

TCFSA



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Hosted by the Twin City Figure Skating Association

August 15th-17th, 2019

The TCFSA 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 which 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 is a currently registered member 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.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

ELIGIBILITY and Test Level: The Competition is open to all registered US Figure Skating members in good standing who are residents of the state of **Minnesota AND home club** members of a Minnesota US Figure Skating Club as of July 7th, 2019. Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, in the discipline the skater is entering.

- 1) Skaters must compete at the highest freestyle test level passed
- 2) Skaters cannot skate up a level at the TCFSA Open Competition

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering no test through pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

ENTRIES: Fees are **\$105.00** for the Pre Preliminary through Senior levels. **Online Registration is required** and is available via secured credit card transaction at TCFSA.ORG and serviced by EntryEeze. Upon receiving your online registration, an email will be sent to the skater's coach to verify the accuracy of the entry and to the skater's home club to certify the skater's standing within the club. As part of the entry fee, skaters will receive one complementary video of their event.

ENTRY DEADLINE: There will be **NO LATE ENTRIES** accepted after **11:59PM on Sunday, July 7th, 2019**. There are no exceptions to this deadline.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after **JULY 7th, 2019** unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Contested credit card charges will be issued a \$25.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: **FACILITIES:** The competition will be held at:
Bloomington Ice Garden
3600 West 98th Street
Bloomington, MN 55431

The Bloomington Ice Garden has two ice surfaces each measuring 85 feet x 200 feet and one ice surface measuring 100 feet x 200 feet. A concession stand and will be available during the competition.

MUSIC: Music will be played from CD's and must be clearly labeled with the competitor's name and competition event. **Hard sided "jewel cases" will not be accepted. The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in.** A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the TCFSA cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. Please have separate CDs for practice and competition. **Skaters are not registered until their music has been turned in at the registration desk and YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON PRACTICE ICE UNTIL YOU ARE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED.**

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Twin City Figure Skating Association and the Bloomington Ice Garden 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 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events.

REGISTRATION: The registration desk will be open one hour prior to the first scheduled practice time on Thursday, August 15th and will remain open during all scheduled events and practice sessions. All notices will be posted at the registration table in the lobby of the arena. Please register promptly upon arrival.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: The TCFSA Open will be following the Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy included in the SafeSport Handbook.

PRACTICE ICE: Official practice ice is **NOT** included in the entry fee, but practice ice for **THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th** may be purchased in advance through the EntryEeze system. **Thursday, August 15th, 2019 is the only day practice ice is available in the competition arena and the only day of ice available for pre-purchase. ONLINE purchases of practice ice are for THURSDAY, AUGUST 15th ONLY and will be \$15.00 pre-paid via credit card. Skaters will only be allowed TWO practice ice sessions on Thursday.** The practice ice sessions will be leveled, are 20 minutes in length and limited to 18 skaters per session and may begin as early as 6:00 AM on Thursday. After the closing of entries, skaters who have pre-purchased sessions will be able to pick their ice times via EntryEeze. You will not be able to pre-purchase any practice sessions for Friday and Saturday online, however, practice ice will be available via the registration desk. Once the registration desk is open on Thursday, August 16th, skaters may purchase Friday and/or Saturday sessions in person at a cost of \$20.00 per session. Music will not be played during practice ice.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: The event will offer official photography and videotaping services. **VIDEO will be provided by Perkins Media and IS INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE.** Registration fees for individual registrants include one FREE video of your choice compliments of the Twin City Figure Skating Association. Please bring a thumb drive for the videographer to download your video. Thumb drives will also be available for purchase from the videographer. A "free video" coupon will be provided in your registration package. Additional videos will be available for purchase for most events.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented during the course of the competition. Please check with the registration desk for time and location.

*Individual Awards will be presented to the top four (4) skaters in all final round events.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the registration desk.

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 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the following requirements:

Coaching U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2018-19 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Coaching Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through www.usfsaonline.org for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive 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. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at your competition, a background check and SafeSport Training is not required. Instead, the coach must submit a letter from their Federation stating they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact Nancy Kaufmann at icesnice1102@gmail.com.

AREA HOSPITALITY:

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at

RENAISSANCE MINNEAPOLIS BLOOMINGTON

5500 American Boulevard West

Bloomington, MN 55437

USA TEL: +1-952-345-1244

Rooms will be \$99.00 per night and should be reserved by July 27th, 2019. Please mention the

EVENTS OFFERED

EXCEL FREESKATE: Pre Preliminary through Senior

*Skaters must compete at the highest freestyle test level passed.

General event parameters:

1. Skaters may not enter both the MN State Championships (Well-Balanced Free Skate) event and the TCFSFA Open (EXCEL Free Skate) events at the same nonqualifying competition.
2. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
3. Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed.
4. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in () following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
5. The following deductions will be taken:
 - 0.1 from each mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
 - 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element included.
 - 0.1 from the technical mark for any spin that is less than the required minimum revolutions.

Excel program free skate events will follow the 2019-2020 season requirements located on the US Figure Skating website at this link:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=91447&menu=programs>

Events will be run in accordance with the Excel Technical Handbook on the Excel Program webpage, regardless of which judging system is used.

2019 TCFSA OPEN Sample Entry Form
All registrations MUST be completed online at www.entryeeze.com.
The registration deadline is 11:59 PM on July 7th, 2019

Skater's Name:		U.S. Figure Skating #	
Date of Birth:		Sex:	
Address:			
Email:			
Cell phone:			
Name of parent or guardian:			
Highest MITF test:		Highest free skate test:	
Home figure skating club:			
Coach name:		Coach U.S. Figure Skating#	
Coach email:		Coach cell phone:	

EVENTS: *Registration fees for individual entrants include one FREE video of your choice compliments of Twin City Figure Skating Association.

Free Skate Program Events	Fee	X	
Pre-Preliminary	\$105.00		
Preliminary	\$105.00		
Preliminary Plus	\$105.00		
Pre-Juvenile	\$105.00		
Pre-Juvenile Plus	\$105.00		
Juvenile	\$105.00		
Juvenile Plus	\$105.00		
Intermediate	\$105.00		
Novice	\$105.00		
Junior	\$105.00		
Senior	\$105.00		

ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE UNLESS AN EVENT IS CANCELED.

Certification of Competitor: The Competitor is eligible to enter the events checked. It is agreed that the competitor and family holds the TCFSA and the Bloomington Ice Garden harmless from any and all liability either during practice or the competition and from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property.

Instructor/coach has verified that the skater/team is entered in the correct level.

The Program Director/Club Officer has verified that the skater/team is in good standing.