



2021 Charleston Open

Figure Skating Club of Charleston

April 30 - May 1, 2021

Test Session - May 2, 2021

**Carolina Ice Palace
7665 Northwoods Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406**

Deadline April 1, 2020

Register through EMS



The 2021 Charleston Open 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.

Stay updated on Safety Plan and Procedures at

http://fscfcharleston.com/2021_charleston_open/

COVID-19:

The competition will follow local and state guidelines at the time of the competition. A few guidelines are listed below:

- Each skater is allowed 2 chaperones for their event
- Only one coach is allowed per skater
- Anyone entering building will be required to go through a health screening and temperature check
- Anyone entering building will need to wear face covering
- While in building, persons should maintain proper social distancing of at least 6 feet

A Safety plan will be available at http://fscfcharleston.com/2021_charleston_open/. It will be updated as conditions change. All participants will be notified when the plan is updated. The participant/ Participant's Guardian accepts all risks around COVID-19. U.S. Figure Skating, Figure Skating Club of Charleston and the Carolina Ice Palace accept no responsibility if someone is diagnosed with COVID-19 due to participating in the event.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition level is the highest Free Skate 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. If a skater is skating two levels above, they cannot receive test credit.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION:

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

Registration Opens: 02/1/2021 at 8:00 AM ET

Registration Deadline: 04/1/2021 at 11:59PM ET

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.
 - b. LTS members should contact Member Services at Learn to Skate USA memberservices@learntoskateusa.com.

3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "2021 Charleston Open" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

The competition committee reserves the right to cut-off entries early based on the number of entries and available ice time. If space is available, late entries can be considered for acceptance at the discretion of the competition committee up to 04/15/2020 at 11:59PM ET. A \$35 late fee will apply.

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after the 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. Practice ice will be available for purchase via EMS after registration has closed and the schedule has been posted. Specific details will be emailed to all competitors at a later date. All participants will be notified via email once available.

FACILITIES:

All events will be held at the Carolina Ice Palace at 7665 Northwoods Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29406, (843) 572-2717, www.carolinaicepalace.com. It is located off I-26, Exit 209. Each sheet of ice is 85' x 200' with rounded corners and hockey barriers. The facility has a snack bar, smoke-free lounge, and pro-shop, which sells figure skating supplies. The Carolina Ice Palace does not allow any food or drink to be brought in from outside sources. Due to our COVID-19 policies, dressing rooms will not be available.

MUSIC SUBMISSION:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **April 15th, 2021, 11:59PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$30 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.

Please note, the competition registration deadline is April 1st, but music will be accepted until April 15th without penalty.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email 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 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.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT:

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **April 15th, 2021 11:59PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$30 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

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, the Figure Skating Club of Charleston and the Carolina Ice Palace 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.

ONSITE REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN:

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 as you enter the rink behind the front desk and before you reach the larger lobby area. Please register/check in promptly upon arrival.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Due to our COVID-19 policies and safety protocols, locker rooms and changing areas will not be available. The skater must come ready to skate their performance.

COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN FOR COMPETITORS:

Each skater will be given a time to arrive at the rink for check-in. Please do not arrive more than 30 minutes before your check-in time.

Only the warmup group currently skating, and then next warm up group will be allowed in the facility. There will only be an area for competitors to put on skates prior to their event. Chaperones will not be allowed in this area.

Once the skater has skated, they must exit the facility.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice Ice will be divided by level and skaters will be able to select/purchase those sessions appropriate for their entered events. All Practice Ice Sessions will be 20 minutes in length. Practice ice will be available for purchase via EMS after registration has closed and the schedule has been posted. Practice Ice Selection will occur 2 days after the schedule is released. One week after the schedule is released the Open Practice Ice Sales will open where additional Practice Ice can be purchased. Once the registration opens at the event, all remaining practice ice sessions will be sold online. Specific details will be emailed to all competitors at a later date.

Prices:

- \$18 Open Sales practice ice session (after schedule release)

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Professional video will be provided by Looking Glass Productions and available online for FREE approximately 1 week after the competition is over.

Photography will not be available.

The event will be livestreamed by Looking Glass Productions and the link to the livestream will be included on the competition website.

Note, [per U.S. Figure Skating policy](#), photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member's Only.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to the top four skaters in each flight for all events. There will not be a presentation of awards. Medals can be picked up from Registration once results are posted. Awards stand will be available for individual pictures.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

Schedules will be kept up to date on the Figure Skating Club of Charleston's website. Skaters will be given a check in time before their event, please do not arrive before the check in time or you will be asked to wait before you can enter the Carolina Ice Palace.

There will be a vendor area outside of the Carolina Ice Palace where individuals will be able to peruse if you do arrive early.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non qualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

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  [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.

CONTACT INFO:

If you have questions, please contact:

- Competition Chair: Tiffany Tanner, tiffaney.tanner@gmail.com, 843-324-9695
- President: Elizabeth Reed, president@fscfcharleston.com, 803-740-9784
- Committee member: Noelle Ghoram, bladedglory@yahoo.com, 843-499-1069

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hotel Information:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Charleston - Ashley Phosphate

https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/north-charleston/chsnb/hoteldetail?cm_mmc=Google+Maps-_-EX-_-US-_-CHSNB

Call the hotel 843-553-1600 and request the 2021 Charleston Open Rates

Last Day to book is 12 April 2021

Competition Website:

http://fscfcharleston.com/2021_charleston_open/

SECTION 2: Events Offered and Entry Fees:

If a skater skates an IJS event & a Non-IJS event, the Non IJS event will cost \$60

SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE FOR CURRENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
<u>Well-Balanced Freeskate</u> (No Test – Juvenile)	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
<u>Excel Free Skate</u> (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
<u>Excel Free Skate</u> (Beginner and High Beginner)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
<u>Adult Singles Free Skate</u> (Adult Pre Bronze-Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
<u>Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate</u>	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
<u>Excel Compulsory Moves</u> (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Compete USA Events				
<u>Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music</u>	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
<u>Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music</u>	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
<u>No Test – Preliminary Free Skate</u> (*LTS only)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
<u>Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music</u>	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
<u>Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)</u>	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
<u>Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements</u>	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
<u>Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves</u>	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
<u>Adult 1-6. Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves</u>	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40