

# Figure Skating Programs and Development

## FIGURE SKATING PIPELINE

**Learn to Skate USA Program** - Offering fundamental and specialty badge curriculums that are fun, challenging and rewarding for skaters of all ages and abilities to develop and enhance their skating skills.

**Compete USA /Junior Club** - The link between Learn to Skate USA and Full Club Membership. It introduces skaters to training programs, different skating disciplines and teaches them what is required to go to the next level.

**U.S. Figure Skating Club Membership** - There are five separate disciplines in the sport of figure skating: ladies singles, men's singles, pairs, ice dancing and synchronized skating. Within each discipline there is a unique test structure and competitive pipeline that takes you from Learn to Skate USA to the elite levels of the sport.

### TESTS

The test structure is the backbone of U.S. Figure Skating. Passing skill tests by official judges advances the skater to the next level. Skaters test in moves in the field, free skating, pairs and ice dancing. As a skater advances, the tests become more difficult. The highest achievement in each discipline is the gold test.

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Pre-preliminary

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Preliminary

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Pre-Juvenile

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Juvenile

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Intermediate

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Novice

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Junior

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Senior

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Adult Test Program\*

### NONQUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

Skaters of all ages and can participate in nonqualifying competitions to earn awards and showcase skill mastery. Nonqualifying competitions are divided into two tracks; one is more recreational and the other is more competitive in nature. Skaters compete at their current skill and test levels and are open to all members to participate.

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Compete USA

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No Test/Beginner

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Pre-preliminary

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Preliminary

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Pre-Juvenile

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Juvenile/Open\*

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Intermediate

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Novice

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Junior

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Senior

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Collegiate and Intercollegiate

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Adult levels\*

### QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS

This is the pipeline for singles, pairs and ice dancing to advance to the U.S. Championships, international competitions, World Championships and Olympic Winter Games. The top skaters advance in the juvenile to senior levels and compete for various titles based on age and test level.

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Juvenile

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Intermediate

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Novice

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Junior

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Senior

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U.S. Collegiate Championships

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U.S. Adult Championships\*

### SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Synchronized skating is a team sport in which eight to 20 skaters perform a program together. It is characterized by teamwork, speed, intricate formations and challenging step sequences. Synchronized skating has its own qualifying competition system which mirrors s/p/d and leads to the U.S. Synchronized Championships, international competitions and the World Synchronized Championships.

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*Beginner are offered at Compete USA competitions and U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competitions*

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**Beginner 1-3\***

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*Preliminary, pre-juvenile, open juvenile, open collegiate and open adult are offered at nonqualifying competitions and sectional championships.*

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**Preliminary**

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**Pre-Juvenile**

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**Open Juvenile\***

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**Juvenile\***

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**Intermediate\***

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**Novice\***

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**Junior\***

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**Senior\***

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**Novice\***

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**College Events**

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**Adult Event\***



\*These levels have age restrictions, refer to a current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for more information.