

# Battle of the Blades

Hosted by the



## August 27-29, 2021

**Registration via EMS - Registration Deadline: August 10, 2021 at 11:59PM EST**

**EMS upload deadline for Music and Planned Program Content: August 15, 2021 at 11:59PM EST**

**Online purchase of practice ice sessions will be available through EMS**

**Chief Referee:** Gretchen Bonnie

**LOC Chair:** Alena Lunin

**LOC Co-Chair:** Theresa Overy

**Chief Accountant:** Gordon MacKay

**Chief Technical Accountant:** Cathy Brinkman

***IJS for Singles, Well Balanced Preliminary & Above, Excel Plus and Excel Juvenile-Senior Events.***

For more information go to <http://www.fortwayneiceskatingclub.org/>

The Battle of the Blades 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 are currently registered 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:** 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 for all attendees. Info page [HERE](#) that is our most up to date COVID situation in Fort Wayne and Indiana

### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test Level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Note, "skating up" is at the discretion of LOC and athletes 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 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.

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

**Registration Deadline: August 10, 2021 @ 11:59PM EST**

**Late Registration Deadline: August 15, 2021 + \$25 Late Fee EST**

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA member number and password
  - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "Battle of the Blades" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

**FEES:** All-Inclusive fees include video download. Online payment via credit card is the ONLY accepted form of payment.

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| • First IJS Singles & Pairs Event  | \$125 |
| • Second IJS Singles & Pairs Event | \$65  |
| • First 6.0 Singles event          | \$75  |
| • Second 6.0 Singles event         | \$35  |

Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or event. Any change after deadline is subject to a \$25 change fee.

**Mandatory Athletes:**

Minor Athletes who turn 18 mid-season 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](mailto:safesport@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

**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.

**SCHEDULE:** Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

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

**EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: DEADLINE: August 15, 2021 EST (after August 15, 2021 \*\$25 Late Fee)**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than August 15, 2021 EST. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$25 late fee. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't 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 SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)**

If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

**MUSIC CRITERIA:**

- File Format: MP3
- 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 or digital copy (if you are accepting digital back up such as on a phone or memory stick) as a backup in case of technical difficulties and 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.

**MUSIC SUBMISSION:** If not utilizing an online upload, please include instruction on competitor music submission here. This may include pre-event email to the music chair/official, drop box or provided onsite.

**EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – IF IJS:**

**DEADLINE: August 15, 2021 EST (after August 15, 2021 \*\$25 Late Fee)**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than August 15, 2021 @ 11:59PM EST. 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 doesn't 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](#)**

If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

**LIABILITY:** U S. Figure Skating, Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club, and SportoONE 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.

**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. Additional details nearer event to the event date, including health protocols, will be communicated with the skater with the detail schedule.

**CREDENTIALS:** Skaters, chaperones, coaches and officials will need to pick up credentials at the registration desk.

**LOCKER ROOMS:** Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skaters on but will not be permitted to change.

**PRACTICE ICE:** All sessions are 20 minutes in duration. There are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used. No music is played on practice ice. Sessions will be available Friday through Sunday and designated by level and discipline. Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions online but you MUST indicate the number of sessions you want and you MUST pay for them at the time of the registration.

**Pre-Purchase:** Practice ice will be available for pre-purchase after registration has been completed. Practice ice will be selected by skater during the session-selection window. After close of the entries, you will receive an email in order to access your practice ice record and select your sessions via EMS. Practice ice will be \$15 if you pre-purchase sessions. A maximum of 2 practice ice may be pre-purchased per skater, per eligible event.

**Session Selection:** The session-selection window will begin later than August 15, 2021. More information will be emailed to competitors after the close of entries and the schedule of events has been finalized.

**Open Sales:** Following the close of the pre-purchase selection window, skaters will have an opportunity to purchase and select additional PI sessions for \$18 per session. **The Open Sales window will close on Thursday, August 26, 2021 EST.**

**On Site:** Practice Ice sessions will be sold on site at the event for \$20 at the registration desk.

Please direct practice ice questions to Alena Lunin [alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com](mailto:alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com)

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

- Contact Competition Chair [alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com](mailto: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.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:** All events will be recorded by 828 Studios. Every skater will receive their video via email within 1 week of the competition. The email will include easy-to-follow instructions and a download link for each event they participate in.

**AWARDS/RESULTS:** Medals are awarded for 1st-4th places, Results will be posted online and printed results will not be available. Awards ceremony will be scheduled approximately 15-20 minutes after the results.

#### **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. Please note that no coach will be allowed to enter the facility without a credential.

#### **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.
- ✓ 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](http://www.usfsaonline.org) → Person Icon  → 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.

### **CONTACT INFO:**

- Alena Lunin, Competition Chair [alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com](mailto:alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com)
- Theresa Overy, Competition Co-Chair [dover6@hotmail.com](mailto:dover6@hotmail.com)
- Gretchen Bonnie, Chie Referee [gretchenbonnie@att.net](mailto:gretchenbonnie@att.net)

**VENDORS:** All vendors are required to fill out a VENDORS FORM.

- FWISC Vendors Chair - Tess Gilbert [tess.m.gilbert@gmail.com](mailto:tess.m.gilbert@gmail.com)

**SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR  
RULES/REQUIREMENTS.**

**Events Requirements will be set for the [2021-2022](#) Competitive Season.**

<b>U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS</b>			
<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>IJS/6.0</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup>EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a> (All "Plus" events, Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$125	\$65
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a> (Beginner - Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$75	\$35
<a href="#">Well Balanced Short Program (21/22)</a> (Juvenile -Senior)	IJS	\$125	\$65
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate (21/22)</a> (Preliminary - Senior)	IJS	\$125	\$65
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate (21/22)</a> (No Test & Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$75	\$35
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate</a> (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$125	\$65
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate</a> (Adult Adult Pre-Bronze & Bronze)	6.0	\$75	\$35
<b>PAIRS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>
<a href="#">Short Program (21/22)</a> (Novice-Senior)	IJS	\$125	\$65
<a href="#">Free Skate (21/22)</a> (Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$125	\$65
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>
<a href="#">Compulsory Moves</a> (No Test–Open Juvenile)	6.0	\$75	\$35
<a href="#">Adult Compulsory Moves</a> (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$75	\$35
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>			
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0	\$75	\$35
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0	\$75	\$35
<a href="#">Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0	\$75	\$35
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements</a>	6.0	\$75	\$35
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves</a>	6.0	\$75	\$35
<a href="#">Excel Compulsory Moves</a>	6.0	\$75	\$35
<a href="#">Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves</a>	6.0	\$75	\$35

**ADMISSION POLICIES:**

- Social distancing must be maintained at all times. Masks required to be worn for all admitted persons including athletes, unless on the ice.
- A credential 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 can access designated area of arena with specific seating prior to the event.

## LODGING:

## **TownePlace Suites by Marriott -** Cut-off date 08/02/2021

(The same parking lot with the Ice Rink) \$119 + tax (per night)  
Address: 3949 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 Phone: (260)483-1166

Here's your reservation link your guests can use to make reservations:

[Book your group rate for Battle of the Blades - Participants](#)

## **Holiday Inn Purdue Fort Wayne -** Cut-off date 8/6/2021

(approximately 1.5 mile from the rink) \$119 + tax (per night)  
Address: 4111 Paul Shaffer Drive, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825 Phone: (260)579-9130

Here are the booking links for your group block: [Battle of the Blades Figure Skating](#)

## **Wyndham Garden** Cut-off date 8/13/2021

(approximately 1.5 mile from the rink) \$105 + tax (per night)  
Address: 5750 Challenger Parkway, Ft. Wayne, IN 46818 Phone: (260)999-6040

Here's the booking link for that block:

[https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/fort-wayne-indiana/wyndham-garden-fort-wayne-north/rooms-rates?checkin\\_date=08/27/2021&checkout\\_date=08/29/2021&group\\_code=082721BAT](https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wyndham-garden/fort-wayne-indiana/wyndham-garden-fort-wayne-north/rooms-rates?checkin_date=08/27/2021&checkout_date=08/29/2021&group_code=082721BAT)

## **For additional information**

[Great Fort Wayne and Downtown Detail](#)

[Downtown Dining](#)

[Coliseum Area Dining](#)