saturday (except in the months of July and August and also the Saturday of Pasadena Open): first session from 8:00 am – 9:00 am and second session from 9:00 am – 10:00 am. The fee for non-members is \$18.00 per session.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Commercial video and photography will be provided during the competition. All other videotaping and photography is restricted to hand-held/battery operated equipment (no tripods). ***No photography or videotaping will be allowed unless permission is given by the skater. Flash photography is prohibited while competitors are skating. As a courtesy to our vendors, personal video and photography is prohibited during podium shots.***

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to first through fourth place finishers for all events. If an event consists of a short program and a free skate, medals will be awarded to the overall first through fourth place finishers.

JACQUELINE S. HAAK MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Jacqueline S. Haak Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the skater who gives, in the opinion of selected judges, the most outstanding performance of the competition. Skaters from the **Juvenile-Senior levels and Adult Gold-Masters levels** are eligible to receive this special trophy. The Perpetual Trophy will be engraved with the winner's name and event and will remain in the possession of the PFSC with a replica given to the winner.

MIRAI NAGASU FUTURE STAR TROPHY

The Mirai Nagasu Future Star Trophy will be awarded to the skater who gives, in the opinion of selected judges, the most outstanding performance of the competition at the **Pre-Juvenile level and below**. This is a special trophy and does not have a perpetual component.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: Official notifications will be maintained online at www.pasadenafsc.com. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the website frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are required to arrive at least 30min prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted online prior to the competition.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Registration

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2021-22 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate. Compete USA athletes:
 - Compete USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
 - Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
 - Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
 - Compete USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through <http://www.usfigureskating.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating and through the Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors. There is no cost for this training and certification is valid for one season.

For Compete USA ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing a Compete USA Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Compete USA instructor.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events or practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. FigureSkating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

PROTOCOLS: For IJS events, a complete set of protocols for each skater/event will be available after the results are posted. Protocols and results will be available for purchase at the registration desk.

ADMISSION: Due to possible spectator restrictions from Covid-19 safety measures, there will be no charge for admission at the 42nd Annual Pasadena Open Championships.

CREDENTIALS: At the time of registration, each competitor will receive (1) competitor credential and (1) chaperone credential at no charge. One coach per skater will receive (1) credential at no charge. Each coach will need to present their USFS Coach Registration Card and a government issued ID at the registration desk to receive their credential. Each coach is required to have their credential in order to put their skater onto the ice for their event.

EVENTS OFFERED:

<i>SINGLES FREE SKATING</i> Beginner (Excel) High Beginner (Excel) No Test Pre-Preliminary Preliminary Pre-Juvenile Juvenile* Juvenile Short Program Juvenile Freeskate Open Juvenile Short Program Open Juvenile Intermediate* Novice * Junior * Senior * Adult Pre-Bronze Adult Bronze Adult Silver Adult Gold Adult Masters Int./Novice Adult Master Junior/Senior *These are combined events with both a short program and a free skate	<i>PAIRS</i> Juvenile Intermediate Novice * Junior * Senior * <i>SYNCHRO</i> Pre-Juvenile Open Juvenile	<i>SHOWCASE DRAMATIC/ LIGHT</i> No Test Pre-Preliminary Preliminary Pre-Juvenile Juvenile Open Juvenile Intermediate Novice Junior Senior Adult Pre-Bronze Adult Bronze Adult Silver Adult Gold Adult Masters Young Adult	<i>COMPETE USA SHOWCASE DRAMATIC/LIGHT</i> Basic 1-6 Free skate 1-6 <i>COMPETE USA PROGRAM EVENTS</i> Snowplow Sam Basic Skill 1-6 Free Skate 1-6 <i>COMPETE USA ELEMENTS/ COMPULSORY EVENTS</i> Snowplow Sam Basic Skill 1-6 Free Skate 1-6 <i>EXCEL COMPULSORY MOVES</i> Beginner-Preliminary <i>COMPETE USA INTRODUCTORY LEVELS COMPULSORY EVENTS</i> Beginner High Beginner <i>COMPETE USA (ADULT) FREE SKATE WITH MUSIC COMPULSORY</i> Adult 1-6
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U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competitions



EVENT: Singles Well Balanced Short Program and Free Skate

Singles events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook and USFS Well Balanced Program Requirements. Athletes and coaches are responsible for referring to the U.S. Figure Skating website for the most updated rules and requirements.

EVENT: Pairs Well Balanced Free Skate

Pairs events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook and the USFS Well Balanced Program Requirements. Athletes and coaches are responsible for referring to the U.S. Figure Skating website for the most updated rules and requirements.

**Please also note that only one person per pair team is authorized to register the team for the competition.*

EVENT: Adult Well Balanced Free Skate

Adult events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook and the USFS Well Balanced Program Requirements. Athletes and coaches are responsible for referring to the U.S. Figure Skating website for the most updated rules and requirements. IJS will be used for all Adult levels.

EVENT: Synchro Well Balanced Free Skate

Synchro events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook and the USFS Well Balanced Requirements. Athletes and coaches are responsible for referring to the U.S. Figure Skating website for the most updated rules and requirements. IJS will be used for Pre-Juvenile and Open Juvenile.

EVENT: Excel (Beginner, High Beginner)

Excel events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook and the USFS Well Balanced Requirements. Athletes and coaches are responsible for referring to the U.S. Figure Skating website for the most updated rules and requirements.

SHOWCASE EVENTS- 2021-2022

Competitors placing first, second and third place in a contested or combined event will qualify for 2022 Nationals Showcase. Please visit usfigurekating.org for the date and more detailed information about the Nationals Showcase competition.

Showcase events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook and the USFS Showcase Competition Guidelines. Athletes and coaches are responsible for referring to the U.S. Figure Skating website for the most updated rules and requirements. Current guidelines and procedures for non-qualifying competitions can be found at www.usfigureskating.org, under the "Skating Opportunities- Showcase" tab.

- A. No Test
- B. Pre-Preliminary through Senior
- C. Adult

EVENT: Showcase Events – Dramatic Entertainment

Format:

- a) Programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
- b) Props and scenery are permitted.

EVENT: Showcase Events – Light Entertainment

Format:

- c) Showcase program that should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions.
- d) Props and Scenery are permitted.

General event parameters:

- a) Level will be determined by the highest free skate or dance (solo or partnered) test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
- b) The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline.



This competition segment is open to all skaters who are current members of a Learn to Skate USA Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. Non-members are eligible to register for the competition but must be a registered Learn to Skate USA or U.S. Figure Skating member to compete.

Compete USA events will be conducted in accordance with the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook and the Compete USA Competition Manual. Athletes and Coaches are responsible for referring to the U.S. Figure Skating website for the most updated rules and requirements.