

33rd Annual Orange Blossom Open Competition

Tampa Bay Skating Club July 11 - 14, 2024 Registration Deadline Sunday, <u>June 16, 2024</u>

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 Pre-Pre through Senior Well-balanced Free Skate events.

Orange Blossom Open is also a participating competition within the 2024 Solo Dance Series.

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I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Orange Blossom Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</u>, and/or current Compete USA handbook as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating <u>website</u>.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA[®] member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the <u>rulebook</u> for more information.

SOLO DANCE SERIES

The 2024 Orange Blossom Open is a participating competition within the 2024 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2024 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2024 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at: <u>Solo Dance Series</u>

Please refer to the 2024 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 2024 Solo Dance Series to participate in these events: Solo Pattern Dance, Solo Combined Dance (Juvenile-Senior only) and Shadow Dance.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.
 - If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate).

However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).

- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to information sheet <u>HERE</u> or email <u>events@usfigureskating.org</u>.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance)

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

EVENTS OFFERED

<u>Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate –</u> <u>Compete – Program Requirements</u>

This event will follow program requirements for the 2024-25 season.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd + Event Price
Excel Free Skate	IJS	\$179	\$129	\$89
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$179	\$129	\$89
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$179	\$129	\$89
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$179	\$129	\$89
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	IJS	\$179	\$129	\$89
PAIRS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd + Event Price
Short Program	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
Free Skate	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
Adult Pairs Free Skate	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
PARTNERED ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd + Event Price
Pattern Dance	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
Rhythm Dance	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
Free Dance	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
Adult Pattern Dance	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
Adult Free Dance	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd + Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$149	\$109	\$79
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Pre-Pre.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$149	\$109	\$79
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$149	\$109	\$79
Jumps Challenge (Aspire Low/High, Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$149	\$109	\$79
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$149	\$109	\$79
Spins Challenge (Aspire Low/High, Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$149	\$109	\$79
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$149	\$109	\$79
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$149	\$109	\$79
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$149	\$109	\$79
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd + Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$149	\$109	\$79
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$149	\$109	\$79
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$149	\$109	\$79
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$149	\$109	\$79

Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$149	\$109	\$79
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$149	\$109	\$79
Interpretive	CJS	\$149	\$109	\$79
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$200	N/A	N/A
Production Ensemble	CJS	\$200	N/A	N/A
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd + Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (participating in series)	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$179	\$129	\$89
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
Shadow Dance	IJS	\$179	\$129	\$89
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$209	\$159	\$109
Adult Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$179	\$129	\$89
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd + Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$109	\$79	\$49
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$109	\$79	\$49
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$109	\$79	\$49
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$109	\$79	\$49
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$109	\$79	\$49
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$109	\$79	\$49
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$109	\$79	\$49

OUR COMMUNITY

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the <u>SkateSafe® Program Handbook</u> for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the <u>U.S.</u> <u>Figure Skating Rulebook</u>.

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit <u>www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe</u> or email <u>SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org</u>.

COMPLIANCE

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <u>https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance</u>.

COACHES

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found <u>HERE</u>. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

<u>Coaches of foreign athletes</u>: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "<u>My Coaches</u>" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

- My Competitions
- My Skaters
- Coach Schedule

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport[™] Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice 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 compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email <u>skatesafe@usfigureskating.org</u> for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS

Online registrations will be accepted via <u>EMS</u>. Payment must be made at the time of registration by <u>credit card only</u>. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: June 16, 2024 at 11:59pm ET

Late Registration Deadline: June 23, 2024 ET + \$50 Late Fee

*The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

- 1. Go to www.usfsaonline.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 <u>memberservices@usfigureskating.org</u>.
- 3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
- 4. Choose "Orange Blossom Open" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

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.

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 (<u>click here for HOW TO</u>). This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the <u>Members Only</u> login page.

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.

How To: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may **request their test credit packet on EMS**. The test credit fee will be \$15 per test.

CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK

Individual critiques will be offered on a first come first serve basis. **LOC reserves the right to limit critiques based on officials' availability**. Critiques will be available for \$25 each and can be purchased in EMS.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **June 26**, **2024 at 11:59pm EST**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$50 late fee per segment with music** (e.g. if a skater is competing in freestyle, showcase or any combined event, the skater will be subject to \$50 late fee for each event/segment that music is not uploaded by the deadline). If the skater is locked out of EMS, the skater will need to work with music coordinator to get their music submitted. The late fee, per event, will automatically be 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.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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 have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an 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.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD - FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **June 26, 2024 at 11:50pm EST**. 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 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.

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after June 16, 2024 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.

<u>LIABILITY</u>

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA[®], 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES

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 events and practice sessions if schedule cannot accommodate all sessions in the Pro Rink.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

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 under 11 years old 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 in the <u>SkateSafe® Handbook</u>.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING TRAVEL POLICY

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe® Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the <u>SkateSafe® Handbook</u>.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES

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 pertaining to the competition.

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.

<u>SCHEDULE</u>

The competition event times and practice ice schedule **WILL NOT** be available prior to June 30, 2024. 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.

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.

PRACTICE ICE

Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions on EMS as of June 30, 2024, when the Competition schedule will also be posted. All skaters can indicate the number of sessions they want and pay for online at a cost of \$30.00 per 20 mins. After July 7, 2024, practice ice can be reserved at \$35.00

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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 the 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.

Types of Practice Ice Available

- Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI)
 - o 20 minutes
 - No music will be played
 - Single sessions: no more than 24 athletes
 - Pairs sessions: no more than four teams
 - Ice Dance sessions: no more than five teams
- <u>Click Here for a Pre-Purchase How-To Document</u>
- <u>Click Here for a Selection How-To Document</u>
- <u>Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document</u>

ONSITE CHECK-IN

Check-in will open on **Thursday July 11, 2024 at 10:00 am.** The registration table will be 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.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to <u>download or print your</u> <u>compliance card</u> to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact <u>skatesafe@usfigureskating.org</u> at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

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.

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.

V. COMPETITION DETAILS

ACCOMODATIONS

Official Hotel

Holiday Inn Express Clearwater East – Icot Center

13625 Icot Blvd. Clearwater, Florida 33760 727-536-7275

Call in or click below \$139.00/night, book before June 12th Reserve now and change later <u>Click Here to book</u>

Secondary Hotel

Hampton Inn & Suites Clearwater/St. Petersburg-Ulmerton Road, FL

4050 Ulmerton Rd. Clearwater, Florida 33762 \$139.00/night, book before June 28th Reserve now and change later <u>https://group.hamptoninn.com/3islqq</u> <u>Click Here (same as above)</u>

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Competition Co-Chairs: Jackie Addis and Alex Nacsa

Please e-mail any questions to our Competition Co-Chairs at: <u>Tbsc.competition@gmail.com</u>

Or, our competition registrar, Lindsey Van Es at: tampabaysc.coordinator@gmail.com

Please visit the Club Website for schedule and updates: <u>www.Tampabayskatingclub.org</u>

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.



TAMPA BAY SKATING CLUB PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM

The Tampa Bay Skating Club is proud to host the 2024 Orange Blossom Open Competition July 11-14, 2024. 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 175 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, 2024. Ads received after that date will be included to the best of our ability if time and layout permit.

Your support of the 2024 Orange Blossom competition and the Tampa Bay Skating Club is greatly appreciated. Programs will be available during the four days of the competition, which is open to the public. Thank you for your participation.

All advertisement, donations and sponsorships can be made through the club website at <u>www.Tampabayskatingclub.org</u>

Please click on the link below to donate, sponsor or advertise.

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