

The 43rd Annual Pasadena Open Championships

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

Hosted by:



Thursday, September 15 – Sunday, September 18, 2022

Pasadena Ice Skating Center

300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, CA 91101

ENTRY DEADLINE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022 8:59pm Pacific Time

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The 43rd 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 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 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.

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS):

This competition is approved for the 2022-23 National Qualifying Series (NQS) in SINGLES, Juvenile – Senior.

For the 2022-2023 season, the Competitions Committee has proposed a National Qualifying Season combining the stand-alone October qualifying competitions, Regional (singles) and Sectional (pairs and ice dance) Challenges, into approved series competitions from mid-July to late September allowing athletes to advance to the Sectional Singles, U.S. Pairs and U.S. Ice Dance Finals in November 2022 and culminating with the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships and National Development Camp in January 2023 (San Jose, California).

Beginning July 1, athletes/team wishing to participate in the qualifying season may register via the [EMS Series Application](#). The Series Application is the key requirement for qualifying registration AND replaces regional/sectional registration from July 15 – September 1. All interested athletes (including potential and known byes) MUST complete this step.

Without a completed/paid series application prior to the start of this competition, your scores will NOT count towards [National Qualifying Series Standings](#) – no exceptions. For some, this may mean completing registration for an approved NQS competition prior to the EMS Series Application.

For additional information, review the NQS Athlete Handbook [here](#).
Questions can be directed to events@usfigureskating.org.

INVITATIONAL SERIES: This event is part of the Southern California Inter-Club Invitational Series. Top point scorers at the end of the season will be invited to the Invitational Final. Please see the Southern California Inter-Club Association website at <http://www.socalinterclub.org> for more information.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test Level: competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering or one level higher.

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 there are large entries for National Qualifying Series (Juvenile – Senior) events, the Referee may choose to break the event into two or more seeded groups per the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Athletes will remain in the same groups for each applicable segment. **There will be NO consolation or final rounds for NQS.**

Please note, there will be NO segment-only competitive events for NQS levels (i.e. Intermediate Men's Short Program, only Intermediate Men's Combined).

EMS COMPETITION REGISTRATION

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only. Online registration using the U.S. Figure Skating EMS Portal is the ONLY method available to enter the competition. The registration deadline is **August 28, 2022, 8:59pm PT**. Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee. We recommend using this link to our competition page: <https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/30692>

All late registrations are at the discretion of the Competition Committee and a \$50 late fee will apply.

To register:

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or for Compete USA events, enter your Learn to Skate USA member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "Pasadena Open Championships" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one minor athlete must complete SafeSport training. *

Minor Athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email skatesafe@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

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 28, 2022 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. Email 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 be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music and Program Content tab no later than **September 5, 2022, 8:59pm PT**. 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 have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cellphone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector an appropriate adapter, such as the 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. We recommend using the EMS and Competition Portal link:

<https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/30692>

MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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) will be used for the following events:

- Combined events: Intermediate – Senior
- Short program event segments: Juvenile- Open Juvenile
- Well Balanced Free Skate events: No Test- Juvenile/Open Juvenile
- Excel events
- Adult Well Balanced events: Pre-Bronze through Masters Intermediate –Senior

All competitors skating in these events are required to submit a planned program content form online via the EMS Skater Portal. **The deadline to submit the form is September 5, 2021, 8:59pm PT.** After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$10 late fee.** The late fee will be automatically added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite. We recommend using the EMS and Competition Portal site: <https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/30692>

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

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The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- Well Balanced Free Skate events: Beginner and High Beginner
- Compete USA events
- Showcase events
- Synchro events: Open Juvenile, Aspire Preliminary

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 one hour 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 the 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: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the Pasadena Ice Skating Center. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are required to arrive one hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

INFORMATION FOR ALL COACHES: To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. *
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. *
- ✓ **If athlete is participating in the National Qualifying Series, coach 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)

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 USFS Coach Registration 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. Figure Skating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

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: \$5/day, \$15/all event pass; free admission for persons under 12 years of age

CREDENTIALS: At the time of registration, each competitor will receive (1) credential at no charge. One chaperone per skater will receive (1) credential at no charge.

LOCKER ROOMS: Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available at this competition. All Athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up, etc.)

COMPETITION TEST CREDIT: In accordance with Rules TR 3.00, 4.01 and 4.02, athletes may receive credit for meeting minimum scores at any competition held under the International Judge System (IJS). The athlete must "skate-up" to the event they are seeking test credit for, in addition to having already passed any prerequisites prior to the competition event.

Events eligible at 2022 Pasadena Open Championships: Singles Free Skate: Open Juvenile, Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior and Adult Gold

CRITIQUES: As an approved National Qualifying Series competition, no critiques will be offered at this event – for any level or discipline.

EVENTS OFFERED:

<p align="center">SINGLES WELL BALANCED</p> <p>2022-2023 Well Balanced Short Program Requirements</p> <p>2022-2022 Well Balanced Free Skate Requirements</p> <p>No Test Pre-Preliminary Preliminary Pre-Juvenile Juvenile Short Program Juvenile Freeskate ** Open Juvenile Short Program Open Juvenile Free Skate Intermediate * ** Novice * ** Junior * ** Senior * **</p> <p>Adult Pre-Bronze Adult Bronze Adult Silver Adult Gold Adult Masters Int./Novice Adult Masters Junior/Senior Adult Well Balanced Free Skate Requirements</p> <p>*These are combined events with both a short program and a free skate</p> <p>**These are NQS events</p>	<p align="center">EXCEL</p> <p>Excel Free Skate (High Beginner/ Beginner) Compete USA Excel Free Skate</p> <p>Adult Excel (High Beginner/Beginner) Compete USA Adult Excel Beginner/High Beginner</p> <p>Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary-Senior) Excel Program Requirements</p> <p align="center">SYNCHRO</p> <p>Aspire Preliminary Aspire Synchro Program Requirements</p> <p>Open Juvenile 2022-23 Synchronized Program Requirements</p>	<p align="center">SHOWCASE DRAMATIC/ LIGHT</p> <p>No Test- Senior Adult</p> <p>Showcase Individual Entertainment Program Requirements</p>	<p align="center">COMPETE USA</p> <p>2021-2022 Compete USA Manual</p> <p align="center">COMPETE USA SHOWCASE DRAMATIC/LIGHT</p> <p align="center">COMPETE USA PROGRAM EVENTS WITH MUSIC</p> <p>Snowplow Sam- Basic 6</p> <p>Pre-Free Skate- Free Skate 1-6 Program</p> <p>Adult Beginner/High Beginner Adult 1-6</p> <p align="center">COMPETE USA ELEMENTS/ COMPULSORY EVENTS</p> <p>Pre-Free Free Skate 1-6 Adult 1-6</p>
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