



Orange Blossom Open Competition Operations & Safety Plan

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Overall Event

- **U.S. Figure Skating Waivers are a requirement for ALL skaters.** The online waivers must be completed via [Members Only](#) prior to the competition, instruction [here](#). Upon entering the rink area (Clearwater Ice Arena) there will be a large sign asking if the person entering has had any of the symptoms of Covid-19 or exposure to anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19. By entering the rink area, that person will be certifying that they have not.
- Masks must be worn at all times inside the facility by everyone over the age of 2 years
- Skaters may take off their masks when they are on the ice. There will be plastic bags available near the ice entrances that the skater may use to put their masks in and hand to their coaches to hold. Skaters must replace their mask once they exit the ice.
- The following link provides information on masks that are recommended by the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#anchor_1604966572663
- Two chaperones will be allowed entry per competitor to the event and also at practice ice. Each competitor will be given two chaperone/spectator wristbands at registration. These wristbands must be worn by any spectators that are attending the event. They are exchangeable, meaning a skater may gift their wristbands to someone else if they do not need them.
- U.S. Figure Skating requires that all athletes 17 and under be accompanied by ONE chaperone who is over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook
- Skate Order and Results will only be posted online at www.tampabayskatingclub.org
- Medals will be awarded for 1st – 4th Places for all Compete USA events. For all other events medals will be awarded to 1st- 3rd place finishers. All medals can be picked up at the entrance to the arena
- Changing rooms/ locker rooms will be closed throughout competition. *The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) reserves the right to alter locker room availability and logistics due to health protocols in place in Florida at the time of the competition. Participants will be notified ahead of time regarding any change.*
- Please arrive at the facility dressed and ready to skate

Schedule

As of 20 June, a detailed schedule for the competition and for practice ice purchase will be available at www.tampabayskatingclub.org. Skaters and coaches will be expected to arrive no earlier than 45 mins before their competition event and 20 mins before practice ice. No individual will have access to the facility without appropriate supervision. Ushers will lead athletes and their chaperones to the appropriate locations for off-ice warm up, access to the ice and out of the building. If a skater does not have an event within the hour, they and their chaperones will be asked to exit the rink area. They may return to the rink no earlier than 45 minutes ahead of their next event.

Building Access and Layout

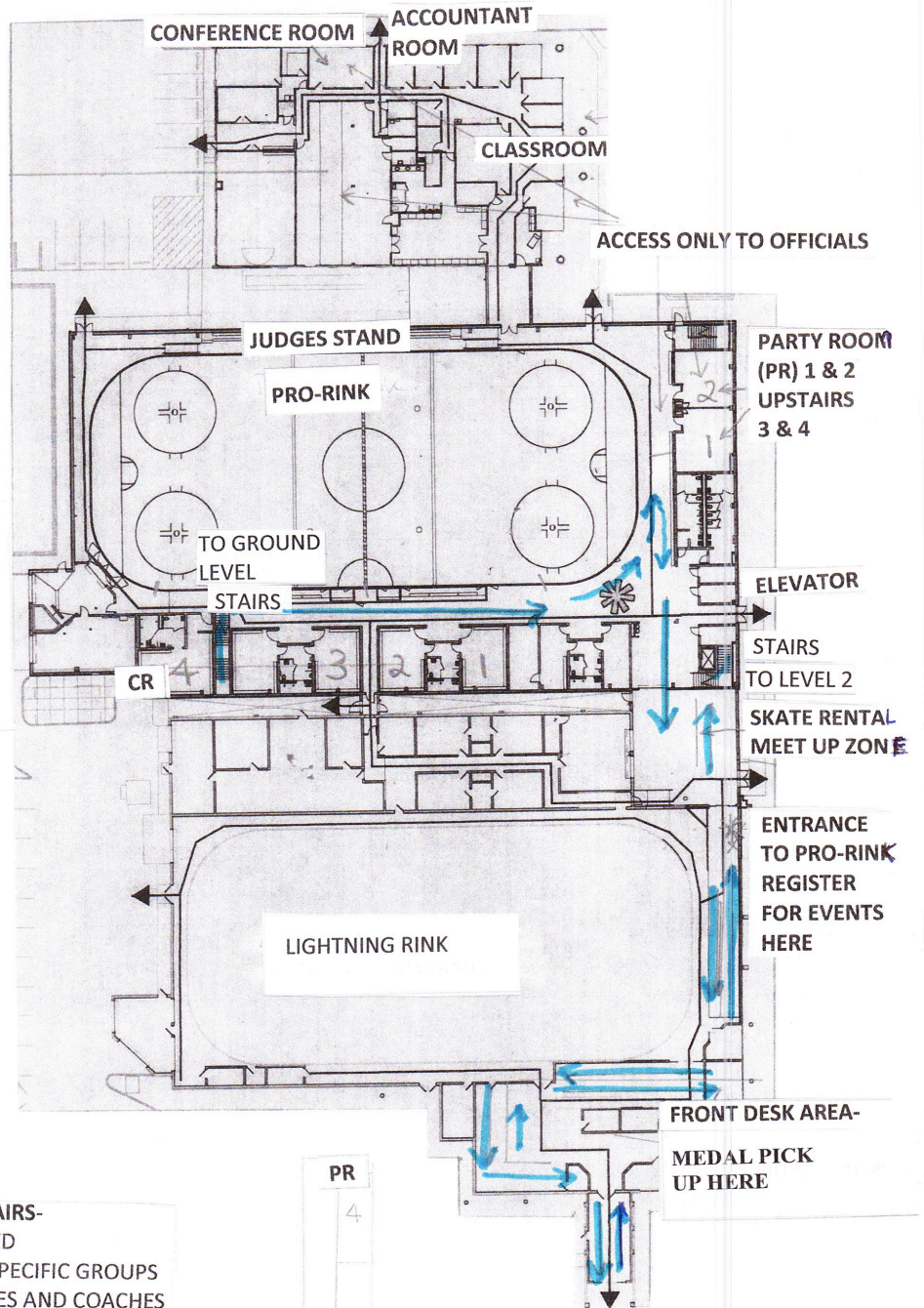
Pathways have been established within the building to provide for social distancing and minimize contact between groups. Skaters and their chaperones will not be permitted access to the building any earlier than 45 mins before the competitor's event. Skaters who miss their arrival time will be escorted to the appropriate area in accordance with their schedule. Detailed layouts and pathways are shown below for Skaters, Chaperones, Coaches and Officials under the respective subheadings on page 3-11.

EVENT FLOW: SKATER (follow blue arrows)

- Masks must be worn at all times inside the facility by everyone over the age of 2 years. However, competitors may take off their masks when they are on the ice. The competitor may place their mask in a single plastic bag, found at the entrance to the ice, and give it to their coach. When the competitor exits the ice, the bag will be handed back to the skater.
- Please bring only what you can carry as you will need to carry all items as you move from station to station.
- Competitors will be allowed to check in 20 mins before Practice Ice and/or 45 mins before their Competition Event at the Registration area located at the entrance to the Pro-Rink.
- At Registration, skaters will meet their assigned Usher (Ambassador). The Usher's job is to make sure that each skater is in the right place at the right time. Please help them by adhering to their instructions and be on time.
- After registration, the Usher will escort each designated group of Competitors (6-8) upstairs to the zones (A1 & A2) designed for off-ice warm up.
- Chaperones (spectators) will follow their skaters upstairs to Area 1 and 2 warm up zones and then stay in Area 3 seating zone to watch their skater's performance. An elevator is available. Family members will be allowed in the same elevator, otherwise 1 person will be allowed per elevator.
- Skaters will be asked to set their belongings in a designated area in the warm up zones before warming up.
- 20 minutes is allocated for off-ice warmup.
- 15 mins is allocated for skaters to put on their skates. When one group of skaters enters and exits the ice, via 2 gates, clearly marked, the Usher will take the next group of skaters with their coaches down the far end stairs and direct them to designated seating rink-side to put on their skates or meet their coach if the coach already has a skater on the ice.
- Skaters should already be dressed for the competition. There will be **NO CHANGING ROOMS AVAILABLE**. Once one group of skaters have finished their performances, then they will return to

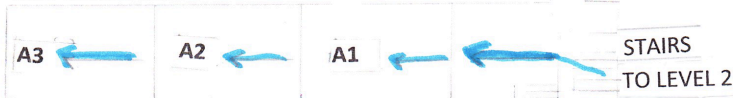
the same seating to untie their skates. The Usher will then lead them and their chaperones out of the arena provided a skater does not have another event within the hour. If a skater has another event within the hour, then they and their chaperones may remain in the rink at the rental skate area (adjacent to registration area). Here, the usher will pick them up again when their group is called for warm up upstairs.

- COMPETITORS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE STANDS/ CHAPERONE SEATING
- Results will be posted online approximately 45 minutes after the event is complete
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- Competitors and chaperones must leave the facility until online results are live and may only return to collect medals one hour after their event



LEVEL 2
WARMUP AREA UPSTAIRS-
AREA 1 & 2 -RESTRICTED
 TO SKATERS IN THEIR SPECIFIC GROUPS
 AND THEIR CHAPERONES AND COACHES

AREA 3 RESTRICTED ONLY TO
 CHAPERONE VIEWING
 (SEATING AVAILABLE)



ENTRANCE TO ARENA
 ALL OFFICIALS/ SKATERS/
 CHAPERONES/ COACHES
 ENTER AND EXIT HERE

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- The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook
- At Registration, skaters and chaperones will meet their assigned Ushers. The Usher's job is to make sure that the chaperones/spectators are in the right place at the right time. Please help them by adhering to their instructions and being on time
- At competition, Chaperones will follow skaters through Area 1 and 2 warm up zones upstairs and remain in Area 3 designated seating area upstairs to watch their skater's performance. An elevator is available. Family members will be allowed in the same elevator, otherwise 1 person per elevator. Chaperones will be allowed to watch their skater's practice session in the seating provided in Area 3 warm up zone. They will not be permitted rink-side.
- After each group of competitors have completed their programs, the usher will direct the chaperones from the seating area down the far end stairs, and to the Skate Rental area Meet up Zone to meet their skater and then leave the arena with them if their skater does not have another event within the hour. If a skater has another event within the hour, then they and their chaperones may remain in the rink at the rental skate area (adjacent to registration area). Here, the usher will pick them up again when their group is called for warm up upstairs.
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