



30th Annual Orange Blossom Open Competition

Tampa Bay Skating Club

July 16 -18 2021

Registration Deadline Friday, June 12th, 2021

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 2021 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 INFORMATION:

- **All attendees are always required to properly wear face coverings** over their nose and mouth and secured under their chin while in a facility (exception: skaters may remove when on the ice). This is not only for your protection, but for the protection of others and is applied to all attendees.
- **Social distancing must be maintained at all times.** The CDC recommends a distance of 6 feet and separate pathways will be established within the venue (minimizing crossover and contamination).
- **Chaperones/Spectators:** Two chaperones/spectators per athlete (this would include coach). 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.**

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, 2021**

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.
Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Go to www.usfsaonline.org

1. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or in the case of Compete USA events, your "Learn to Skate" Member number and password.

If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.

2. Click EMS, then Select the "Competition Registration"

Choose "Orange Blossom Open" from the list of nonqualifying competitions

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

Entries after June 12th, 2021 will NOT be *accepted*. 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 safesport@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 Lightning Rink, located closest to the front entrance and snack bar area will be closed for maintenance during competition.

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.

No Admission fee will be charged for spectators

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 2021 entry deadline 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 20th 2021**. Notification of competition and practice ice times will NOT be available by phone, mail or email.

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 **11 July 2021 at 11:59PM**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 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.

Please note that without the skater's music being submitted and approved correctly, the skater will forgo their practice ice, the cost of which will not be reimbursed.

Physical Media (cd's) WILL NOT be accepted or touched. BACKUP should be ON A DIGITAL DEVICE, on a phone or laptop, in case of any technical difficulties and must be

available rink side during competition. These devices will be sanitized before being handled.

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **2 JULY 2021 AT 11: 59PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 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](#)

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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 **Friday 16 July @ 7:00AM**. 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. No admission fee will be charged for spectators.

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 where they will have their temperature checked first. All attendees are expected to wear and provide their own PPE/ masks on site.

CHANGING AREAS: There will be **NO** changing/ locker room areas. Skaters will be expected to arrive dressed in costume.

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 20 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 \$20.00 per 20 mins. After 2 July,

practice ice can be reserved at \$25.00 per 20 mins. Additional practice ice will be available for purchase during the competition and will cost \$25.00 at the Registration Desk. 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 12 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. 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 not be offered.

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.

With EMS, a coach must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the skater's 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

[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:

TownePlace Suites St Petersburg/ Clearwater

13200 49th St North, Clearwater, FL 33762

Please note: - A competitor rate is accessible through the Tampa Bay Skating Club website

Tel: 727 299 9229

Holiday Inn Express Clearwater East Icot Center

13625 Icot Blvd, Clearwater, FL 33760

A cheaper skater rate

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[Tel:- 727 536 7275](#)

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 Co-Chairs: Nadine Allan-Vaught and Alex Nacsa at:

Tbssc.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 (All events)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Well Balanced Short Program (21/22)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Well Balanced Free Skate (21/22)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
PAIRS	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Short Program (21/22)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Free Skate (21/22)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Adult Pairs Free Skate	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
PARTNERED ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Pattern Dance (21/22)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Rhythm Dance (21/22)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Free Dance (21/22)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Adult Pattern Dance	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Adult Free Dance	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
SHOWCASE – <u>NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION</u>**	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Duets (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59
Interpretive	6.0	\$129	\$89	\$59

SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (participating in series)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Solo Free Dance (non-series events for points)	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Shadow Dance	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
Adult Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$159	\$109	\$69
COMPETE USA EVENTS				
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$94	\$64	\$49
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$94	\$64	\$49
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$94	\$64	\$49
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$94	\$64	\$49
Adult 1-6	6.0	\$94	\$64	\$49
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$94	\$64	\$49
Compete USA Manual				

Solo Dance Series

The 2021 Orange Blossom Open is a participating competition within the 2021 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2021 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2020 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/system/files/2021%20SDS%20Handbook.pdf>

Please refer to the 2021 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 2021 Solo Dance Series to participate in these events: - Solo Pattern Dance, Solo Combined Dance (juvenile-Senior only) and Shadow Dance.



TAMPA BAY SKATING CLUB PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM

The Tampa Bay Skating Club is proud to host the 2021 Orange Blossom Open Competition July 16-18, 2021. 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. 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, 2021. Ads received after that date will be included to the best of our ability if time and layout permit. Your support of the 2019 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.

Advertiser Name or Company

Address

Phone Contact Person

- _Back Outside Cover \$200.00
- _Inside Front Cover \$150.00
- _Back Inside Cover \$150.00
- _Full Page \$100.00
- _Half Page \$75.00
- _Quarter Page \$50.00

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE TAMPA BAY SKATING CLUB, INC.

Mail to: Tampa Bay Skating Club 255 Forest Lakes Blvd. Oldsmar, FL 34677

To the attention of: Orange Blossom Program**Please do not submit into Entryeeze
2021 Orange Blossom Open Competition