

Battle of the Blades

Hosted by the



October 2-4, 2020

The Battle of the Blades Competition 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.

COVID-19: A detailed overview of competition processes and policies that will be implemented to maintain the safety of all event attendees will be communicated prior to the start of competition via email and pre-event zoom call(s) for all attendees. Please review "[How to Protect Yourself & Others](#)" from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to help you understand the policies being so you are aware of the planning process, however all is subject to change.

More information can be found at <https://www.usfigureskating.org/coronavirus>

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

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 or two levels above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event (TN 250).

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 17 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: Entry to the competition must be completed online through U.S. Figure Skating's [Event Management System](#) (EMS).

FEES:

- \$125 First IJS Event, \$60 each additional event
- \$75 First 6.0 event, \$35 each additional event

REFUND POLICY: 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.

ONLINE REGISTRATION:

Registration will begin **Aug 27th, 2020** and end on **Sep 10th, 2020 at 11:59pm ET** via EMS.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition-registration/>
 - a. For best experience, the Google Chrome browser is recommended
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click the blue EMS button
4. Click "Competition Registration"
5. Choose Battle of the Blades from the list of competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

SCHEDULE: Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. Skaters will be provided with a detailed schedule with arrival, registration, warm up, skating, and exit times. Skater schedules will be available on the official competition website and communicated via email.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION: Check-in and registration will be located at the front door of the main lobby of the facility. Registration will be open one hour before the first practice or event and run through the last event of the day, however all skaters will have a registration time built into their detailed schedule.

Health screenings, including temperatures, will be taken each time you enter the facility. Additional details around event health protocols will be communicated with the skater detail schedule.

CREDENTIALS: Skaters, chaperones, coaches and officials will need to pick up credentials at the registration desk. All credentials will be sanitized and placed in the zip log bag.

ADMISSION POLICIES:

- Masks are always required to be worn for all admitted persons including athletes (unless skating) and a temperature check required upon entrance.
- A credential or event ticket will be required to enter the venue.
- One chaperone per athlete age 17 and under will be permitted. The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- Spectators will be allowed for the actual competition time and escorted in and out by a competition volunteer and can only access designated area of arena with specific seating.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: Skaters will be required to come dressed for their practice or an event. Locker rooms will not be available for the entire event. A space for putting on skates will be provided on-site.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Sportone Parkview Icehouse facility located at 3869 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Phone (260)387-6614
website <https://sportoneparkviewicehouse.com/>

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club, and Sportone Parkview Icehouse

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 International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- all Preliminary through Senior "Well Balanced Program" free skate events
- all Juvenile through Senior Short Program events
- all Preliminary through Senior "Excel" events
- all Excel Plus events
- Adult Free Skate events Silver and above

All other events will be judged using 6.0 system.

EMS SKATER PORTAL: Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Skater Portal for this competition. This is where the skater will manage the music and PPC upload, as well as purchase practice ice, view the competition schedule (once available) and update coach information. To access your skater portal, click the **BLUE** Event Management System button on the Members Only landing page, select My Competitions, then select Battle of The Blades.

MUSIC: No hard copies of missing and/or planned program content will be accepted onsite; connect with the Competition Chair alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com for onsite electronic submission.

MUSIC UPLOAD: DEADLINE: 09/20/2020 at 11:59pm ET. Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **Sep 20th, 2020 11:59pm ET.** After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature.

[CLICK HERE FOR MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
- 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 bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and it must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

***IF COMPETING IJS* PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):**

DEADLINE: 09/20/20 at 11:59pmET. Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **September 20th, 2020 11:59pmET.** After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature. [CLICK HERE FOR PPC SUBMISSION HOW TO](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

RESTROOM Policy To provide a safe environment during the event, skaters, chaperones, vendors and volunteers will be allowed to ONLY utilize the 1st floor restroom of the SportONE Parkview Icehouse. Coaches and officials will be required to utilize the restrooms located on the 2nd floor

RESULTS: Results will be posted by the awards (1 group at the time) outside the facility. In addition, they will be posted live on

https://ijs.usfigureskating.org/leaderboard/nonqual_results/2020/29646/index.html

AWARDS: will be posted OUTSIDE of the facility under the tent

- Awards will be presented to athletes in first through fourth place in each event
- Awards will take place 10-15 min after the results are posted
- Podium will be set up using the 6-foot social distance between the winners

PRACTICE ICE: Practice Ice will be available for sale online only and after the close of entries. An email will be sent to all registered competitors with detailed information.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Photography and video services will be offered at this event. Individual photography/video from the stands is not allowed.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained by the awards/results table outside of the facility. 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.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters may request their test credit forms in advance for only one test level.

- Contact Register Chair alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled event.
- The additional fee of \$15 will be charged for this service and must be paid by credit card at the registration table upon arrival.
- Completed form will be sent via email the end of the competition.

DINING Boxed meals will be available during the event by Pre-Order service only. The menu will be available on the event website and Facebook page. Meal can be picked up at the scheduled time in the SportONE Parkview Icehouse.

Information in regards of VOLUNTEERS

Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club is limiting the number of volunteers to help reduce contact and possible exposure to Covid-19

CONTACT INFORMATION

Competition Chair - Alena Lunin alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com 260-387-6614 ext.108

VENDORS All vendors are required to fill out a VENDORS FORM

- Vendors will be located outside ONLY and must bring their own tent
- Tables/chairs will be provided (if requested on the vendors form)
- Electric connection cords need to be requested in advanced
- FWISC Vendors Chair - Tess Gilbert tess.m.gilbert@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES: To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal. All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

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.
- ✓ 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.

COACHES INFORMATION

- Only one coach per skater will be permitted access to the facility.
- Coaches will be required to utilize the restrooms located on the second floor of the arena only.
- Coaches are advised to depart the facility between each of their skater's events. We strongly encourage coaches to avoid loitering in the facility for any reason. If you do not have sufficient time to exit the building between skaters, you may sit in the restaurant area on the 2nd floor of the facility following 6 feet social distance requirements.
- Cups of Soups, Coffee and Tea will be available on the 2nd floor of the facility for coaches.
- Boxed meals will be available to purchase by Pre-Order service only. The menu will be available on the event website and can be picked up at the scheduled time in the SportONE Parkview Icehouse.
- Outside food and beverages will not be allowed

HOTEL Information:

TownePlace Suites by Marriott **Cut-off date 09/06/2020**

Rate - \$109 + tax (per night) Located on the same parking lot with the Ice Rink
Address: 3949 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 Phone: (260)483-1166

Holiday Inn Purdue Fort Wayne **Cut-off date 09/06/2020**

Rate - \$99 + tax (per night) Located approximately 1.5 mile from the rink
Address: 4111 Paul Shaffer Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825 Phone: (260)579-9130

Wyndham Garden **Cut-off date 09/15/2020**

Rate - \$120.75 (per night) Located approximately 1 mile from the rink
Address: 5750 Challenger Parkway, Fort Wayne, IN 46818 Phone: (260)999-6040

Courtyard by Marriott **Cut-off date 08/30/2020**

Rate - \$110 + tax (per night) located 2 miles from the rink
Address: 1150 S. Harrison St. Fort Wayne, IN 46802 Phone: (260)579-9130

SEE [CURRENT RULEBOOK](#), [TECHNICAL NOTIFICATIONS](#) OR U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE FOR CURRENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

***Review the charts for requirements and levels, if not offering all levels, include that information below, Chart below was updated on July 1, 2020.*

SINGLES
Excel Free Skate
Short Program
Well Balanced Free Skate
Adult Singles Free Skate (Adult Pre Bronze- Masters Jr/Sr)
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate
SPECIALTY
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)
Compete USA
Program (Snowplow Sam-FS 6)
Elements & Compulsory Moves (Snowplow Sam–FS 6)
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)
Adult 1-6 Free Skate
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves