



2026 WINTER IOWA GAMES FIGURE SKATING ANNOUNCEMENT

February 21-22, 2026

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The 2026 Winter Iowa Games Figure Skating Competition is a merged U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event endorsed by the ISI. For skaters in the ISI program, a conversion chart is provided to help determine your appropriate competition level.

This 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.

The 2026 Winter Iowa Games Figure Skating Competition is a qualifying competition for the 2026 National State Games of America Championships (SGA). Skaters may choose to enter each event at SGA that they qualify for by placing first, second or third at the State Games of Iowa competition.

All figure skaters residing in Iowa and neighboring states are invited to compete. Open to all skaters including United States Figure Skating (USFS) and Ice Skating Institute (ISI) members.

The Winter Iowa Games Figure Skating Competition is a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event endorsed by the ISI but membership in U.S. Figure Skating and/or ISI is NOT required.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL

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 minimum test requirement 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 a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for 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.
 - o If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to the information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

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.

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering Juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be 12 years of age and younger for girls or 13 years of age and younger for boys at the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 13 years of age for girls or 14 years of age for boys at the close of entries. Skaters entering Intermediate free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 18 years of age. Skaters entering Adult free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be 21 years of age or older.

Skaters entering Compete USA–pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

PARTNERED EVENTS:

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

Mandatory Athletes:

Athletes aged 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one minor athlete must complete SkateSafe training. *

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 for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

DATE(S)

Saturday -Sunday, February 21-22, 2026

DEADLINE

Early Registration Deadline

\$105 Entry Fee for first event, \$30 for each additional event

Online only: Friday, January 23, 2026

Late Registration Deadline

\$125 Entry Fee for first event, \$30 for each additional event

Online only: Monday, January 26, 2026

FACILITIES

The competition will be held at:

ImOn Ice Arena
1100 Rockford Rd SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
(319) 398-0100
<https://www.creventslive.com/p/venues/imonice>

Rink size: OLY Rink 100' x 200', NHL Rink 85' x 200'

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating Skatesafe](#) page).

PRACTICE ICE

ImOn Ice will be offering practice sessions. All practice ice reservations and scheduling will be available through Entryeeze.

**Practice session times are subject to change if the competition needs to start earlier.

MUSIC

Music must be uploaded to Entryeeze only – no music will be played from CDs unless there is a technical issue. All music must be uploaded by February 15, 2026 – a \$20 late fee will be charged for each event for late music and will be payable at registration before the skater is allowed to compete. A duplicate of the music on CD should be readily available. If a CD is used during an event, music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

Hand-held video equipment is only permitted in the bleacher area and should be used to record only your skater. Flash photography is NOT allowed during competition events or warm-ups.

AWARDS

Medals will be presented to the top three athletes in each division and will be presented at the conclusion of each level.

REGISTRATION

Registration will be open one to two hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the lobby of the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. Please register promptly upon arrival.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

An official bulletin board will be maintained at the registration desk at the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena. 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 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating and the Cedar Rapids Ice Arena 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

CJS Scoring System will be used for all Showcase events. The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all other events.

INFORMATION REGARDING 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 [HERE](#). All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Coaches of foreign athletes: 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.

REFUNDS

There will be NO refunds of entry fees for events canceled due to weather or other acts of nature.

The only exceptions to the no-refund policy are:

- Entries received after the maximum number has been accepted.
- Entries received in a division that is canceled due to minimal entries.
- Entries of non-qualified participants.
- Entries received after the deadline. In this case, there will be a \$5.00 processing fee assessed to all refunds.

NO REFUND WILL BE PERMITTED BECAUSE AN ENTRANT FAILS TO PARTICIPATE OR IS REMOVED FROM COMPETITION.

NO REFUND WILL BE PERMITTED ONCE COMPETITION SCHEDULES HAVE BEEN SET OR RECEIVED FROM THE REFEREE.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have questions, please contact Tonya Frost at T.Frost@creventslive.com

OTHER

Competition schedule will be available on ENTRYPEEZE site approximately five days prior to competition.

COMPETITION INFORMATION

You may have to log into Members Only at usfsaonline.org to use the links.

ISI PROGRAM MEMBERS

If you are in an ISI program, please use the below conversion chart to determine your appropriate competition level.

If you have passed ISI level -	Enter the USFS level -
Tot or Pre-Alpha (age 7 and older) Alpha	Basic 1
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 2
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 3
Alpha/Gamma	Basic 4
Beta	Basic 5
Gamma	Basic 6
Delta – Freestyle 1	Aspire 1-4
Freestyle 2 or 3 / Open Bronze	Pre-Preliminary
Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Preliminary
Freestyle 5 / Open Silver	Pre-Juvenile
Freestyle 6 / Open Gold	Juvenile or Intermediate
Freestyle 7 / Open Platinum	Novice
Freestyle 8 / Open Platinum	Junior or Senior
Freestyle 9 / Open Platinum	Senior
Freestyle 10 / Open Platinum	Senior
Freestyle 2 / Open Bronze	Adult Pre-Bronze
Freestyle 3 / Open Bronze	Adult Bronze
Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Adult Silver
Freestyle 5 / Open Gold	Adult Gold
Dance 3	Preliminary Dance
Dance 4	Pre-Bronze Dance
Dance 5	Bronze Dance
Dance 6	Pre-Silver Dance
Dance 7	Silver Dance
Dance 9	Pre-Gold Dance



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Access to many of the 2025-26 rules updates may require logging into Members Only at usfsaonline.org.

Information for all program requirements can be found [here](#).

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (New Rules Effective 1/1/2026)	6.0	\$105	\$30
Well Balanced Short Program	6.0	\$105	\$30
Well Balanced Free Skate	6.0	\$105	\$30
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$105	\$30
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$105	\$30
PAIRS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Short Program	6.0	\$105	\$30
Free Skate	6.0	\$105	\$30
Combined Short Program & Free Skate	6.0	\$105	\$30
Adult Pairs Free Skate	6.0	\$105	\$30
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 - 8)	6.0	\$105	\$30
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	6.0	\$105	\$30
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	6.0	\$105	\$30
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (PrePreliminary - Senior, Adult 1-6 and Masters)	CJS	\$105	\$30

Choreographic Artistry (PrePreliminary - Senior, Adult 1-6 and Masters)	CJS	\$105	\$30
Lyrical Pop (PrePreliminary - Senior, Adult 1-6 and Masters)	CJS	\$105	\$30
Character Performance (PrePreliminary - Senior, Adult 1-6 and Masters)	CJS	\$105	\$30
Comedic Impressions (PrePreliminary - Senior, Adult 1-6 and Masters)	CJS	\$105	\$30
Duets/Trios (PrePreliminary - Senior, Adult 1-6 and Masters)	CJS	\$105	\$30
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$105 per team + \$10 per skater	
Production Ensemble	CJS	\$105 per team + \$10 per skater	
Special Olympics & Adaptive Individual Showcase	CJS	\$105	\$30
Special Olympics & Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	CJS	\$105	\$30
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$105	\$30
Solo Open Pattern Dance	6.0	\$105	\$30
Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$105	\$30
Solo Combined Dance	6.0	\$105	\$30
Shadow Dance	6.0	\$105	\$30
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$105	\$30
Adult Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$105	\$30
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$105	\$30
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$105	\$30

Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Plus)	6.0	\$105	\$30
Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Free Skate	6.0	\$105	\$30
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$105	\$30
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$105	\$30
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$105	\$30
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$105	\$30
Compete USA – Spin Challenge (1-4)	6.0	\$105	\$30
Compete USA – Jump Challenge (1-4)	6.0	\$105	\$30
Compete USA – Showcase (Basic 1-6, Aspire 1-4)	6.0	\$105	\$30
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	6.0	\$105	\$30
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	6.0	\$105	\$30
Skate United *see statement above	6.0	\$105	\$30

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING	JUDGING	Team Fee	Skater Fee
Aspire 1	6.0	\$105	\$10
Aspire 2	6.0	\$105	\$10
Aspire 3	6.0	\$105	\$10
Aspire 4	6.0	\$105	\$10