

2020 SKATE VEGAS CHAMPIONSHIPS



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Vegas Golden Knights Center of Excellence



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EMS Registration Process via
www.usfsaonline.org
2020 EXCEL SERIES and
2020 NATIONAL SOLO DANCE
SERIES Participating Competition



The SKATE VEGAS Championship 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 also sanctioned by Skate Canada. Rules may be adjusted for Skate Canada participants to accommodate the current Skate Canada rulebook (i.e. for program length).

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or re-admitted 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. Competitors may also be currently registered members of Skate Canada. If skater is not a member of either U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada, please refer to the U.S. Figure Skating rule book regarding entry rules.

SERIES INFORMATION:

2020 Excel Series: Vegas Golden Knights Center of Excellence is pleased to announce we have been chosen as a qualifying competition for the 2020 Excel series. As an Excel Series event, skaters entered in the Series at eligible levels will earn points for their placement here in order to qualify for the National Festival to be held in Strongsville, Ohio June 18-21, 2020. Skaters must be registered for the Excel Series prior to competing at a designated competition or by March 1, 2020. Skaters interested in participating in the series need to complete the online Excel Competition Series registration form and pay the fee by March 1. Please refer to the Excel Series Handbook available at:

https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/2020_Excel_Series_Handbook.pdf

Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same non-qualifying competition. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels. Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or "skate up" to one level higher.

NATIONAL SOLO DANCE SERIES INFORMATION: Skate Vegas 2020 is a participating competition within the 2020 Solo Dance Series. Each skater who registers with U.S. Figure Skating as a participant in the 2020 Series will receive a Solo Dance Series Participant number upon successful payment and registration. This registration and number is required to enter the competition as a Series participant and accrue points. Skaters will no longer receive a Solo Dance participation # - please enter zeros in that field since we no longer use it.

Please see Page 9 of Competition announcement for more information.

Please refer to the 2020 Series Handbook available at:

[National Solo Dance Series Information](#)

National Solo Dance Series Handbook 2020

https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/2020_Solo_Dance_Handbook.pdf

The National Solo Dance Final will be held in Kalamazoo, MI, September 10-13, 2020.

Combined Solo Pattern Dance Selections

March 1 – June 9, 2020

Juvenile: Tango Fiesta

Intermediate: Fourteen Step

Novice: American Waltz

Music Requirements

Music for all events is Skater's Choice:

"All music for Solo Dance Series events is Skater's Choice. Each skater must upload a piece of music for each event, even if they are using a track from the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Music webpage.

Failure to Upload Music

In the event a skater fails to upload their pattern dance music by the music upload deadline as stated in the competition announcement or on the competition website, the local organizing committee or music official may select one of the appropriate tracks (not the Warm Up track) from those available on the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Music website for the pattern dance to be competed."

Canadian and Foreign Skaters may enter the Excel and Solo Dance events but are not eligible to qualify or compete in the Excel Final Festival or the National Solo Dance Final.

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 they may not skate down in any event.

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements.

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years of age or younger; Boys – 13 years of age or younger

Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years of age or older; Boys – 14 years of age or older

Intermediate must be under the age of 18

Adults must be 21 years of age 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.

ENTRIES: Online registration using the U.S. Figure Skating Event Management System (EMS) via www.usfsaonline.org is the ONLY method available to enter the competition.

The registration deadline is March 27, 2020.

For U.S. Figure Skating/Learn to Skate USA Members:

- Go to www.usfsaonline.org
 - ❖ Need help with member number and/or password?
 - ◆ U.S. FIGURE SKATING: Email memberservices@usfigureskating.org
 - ◆ LEARN TO SKATE: Email memberservices@learntoskateUSA.com
Provide First Name, Last Name & Date of Birth
- Select EVENTS on the top left of the home page
- Then click on "Registration & Administration" and "Event Registration & Information"
- Under Non Qual. Registration, select "2020 SKATE VEGAS Championship"

**For assistance with registration, please email EMSsupport@usfigureskating.org with MEMBER NUMBER and EVENTS.

CANADIAN AND FOREIGN SKATERS: Canadian and foreign skaters intending to register for this competition must set-up a non-member to access U.S. Figure Skating's registration site. If you have questions or need assistance with the online registration process, email EMSsupport@usfigureskating.org.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Any refunds are subject to LOC and a \$25 fee may be applied. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and 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.

SCHEDULE: Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available by phone or email.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at the City National Arena, 1550 Pavilion Center Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89135. It is located in Summerlin which is west of the Las Vegas Strip. The Rinks are 200'x85'. There is a snack bar located in the lobby and the Mackenzie River Pizza Restaurant Bar & Grill is on the second floor, which overlooks the double rink facility. <https://www.citynationalarenavegas.com/>

LIGHTING/CURTAIN:

All Showcase programs will be performed under full arena lighting. A curtain will be used during showcase events. The curtain will be placed in such a manner that it will take up approximately ¼ of the ice surface. Showcase participants will need to adjust their programs accordingly.

MUSIC: The **EMS Skater Portal** is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. If your music is not available at the time of registration, you can logout of your account and return to the EMS Skater Portal later to upload your music at a later date but music MUST be submitted no later than April 17, 2020. Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment.

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

- Programs per file: One [1] - Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. Free Skate) per file is allowed.
- File Format: mp3 - The uploaded file music must be an mp3 file (MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 Audio Layer III). Simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable.
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).
- Maximum file size: 10 MB
- Maximum run time: Five [5 minutes]
- ID3 Metadata [tags]: None - The Chief Music Coordinator strongly recommends that mp3 files DO NOT contain any ID3 metadata, commonly called tags. This is especially true of any embedded images such as album cover art, picture of the skater, etc. Please, NO EMBEDDED IMAGES!
- Maximum leader: Two [2] seconds] - The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO leader.
- Maximum trailer: Two [2] seconds] - The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual track. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO trailer.

Backup Music at Event (CDs): In addition to submitting the music online, all competitors/teams must also have at least one [1] backup copy of their competition music on CD, AT RINKSIDE, during the actual competition event or official practice. CDs must meet the following requirements:

- In standard Audio CD format (Compact Disc Digital Audio). Other formats, including mp3 are NOT acceptable.
- Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two [2] seconds.
- Due to the compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable "CD-RW" discs.

PLEASE, no CD-RWs! The LOC, competition officials, and volunteers exercise reasonable care when handling CDs. However, they are not responsible for damage to or loss of any CDs. The LOC is not responsible for CDs not picked up by the end of the competition. Those CDs will be destroyed.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Vegas Golden Knights Center of Excellence, the Vegas Golden Knights Organization, and the City National Arena accepts 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 International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events: All Well Balanced Events : No Test through Senior, and Excel Events Pre-Preliminary -Senior, Adult Silver, Gold, Adult Masters Intermediate-Novice, Masters Junior-Senior. For Solo Dance events a modified IJS System will be used.

All competitors skating in these events must submit a planned program content form (PPC) online via the EMS Skater Portal. **The Planned Program Content form must be completed before Midnight on April 17, 2020.**

The 6.0 Judging System will be used for: Compete USA, Snowplow Sam, Basic Skills 1-6, Pre Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Excel Beginner and High Beginner, Adult Pre-Bronze, Adult Bronze , and all Interpretive and Showcase events.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on January 22, 2020 at 12:00 am and end at 11:59 pm on March 27, 2020. The registration desk will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the lobby of the rink. Please register promptly upon arrival.

Final Rounds: Based on the number of entries, if an IJS Well Balanced event has more than 1 Group we may offer final rounds.
For Example: Preliminary Girls Group A, B and C
The top 3 in each group will qualify for a FINAL Round for that event. The Final Round for the event will be either Friday or Saturday Evening.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: Locker Rooms will not be available. Please come to the arena dressed and ready to compete.

PRACTICE ICE: Depending on the number of applicants, practice ice for the competition may be offered through the competition committee. If offered, final details for scheduling practice ice will be made available to competitors through the EMS Portal on or near April 10, 2020.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Cynthia Slaughter Photography and Coronado Videography will be available for purchase at the rink during the competition. All other videotaping and photography is restricted to hand held battery operated equipment, without monopod or tripod. No photography or videotaping, except by the official photographer, without the express permission of the person being photographed or videotaped is allowed. Photography or videotaping for any commercial purpose is strictly prohibited. Flash photography is prohibited at all times during the competition.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to first through fourth place winners for all events.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the rink lobby. 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.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non-qualifying 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 2019-20 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>

Test Session - Thursday April 23 8am- 3pm approximately

All test levels Pre-Pre-Senior MIF and FS

All Dance levels: Preliminary-Gold and International Pattern Dances and Free Dance

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact Skate Vegas Competition Co-Chairwomen: Michelle Freter #702-340-2579 and Amber Miller #702-808-9559
skatevegascompetition@gmail.com
Chief Referee: Amelia Keene #702-218-0543 thekeeneteam@gmail.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Airport information: McCarran International Airport

Lodging:

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Red Rock Casino Resort and Spa
11011 W Charleston Blvd.
Las Vegas, NV 89135
702-797-7777

Calling in reservations:

Guest pay reservations can be made by calling our reservations department at 1-800-678-2846 and stating you have a corporate account code.

Call-in code: CITYNATL

Online reservations:

Guest pay reservation can be made online by clicking on the provided link below, and inserting your web booking ID next to the "Offer Code" field.

Offer code: CITYNATL

Web link: <https://www.sclv.com/Hotels>



SUNCOAST Hotel and Casino
9090 Alta Drive
Las Vegas, NV 89145
702-636-7111

Please note your special group code is: **ZCITY20** for January 1 through and including December 28, 2020. The reservation code is required to access your program rates either on-line or toll-free. We encourage you to book their reservations on-line

at <https://www.bconnectedonline.com/resnetf.php?Sczcity20>



4321 W. Flamingo Rd
Las Vegas, NV 89103
702-942-7777

Call in and online code for Ivory Tower – CITYNATL
Call in and online code for Fantasy Tower – CITYNATLT2
Call in and online code for Palms Place – CITYNATLT3

Web link: <https://www.palms.com/booking>

COMPETITION EVENTS:

Event Type	1 st Event	2 nd Event
Program with Music (Snowplow Sam - Freeskate 6, Excel Beginner, High Beginner, Adult Pre Bronze - Bronze) - 6.0	\$60	\$40
Excel Freeskate IJS (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	\$125	\$40
Well Balanced Freeskate IJS (No Test-Senior)	\$125	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Silver - Gold-Mstr Jr/Sr) IJS	\$125	\$40
Showcase Duets (Basic 1 - Senior, Beginner, High Beginner, Teen, Young Adult) (Only 1 skater needs to register)	\$60 (total) \$30 Per Skater	\$40
Showcase Light (Basic 1 - Senior, Teen, Young Adult, All Adult Levels)	\$60	\$40
Showcase Dramatic (No Test - Senior, Teen, Young Adult, All Adult Levels)	\$60	\$40
Showcase Interpretive (Freeskate 1 - Senior, Teen, Young Adult, All Adult Levels)	\$60	\$40
Solo Pattern Dance (Preliminary - International)	\$80	\$40
Combined Dance Events (Juvenile-Senior)	\$80	\$40
Therapeutic Skating (Therapeutic 1-14)	\$60	\$40

EVENT REQUIREMENTS:

Learn to Compete

- Program with Music: Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 - [Compete USA Manual](#) (page 8)
- Program with Music: Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 - [Compete USA Manual](#) (page 10)

Excel Events

- Excel Free Skate: Beginner - Senior - [Excel Program Requirements](#) (page 1-4)

Singles

- Well Balanced Free Skate: No Test - Senior - [2019-2020 Singles FS Chart](#)
- Singles Short Program: Intermediate - Senior - [2019-2020 Singles SP Chart](#)
- 2020/2021 Rules will be allowed for the Short Programs [2020-2021 Singles SP Chart](#)

Adult Singles

- Adult: Pre Bronze- Bronze Free Skate - [Compete USA Manual](#) (page 17)
- Adult: Silver - Senior Free Skate - [2019-2020 Adult Singles Free Skating Requirements](#) (page 1-2)

Showcase -Showcase events will take place on Sunday April 26, 8am-12. A curtain will be used and all warm-ups will take place behind the curtain.

- Showcase Light: Basic 1 - Freeskate 6, Adult Beginner - Pre-Bronze - [Compete USA Manual](#) (page 19-20)
- Showcase Light: No-Test - Senior, Beginner, High Beginner, Teen, Young Adult, Adult Bronze – Masters - [2020 Showcase Guidelines](#) (page 9)
- Interpretive: Pre-Freeskate - Senior, Beginner, High Beginner, Teen, Young Adult, All Adult Levels - [Compete USA Manual](#) (page 21)**
- Showcase Dramatic: No-Test - Senior, Beginner, High Beginner, Teen, Young Adult, Adult Bronze – Masters - [2020 Showcase Guidelines](#) (page 9)
- Showcase Duets: Basic 1 - Freeskate 6, Adult Beginner - Pre-Bronze - [Compete USA Manual](#) (page 19-20)
- Showcase Duets: No-Test - Senior, Beginner, High Beginner, Teen, Young Adult - [2020 Showcase Guidelines](#) (page 9)

Solo Pattern Dance -Pattern Dance music shall be “Skaters Choice”. No music will be played during event warm up.

https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/2020_Solo_Dance_Handbook.pdf

- Preliminary - Dutch Waltz & Tango Canasta
- Pre-Bronze - Cha Cha & Tango Fiesta
- Bronze - Hickory Hoedown & Ten Fox
- Pre Silver – Fourteen Step & European Waltz
- Silver – American Waltz & Tango
- Pre Gold - Paso Doble & Blues
- Gold - Quickstep & Argentine Tango
- International - Silver Samba & Midnight Blues

Solo Combined Dance Events - Pattern Dance music shall be “Skaters Choice”. No music will be played during event warm up.

[CombinedSoloDanceEvents](#)

- Juvenile- Tango Fiesta & Solo Free Dance
- Intermediate - Fourteen Step & Solo Free Dance
- Novice - American Waltz & Solo Free Dance
- Junior - Rhythm Dance - Tea Time Foxtrot & Solo Free Dance
- Senior - Rhythm Dance- Finnstep & Solo Free Dance.

Shadow Dance Events - No music will be played during event warm up.

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- Preliminary - Rhythm Blues
- Pre Bronze - Tango Fiesta
- Bronze - Willow Waltz
- Pre-Silver- Foxtrot
- Silver - American Waltz
- Pre-Gold - Blues
- Gold/International - Quickstep

Team Skills Challenge- A fun club team event.

For Skaters from No Test through Senior. Teams consist of 4 skaters, male or female. The team will perform as a group and perform unifying steps prior to spotlighting each member performing an

element. All teams for each level will be on the ice together. One member of each team will be required to do one of the four elements (all elements must be completed). Choose one element for each skater. The Elements are: 2 jumps and 2 spins chosen from the highest

allowed level in that group. Elements will be judged against the other teams' elements. Each skater will be awarded one mark for technique. The team performance shall not exceed 2 minutes. May be skated to music or performed with no music.

Events:

- **No Test Team** - For Basic Skills, PreFS, FS-1-6 and No Test Skaters. (elements only from these levels)
- **Preliminary Team**-Pre-Preliminary -Pre Juvenile level Skaters (elements only from these levels)
- **Intermediate Team** - Juvenile-Novice level Skaters (elements only from these levels)
- **Senior Team** -Junior-Senior level Skaters (elements only from these levels)

Therapeutic Skating (Therapeutic Level 1-4)

Therapeutic skating is open to skaters with a disability. Therapeutic Level is done off ice in ice skates. Levels 2-14 will take place on the ice. Programs can be done with or without music. If music is used, it cannot exceed 1:10.

Adaptive Skating Curriculum

https://www.usfsa.org/content/Curriculum_THERAPEUTIC%20SKATING.pdf

Adaptive Skating Manual

<https://www.usfsa.org/content/Adaptive%20Skating%20Manual.pdf>

PLEASE NOTE: It is the responsibility of the coach and skater to check with the USFSA website for all rule updates and changes. The links in this document were in use at the time of publication. Should links be unavailable, please use the website search bar for the appropriate event elements or rules.

Click [here](#) for USFSA website

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