

2024 National Excel Series logo coming when available





2024 SEGL Competition Hosted by: Louisville Skating Academy March 22-24, 2024 Iceland Sports Complex, Louisville, KY

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The SEGL Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</u>, and/or current Compete USA handbook as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating <u>website</u>.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, (Learn to Skate USA® member (for Compete USA events), a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the <u>rulebook</u> for more information.

SERIES INFORMATION:

2024 National Excel Series – Information coming soon

o This competition has been approved as an Excel Series event will be managed separately on EMS, for additional information visit the Excel Series page.

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II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles Excel and Well Balanced Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - o Skate Up skaters may skate up one level higher than their highest singles test level allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:

- o If an athlete has participated in the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS series will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
- o If an athlete has participated in the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of the same type and same level (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate) at the same competition. However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of different types (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet HERE.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

EVENTS OFFERED:

<u>Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program</u> Requirements

NOTE: Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

NOTE: Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6 program with music and element events will be skated on ½ ice. The LOC will provide the music, please contact the event chair for music files.

NOTE: 6.0 Compulsory, spins and jumps events will be skated on ½ ice.

Compete USA Manual for January 1, 2024 will be used and can be found here.

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SINGLES	JUDGING	Event	Event	Event	Event
		Price	Price	Price	Price
Excel Free Skate (Prelim Plus – Senior)	IJS	\$130.0	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Senior)	IJS	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Adult Free Skate (Adult Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
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SPECIALTY	JUDGING	Event	Event	Event	Event
		Price	Price	Price	Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	IJS	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Adult Compulsory Moves (Bronze - Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	IJS	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	IJS	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	Event	Event	Event	Event
		Price	Price	Price	Price

Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	IJS (CJS)	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	IJS (CJS)	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	IJS (CJS)	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	IJS (CJS)	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	IJS (CJS)	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	IJS (CJS)	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$6500
Interpretive (No Test – Senior)	6.0	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Adaptive Individual Showcase	6.0	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd Event Price	4 th Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Shadow Dance	6.0	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Adult Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price	3 rd Event Price	4 th Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music (1/2 Ice)	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Pre-Free Skate – Aspire 1-4 program w/ Music	6.0	\$110.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary)	6.0	\$110.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$110.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Pre-Bronze)	6.0	\$110.00	\$60.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.0	\$40.00	\$40.00
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Excel Compulsory Moves (Beginner – Prelim)	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Adult 1-6 Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00

OUR COMMUNITY:

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel values and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program received, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or

harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the <u>SkateSafe® Program</u> Handbook for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the <u>U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook</u>.

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

COMPLIANCE:

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance.

COACHES

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found <u>HERE</u>. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

<u>Coaches of foreign athletes:</u> If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS

Online registrations will be accepted via <u>EMS</u>. Payment must be made at the time of registration by <u>credit card only</u>. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline February 23, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET Late Registration Deadline: February 26, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET + \$25 Late Fee

- 1. Go to www.usfsaonline.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.
- 3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
- 4. Choose "2024 SEGL Competition" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit here, in advance of March 15, 2023 There is a \$20.00 fee to process the test credit application, due at the registration desk at time of check in. Additionally, if athletes are skating up TWO levels, they are not eligible to receive test credit. Review the test credit parameters here.

CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK

Critiques will be offered for Juvenile – Senior well balanced Free Skate events. Pre- registration will be required. Information on how to pre-register will be emailed to participants after the schedule is published.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than March 8, 2024 at 11:59 PM EST. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$10 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.

DEADLINE: March 8, 2023 at 11:59 PM *\$10.00 late fee

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD - FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) — Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than March 8, 2024 at 11:59 PM EST. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$10 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.

DEADLINE: March 8, 2024 at 11:59 PM EST. \$10.00 late fee.

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@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.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Louisville Skating Academy and Iceland Sports Complex 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

Iceland Sports Complex, 1701 UPS Drive, Louisville, KY 40223

www.icelandlouisville.com

It consists of two sheets of ice, the North Rink and the South Rink, both measuring approximately 85' by 200' with slightly rounded corners, as well as 8 locker rooms and a snack bar. The temperature of the rink is generally very cold. There is adequate free parking in front of the facility.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

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U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy:

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe® Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the SkateSafe® Handbook.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

All communication from the LOC to the participants and their coaches will be done through email.

An official bulletin board will be maintained in the front lobby of the facility next to the registration desk. 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.

START ORDER & RESULTS

The start orders and results will be done electronically only. A link will be emailed to everyone prior to the start of the competition. A QR code will also be posted throughout the facility during the event to access the link.

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.

PRACTICE ICE:

- Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI) will be available for pre-purchase and then selection through EMS.
 - o Each PI will be 20 min
 - O PI will be leveled: High: Prelim Senior, Low: Beginner Pre Juve, Open: All levels, Basic Skills: Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6 only.
 - o 20 skaters will be allowed on all UPI except 25 skaters will be allowed on Basic Skills.
 - o Music will be played on Basic Skills UPI only,

Pre-Purchase: Practice ice credits may be purchased after participants complete their event registration, via the EMS Competition Portal. Skaters who purchase credits during the pre-purchase period will be able to select sessions during the selection period, after the schedule has been completed and posted.

- Click Here for a Pre-Purchase How-To Document
- Open: At time of registration
- Close: At close of registration, February 23, 2024 11:59 PM
- Maximum credits per registered event:
 - o UPI 1
- Cost per credit: \$15

Pre-Purchase Selection: After the close of entries and shortly after the competition schedule is published, skaters will receive an email with notice of the practice ice schedule and the date/time when pre purchased credits can be scheduled via EMS.

• Click Here for a Selection How-To Document

Open Sales: Practice Ice sessions will be available after the schedule has been published for skaters who did not prepurchase UPI credits. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them.

- Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document
- Maximum sessions per registered event:
 - o Open Sales 1

• Cost per session: \$20

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on each day of the competition 30 minutes before the first scheduled practice ice. Check-in will be at the registration desk located in the front lobby of the facility.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to <u>download or print your compliance card</u> to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact <u>skatesafe@usfigureskating.org</u> at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to 1st through 4th place and ribbons will be awarded for all other places. A team trophy will be awarded to the club with the most points at the end of the competition (excluding the home club) and the **SEGL Founder's Award** will be presented to the skater achieving the highest IJS score.

Awards will take place in the pro-shop near the front of the facility immediately following each event.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

828 Studios is the official event videographer/photographer. A video of all full ice events is included with your registration. Action shots will be available for purchase following the event. 828 Studios will email the participants directly with access to proofs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hotel block information coming soon.

Event merchandise will be available for pre-purchase and will be sold onsite.

More vendor information will follow.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Jessica Mills Kincade	Lsask8director@gmail.com	502.830.8607
Chief Referee:	Kim Heim	ksheim@woh.rr.com	
Practice Ice Chair:	Jessica Mills Kincade	Lsask8director@gmail.com	502.830.8607
Technical Accountant	Gordon MacKay	Gordonmackay0@gmail.com	
Accountant:	Jennifer Battat	battje@twc.com	502.314.2913
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