

Swan Synchro Skate 2021
Hosted virtually by
Swan City Ice Skaters
February 20, 2021



The 26th Annual Swan Synchro Skate competition will be a virtual event and while it is not a US Figure Skating sanctioned event, it 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 synchronized teams comprised of members who are eligible, restricted, reinstated, or readmitted persons, as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club, or an individual member in accordance with the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Refer to the current rulebook regarding eligibility of non-U.S. citizens.

In addition to judging your program we will also be offering Best of Elements events. Teams that are unable to connect or have not had enough ice time to complete their program may be interested in competing in one or more of the elements found here: [Best of Elements Events](#)

ELIGIBILITY/TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1 preceding this competition.

- This competition is not requiring that Moves in the Field test requirements be met, except for the max allowed at the Learn to Skate USA levels (Snowplow Sam Synchro and Synchro Skills 1-3)
- The Best of Elements events will be offered to all divisions. Teams can enter one or more element events, even if the element is not part of your well-balanced program for the season.

ENTRIES:

- Entry deadline – February 3, 2021 12:59PM ET

All teams are required to register online via the U.S. Figure Skating Event Management System (EMS). Anyone listed as a team manager or coach for a team in their Members Only Team Profile will be able to access the registration system. Registration for the competition is not considered final until online payment has been received. Online payment via credit card is the only form of accepted payment for registration in EMS.

Foreign Teams: contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org for additional instructions on how to register for this competition.

Registration Process:

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>.
2. Use your personal member number and password to login.
3. Click the **BLUE** “EMS Event Management System” button.
4. Choose “Competition Registration – Teams” from the menu.
5. Select the team you would like to register for competition.
6. Click the REGISTER NOW button for Swan Synchro Skate.
NOTE: Only the competitions for which your team(s) are eligible will appear.
7. Walk through the on-screen registration process which will include:
 - a. Team Verification: confirm the team’s information is accurate.
 - b. Registration Overview: review general information about the competition.
 - c. Event Selection: Confirm the event you are registering the team for is accurate.

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- d. Competition Roster Selection: Click the “**Add Skaters**” link. The screen will display all skaters listed in your Main Roster. Check the box next to a skater’s name to add them to the competition roster.
- e. Coach Information: Click the “**Add Coaches**” link. The screen will display all coaches listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to a coach’s name to add them. Only the coaches who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add coaches who are listed in your Team Profile.
- f. Team Service Personnel Information: Click the “**Add Team Service Personnel**” to add attending team service personnel. The screen will display team managers and team service personnel listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to a name to add them. Only the team service personnel who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add team service personnel who are listed in your Team Profile.

8. Payment via credit card will be required to complete your registration as it is the only accepted form of payment for registration in EMS. Registrations are not considered complete until an invoice confirmation via email has been received. A 3% processing fee will be assessed at check-out.

NOTE: Payment must be submitted individually for each team’s registration. If you are planning on registering multiple teams in a short period of time, it is recommended that you contact your credit card company to prevent anti-fraud systems from being activated.

Event Type	Entry Fee
All Events (except Synchro Skills)	\$200 per team
Synchro Skills	\$100 per team
Individual Element – “Best of”	\$50 per event

Synchro Skills 1-3 events will be run in accordance with the Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual (a maximum of 6 teams per group). For Synchro Skills levels, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they will be able to “skate up” one level.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after the ENTRY DEADLINE unless no competition exists or is canceled. The online processing fees are non-refundable.

PPC and MUSIC: All teams are required to upload their competition music and, if competing in an IJS event, submit their planned program content to their Team Portal in EMS by the **music and PPC deadline: February 3, 2021 12:59 AM ET**. All music and PPC submissions must be made via the Team Portal in the Event Management System (EMS) under the Music and Program Content Tab. After the deadline, music and PPC can no longer be uploaded online. Questions regarding upload? Email productsupport@USFigureSkating.org.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating and the Swan City Ice Skaters FSC accept no responsibility for damages or injuries sustained by any participant in this event. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

VIDEO:

Program videos should be uploaded to our google drive using this form: [Team Video Submission Form](#) and Best of Element videos should be uploaded using this form: [Best of Elements Video Submission Form](#) on or before February 3, 2021. We have a [Video Tip Sheet](#) which provides information on how to video your program. Do not edit or email your video before uploading which could reduce resolution.

JUDGING: With the exception of 6.0 teams, all teams will be judged using the International Judging System (IJS).

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All teams competing in a level judged under IJS will be required to submit Planned Program Content (PPC). PPCs must be submitted online via the Team Portal in EMS.

A GOE and component-based judging system will be used for 6.0 events (details will be available on our website).

Judging for the Best of Elements events will use a GOE type system with one mark encompassing the following GOE criteria: shape/spacing, unison, speed/flow, and edge quality.

INFORMATION REGARDING ALL COACHES: To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating non qualifying competition, a professional coach or choreographer:

- ✓ 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 proper payment for, information for, and successfully pass a background check.
- ✓ Must complete the CER SafeSport training course and any additional courses as required in MR 5.12 effective starting July 1, 2018.
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Foreign coaches will be required to present the LOC with a letter, from their federation, verifying they are a member in good standing

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained on the Swan City Ice Skaters website, www.swancityiceskaters.org. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information.

TEAM PHOTOS: Team photos will also be used in the live stream prior to showing scores. Photos should be the original from your camera, not edited or emailed (which can reduce the resolution). Use this form to upload your photos to our google drive: [Team Photo Submission Form](#):

MERCHANDISE: Information will be posted to the competition website when available.

EVENT STREAMING: The event will be streamed at no charge to competitors. Best of Element entries may be streamed. All results will be posted along with team photos on Facebook and our website.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE: The schedule for the critiques and the streamed event will be posted on the event website and emailed to team contacts as soon as possible AFTER the final CLOSE OF ENTRIES deadline.

RULES/ISU COMMUNICATIONS: See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications. <http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: <https://www.swancityiceskaters.org/page/show/1287604-swan-synchro-skate-2021>
For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Erin Williams	swansynchroskate@gmail.com	920-392-9483
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