



Charleston Open Safety Plan

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Overall Event

- Waivers must be signed before participating in the Event
- Masks must always be worn except for Skaters that are on the Ice. We reserve the right to ask anyone to leave and forfeit the competition for violation of this policy
- Temperature will be checked each time you enter the building
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet will be enforced in warm up rooms and spectator areas. We reserve the right to ask anyone to leave and forfeit the competition for violation of this policy.
- There will be NO spectators allowed at this Event
- One chaperone (for athletes 17 and under) and 1 spectator per registered athlete will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition time (no access to practice rink). The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- The event will be live-streamed via Zoom with the link available on the competition website
- Skate Orders and Results will only be posted on the competition website and not in the facility
- Medals will be given for 1st – 4th Places and can be picked up at the Awards Desk in the exit corridor
- Locker Rooms will NOT be available – come dressed and ready to skate
- Traffic plan will be detailed for each attendee (i.e. coaches, skaters, spectators, officials) to adhere to social distancing protocols and maintain cohorts of officials, skaters per group and chaperones. Traffic plan will be posted on competition website
- This plan will be updated and posted on the competition website
- Zoom call planned for approximately 10 days prior to the competition to clarify all COVID protocols

Schedule

- A Detailed Schedule for the competition will be available on EMS and on the competition website
- Athletes and coaches have designated times for arrival for both competition and practice ice
- Ushers will lead athletes to the appropriate locations for off-ice warm up, access to the ice and out of the building
- No individual will have access to the building without appropriate supervision.



Building Access and Layout

- Pathways have been established within the building to minimize footprint and socialization between groups.
- You will not be permitted access to the building until your designated time per the detailed schedule.
- Athletes who miss their arrival time will be escorted to the appropriate area in accordance with their schedule – athletes cannot 'redo' warm up.

Event Flow

- Please bring only what you can carry as you will need to carry all items as you move from station to station
- Athletes and their coach will check-in at registration at their designated time and be sent to the Warm Up area in the party room
- In the warm up area, skaters will warm up and put on skates. Seating for skates and bags will be socially distanced
- Ushers will bring skaters to the rink for competition. Skaters will enter from lobby end for warm up, then split lobby and zam end to wait for their turn to skate, alternating according to skating order
- After the prior group finished skating and exited the rink, the Chaperones will then exit
- The current event group will then enter the ice for their Warm up
- The Chaperones will then enter the rink and be ushered to the bleachers
- There will be chairs available for the skaters to sit on while the group is skating
- Once an Athlete is done skating, they will be required to stay with the group until everyone is done
- Once the entire group is done, the group will be Ushered out of the building



Practice Ice Flow

- Come Prepared for Practice Ice.
- Skaters and Coaches should arrive and Check-in for Practice ice, no earlier than 20 minutes prior to the start time of their session.
- Skaters will be brought to a warm up area in the party room to put on skates. Skate bags will travel with skaters to the rinkside.
- No more than 12 skaters will be allowed on the Ice.
- Each skater may have 1 coach with them.
- No one will be allowed to watch the Practice Ice Sessions.
- An Usher will escort the skaters to the Practice Ice session.
- Half of the Skaters will enter/exit the Practice Ice Session through the door on the zam side, while the rest of the skaters will enter/exit through the door on the lobby side. The Usher will direct the skaters to the door they will use.
- Coaches will be given a Number on where to coach their skater(s) from. There will be 4 coaches in each hockey bench and 1 coach located at open doors. If you are coaching on consecutive Practice Ice Sessions, notify your Usher.
- All Skaters and Coaches will be required to exit the ice and leave the building once the Practice Ice Session is complete unless you are on the next session.
- Practice Ice sessions will be available to be pre-purchased and online while at the rink.

Chaperones

- One chaperone (for athletes 17 and under) per registered athlete and 1 spectator will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition time. The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook
- Chaperones will be ushered to their seats as the Event On-Ice Warm up starts
- The bleachers will have socially distanced markings to ensure safe seating
- Chaperones and spectators will enter bleachers from the lobby end and exit through the zam door to ensure easy flow
- Once the Event Segment is done the Chaperones will be Ushered out of the building



Disinfecting Process

- Warm up areas will be disinfected after each Warmup is completed
- After each event Segment, Chairs and areas that have been touched by the skaters/coaches will be disinfected
- After each Practice Ice, areas that have been touched by the skaters/coaches will be disinfected

Coaches

- Masks must always be worn while in the facility
- Temperature will be checked prior to entering the facility
- A small hospitality is expected to be available for the Coaches. It will not be the same as in previous years but grab and go snacks will be available. Location of Hospitality is TBD. Masks must be worn unless you are actively eating or drinking. Eating and drinking may only happen while seated at a designated socially distanced seat.
- You will not be allowed to stay in the building between events. If you have another skater already in the building, please alert the Usher
- Only 1 coach will be allowed per skater in the building
- You will be assigned a location to coach from during Practice Ice. Please honor that location
- Social distancing must be observed while in the building

Skaters

- Waiver must be signed before participating
- Lockers Rooms will not be available, come ready to skate
- Skating Order and Results will be posted online
- Skaters will enter the Rink through lobby end doors
- Skater entry and exit will be split per group to allow fewer skaters in wait during the event
- Ice Monitors will wipe down doors/boards after each skater
- Practice Ice Sessions will be limited to 12 skaters
- Masks must be worn until you are on the ice
- Temperature will be checked prior to entering the facility
- Each skater will be given a time to arrive at the rink for check-in. Please do not arrive more than 20 minutes before your check-in time
- Only the Warmup group currently skating, and the next warmup group will be allowed in the facility (Exceptions will be made for small warm up groups)
- Once you have skated, you must leave the facility



Awards

- There will not be any award presentations
- Medals can be picked up at the awards desk in the exit hallway for all 1st – 4th place finishers
- The Awards stand will be available for individual pictures if desired

Volunteers

- Masks must always be worn while in the facility
- Temperature will be checked prior to being allowed to Volunteer
- Must observe social distancing guidelines of at least 6 feet