



31st Annual Orange Blossom Open Competition

Tampa Bay Skating Club

July 14 -17, 2022

Registration Deadline Sunday, June 12th, 2022

Clearwater Ice Arena, 13940 Icot Blvd, Clearwater FL 33760

The Tampa Bay Skating Club is pleased to offer competitive skating to those newer to ice-skating in Compete USA, together with Excel Free- Skate level competition from Beginner through Senior, as well as Adult, Solo Dance and No Test through Senior Well-balanced Free Skate events.

Orange Blossom Open is also a participating competition within the 2022 Solo Dance Series.

Chief Referee: Gregory Cannon

Chief Accountant: Amy Fairchild

Technical Controller: Lori Dunn

Technical Accountant: Chuck Mlynarczyk

The Orange Blossom Open 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 is currently registered as a member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

COVID-19 EVENT POLICIES:

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

Chaperones/Spectators: Two chaperones/spectators per athlete will be permitted free of charge. U.S. Figure Skating requires that all athletes 17 and under be permitted ONE chaperone.

U.S. Figure Skating Waivers are a requirement for ALL athletes.

Solo Dance Series

The 2022 Orange Blossom Open is a participating competition within the 2022 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2022 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2022 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at:

[Solo Dance Series Handbook \(usfigureskating.org\)](https://www.usfigureskating.org/solo-dance-series-handbook)

Please refer to the 2022 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

You do not need to be a registered participant in the 2022 Solo Dance Series to participate in these events: - Solo Pattern Dance, Solo Combined Dance (juvenile-Senior only) and Shadow Dance.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Competition level is the highest 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 may not skate down any event.

Age restrictions/requirements for Well-balanced Juvenile and Open Juvenile and above 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.

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) reserves the right to limit entries in each category and the right to combine, divide or cancel groups. There will be separate groups for girls and boys, where possible, at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

ADULT EVENTS:

Age classes for all free skate, and showcase events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

Age classes for all solo free dance and solo pattern dance events:

- Young Adult/Class I/II: 18 years through 45 years
- Class III/IV/V: 46 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the Chief Referee and/or the competition committee. Men and ladies will be combined through Adult - Bronze free skate events (based on the [Adult Competition Series rules](#)), and all levels of Solo Dance, Solo Free Dance, and Showcase events. Men and ladies will not be combined in adult silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The Chief Referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

COMPETITION EMS REGISTRATION:

Deadline for online entries, without late fees is no later than **11:59Pm EST June 12, 2022**

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.

Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, 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 "2022 Orange Blossom Open" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.

If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org

Entries after June 12th, 2022 will be *accepted with \$50.00 late fee*. NO entries will be accepted after June 19th 11:59pm 2022. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available through EMS.

FOREIGN SKATERS:

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition. This can be done by choosing the "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

PARTNERED EVENTS:

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

Mandatory Athletes:

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

Minor Athletes who turn 18 mid-seasons 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.

FACILITY:

The competition will be held at **Clearwater Ice Arena, 13940 Icot Blvd, Clearwater FL 33760**. The Rink has twin surfaces – The competition and practice ice will be hosted on the Professional Rink (North Rink) only, which measures 85'X200'. It has rounded corners and hockey barriers, 4 locker/dressing rooms and 2 party rooms, along with a Varsity Room and a large upstairs space overlooking the ice surface. The Lightning Rink, which is closest to the entrance and snack bar area may be used for practice sessions if schedule cannot accommodate all sessions in the Pro Rink.

Admission fee of \$5.00 per day will be charged for spectators age 13+ (children 12 and under are free)

EVENT CHANGE FEE: PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR COACH REGARDING YOUR PROPER LEVEL PRIOR TO REGISTRATION. Any requests for event/level changes (not due to LOC error) after registration has been received may be subject to a \$25 change fee.

No changes to the schedule will be allowed due to personal or family conflicts. No changes will be made after the entries are sent to the Chief Referee.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after 12th June 2022 deadline for on time entries. All late entries, if accepted, are non-refundable unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Payment of all fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate on the practice ice or in any event.

The LOC and Chief Referee reserve the right to limit entries and make logistical policy modifications, both on and off ice, in response to recommended health protocols, ice availability and scheduling needs. Any cancelled events will be fully refundable except for small processing fee.

SCHEDULE: The competition event times and practice ice schedule **WILL NOT** be available prior to **June 25th 2022**. Notification of competition and practice ice times will NOT be available by phone, mail or email. Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available and is able to be viewed in the [EMS Competition Portal](#).

[EMS Competition Portal](#) is accessible after login on members only. Skaters will be able to manage their Music and PPC, purchase of Practice Ice, viewing the Competition Schedule and updating coach information. Coaches can view their personal schedule, manage their skaters and listen to music or view entered PPC.

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music electronically to [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **2 July 2022 at 11:59PM** ET. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$50 late fee per event with music**. (e.g. if a skater is competing in freestyle and showcase, she/he will be subject to \$50 late fee). If the skater is late and locked out of EMS, the skater will need to work with the music coordinator to get their music submitted. The late fee per event will automatically be added to the skater's cart who does not 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.

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3
- 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. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD or digital copy (if you are accepting digital back up such as on a phone or memory stick) as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **2 JULY 2022 AT 11: 59PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$50 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each

skater's cart who do not 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.

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, (Tampa Bay Skating Club) and (Tampa Bay Skating Academy) 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.

CHECK IN: Check-in will begin on **Thursday 14th of July @ 10:00AM**. The registration table will open each day, one hour prior to the first event of the day and will remain open throughout each day of the competition. Competitors need only register for their First event. Admission will be charged for spectators in excess of two persons permitted per athlete.

The registration table will be located at the entrance doors to the Pro rink arena. To reach it, all attendees will be required to enter through the front entrance doors to the Clearwater Ice arena. All attendees are expected to wear and provide their own PPE/ masks on site.

CHANGING AREAS: There will be **2** changing/ locker room areas provided for Females and **1** changing/locker room provided for males. Skaters are encouraged to arrive dressed in costume but, in the event that the skater has several events in the same day, changing rooms may be used. Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

The Skatesafe locker room policy for posting can be found [here](#).

The 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 changes. Tampa Bay Skating Club's Operations and Safety Plan will be located on our website - www.Tampabayskatingclub.org

PRACTICE ICE: Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions on [EMS](#) as of 25 June when the Competition schedule will also be posted. All skaters can indicate number of sessions they want and pay for them on line at a cost of \$30.00 per 20 mins. After 2 July, practice ice can be reserved at \$35.00 per 20 mins. Additional practice ice will be available

for purchase during the competition and will cost \$35.00 on EMS. In the event that skater is unable to use EMS to purchase practice ice, purchase may be made at Registration Desk if space is available. **Practice ice fees are non-refundable.**

EMS PRACTICE ICE: To be announced

EMS (SKATER) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES: link for skaters to access information

- **Orange Blossom Open**
- **Skater: [Pre-Purchase](#) and [Selection | Open Sales](#)**

Practice Ice Requirement

- **Singles Sessions: no more than 24 athletes**
- **Pairs Sessions: no more than four teams**
- **Ice Dance Sessions: no more than five teams**

PHOTO/VIDEO: Individual videotaping will be permitted in designated areas ONLY. No TRIPODS. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY PLEASE.

However, Competition fees do include a video of each event the skater participates in. Video services are provided by Gabriele Photography. The videos can be accessed via a download link provided within 1 week of the competition. Family/friends will also be able to view the live stream during the event.

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each event. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finishers in Compete USA events. Pick-up will be at the registration area following the posting of results for their event.

INDIVIDUAL CRITIQUES will be offered on a first come first serve basis. **LOC reserves the right to limit critiques based on officials availability.**

OFFICIAL NOTICES: It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the competition website and EMS frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive **45 minutes** prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

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 (Open Juvenile and up). 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.

How To: skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may **request their test credit packet on EMS**. The test credit fee will be \$10 per test.

IMPORTANT NOTICE 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.

EMS Coach Resources

[My Competitions](#)

- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

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

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *

- The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
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- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

www.usfsaonline.org → Person Icon  or Account → Member Profile → Compliance

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

ACCOMODATION:

Official Hotel

Holiday Inn St. Petersburg N-Clearwater

3535 Ulmerton Rd.

Clearwater, FL 33762

727-577-9100

2.9 miles from Arena

Shuttle service available

\$99.00/night (does not include breakfast)

[Click here to book now](#)

or please mention the Orange Blossom Open when calling to make your booking. Group block will be released on June 22nd, 2022, so book now and change later as discounted rate will not be available if booking after this date. Rate will become available once dates within the event block are selected.

AIRPORT INFORMATION

Tampa International Airport (TPA) is 25 mins (15.5 miles) from Clearwater Ice Arena

St Pete/Clearwater International Airport is 8 mins (3.1 miles) from Clearwater Ice Arena

QUESTIONS:

Please e-mail any questions to our Competition Chair Alex Nacsa at:

Tbsc.competition@gmail.com

Please visit the Club Website for schedule and updates: www.Tampabayskatingclub.org

Please do not call the Clearwater Ice Arena or Tampa Bay Skating Academy regarding the competition.

SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+ EVENT
Excel Free Skate	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
PAIRS	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+ EVENT
Short Program	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Free Skate	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Adult Pairs Free Skate	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
PARTNERED ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+ EVENT
Pattern Dance	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Rhythm Dance	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Free Dance	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Adult Pattern Dance	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Adult Free Dance	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+ EVENT
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION**	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+ EVENT
Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Duets (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Interpretive	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69
Mini Production Ensemble	6.0	\$139	\$99	\$69

SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd+ EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (participating in series)	IJS	\$199	\$149	\$99
Solo Free Dance (not participating in series)	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$199	\$149	\$99
Shadow Dance	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
Adult Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$169	\$119	\$79
COMPETE USA EVENTS				
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$99	\$69	\$49
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$99	\$69	\$49
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$99	\$69	\$49
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$99	\$69	\$49
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$99	\$69	\$49
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$99	\$69	\$49
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$99	\$69	\$49
2021-22 Compete USA Manual				



TAMPA BAY SKATING CLUB PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT

The Tampa Bay Skating Club is proud to host the 2022 Orange Blossom Open Competition July 14-17, 2022. This competition is held at the Clearwater Ice Arena, in Florida and is one of the largest non-qualifying figure skating competitions held in the south. We expect over 125 competitors, their chaperones, coaches as well as officials.

We invite you to submit an advertisement to be printed in the program, which will be available to all participants and spectators during the competition as a PDF available online. The program format is 5 1/2" X 8 1/2", or "booklet size." We ask that advertisers submit camera-ready artwork, but if you need an ad made, please send what you have and we will be as creative as possible. The advertising deadline is May 31, 2022. Ads received after that date will be included to the best of our ability if time and layout permit.

Your support of the 2022 Orange Blossom competition and the Tampa Bay Skating Club is greatly appreciated. Programs will be available during the three days of the competition, which is open to the public. Thank you for your participation.

For more information and to purchase advertisement, sponsor the event or give a skater "shout out":

Follow the link below

[Tampa Bay Skating Club Donations and Sponsorships](#)

To give a skater Shout-Out, click on Donations/Sponsorship tab and then select skater shout-outs to support your skater.