



2022 Charleston Open

Figure Skating Club of Charleston

***NEW DATE:* July 29 - July 31, 2022**

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

Deadline: June 15, 2022

Register through EMS



The 2022 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.

SAFETY PLAN

The competition will follow local and state guidelines at the time of the competition. In addition, the competition will be adhered to in compliance with U.S. Figure Skating.

As of March 15, 2022, face coverings are no longer required to be worn indoors if community levels are Low to Medium based on the CDC Community Levels by County Map. Review the full update [here](#).

Stay updated on Safety Plan and Procedures at
http://fscofcharleston.com/2022_charleston_open/

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 level 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.

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger
Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older
Intermediate must be under the age of 18
Adults must be 21 years or older

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

COMPETITION REGISTRATION:

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

Registration Opens: 04/1/2022 at 8:00 AM ET

Registration Deadline: 06/15/2022 at 11:59PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 06/30/2022 at 11:59PM ET, \$35 late fee will apply

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 “2022 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 07/30/2022 at 11:59PM ET. A \$35 late fee will apply.

FOREIGN SKATERS:

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Create Account (Non-Member)” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

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 age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. pairs) with at least one minor athlete must complete SafeSport 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 Skatesafe@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

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 of entry fees or practice ice fees for any reason including medical withdrawals (NO EXCEPTIONS).**

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 Competition Portal](#) 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.

MUSIC SUBMISSION:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **July 15th, 2022, 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 June 15th, but music will be accepted until July 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 (PPC):

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **July 15th, 2022 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:

Following guidance from U.S. Figure Skating and in accordance with our safety plan, locker rooms and changing areas may or may not be available. More details will be communicated to all participants

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 credit may be pre-purchased while registration is open. Prepaid practice ice is non-refundable and may not be sold to other skaters. 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:

- \$20 pre-purchase sales practice ice session (Limit 1 per event; Combined Events will have a limit of 2)
- \$20 open sales practice ice session (after schedule release)

EMS (SKATER) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES

Skater: [Practice Ice Pre-Purchase](#) and [Practice Ice Selection](#) | [Practice Ice Open Sales](#)

PHOTO/VIDEO:

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

Danielle Woods Photography, LLC will be providing photography for this competition. They will photograph all skaters entered in this competition. No pre-purchases or registration is needed. Photos will be available for purchase after the event: You will receive an email the Thursday after the event is over with a link to your private online photo gallery. This will be sent to the email you used to register for this event. You will be able to shop online and all print and product purchases will be shipped to your house. To find out more about your photographer visit <https://www.daniellewoodsphotography.com/>

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to the top six 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.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. Submission of test credit form to USFSA is the responsibility of the skater upon return home in conjunction with their home club test chair. Cost for test credit form preparation is \$15.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying 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 → Person Icon  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.

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:

Reminder: compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events include key LOC members, locker room monitors and ALL medical event personnel. To be considered compliant, an approved volunteer serving in one of these positions must:

- ✓ 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.

- ✓ 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.

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CONTACT INFO:

If you have questions, please email competition@fscfcharleston.com or reach out to the following:

- Competition Chair: Tiffaney 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 (directly across the street from the rink)

\$129 / night + tax

Last Day to book: 10 July 2022

Booking Options:

- Call the hotel direct at 843-553-1600 and mention **group code: COS**
- Call toll free at 800-HOLIDAY (465-4329) and mention the Holiday Inn Express Charleston at Ashley Phosphate and group code: **COS or Charleston Open Skaters**
- Online at: www.hiexpress.com/chastni-26 . Enter arrival date, number of nights, click “More Options” and enter **group code: COS** and then click “View Rates”

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson, Charleston North, SC (half mile from rink)

\$139 / night + tax

Last Day to book: 8 July 2022

Booking Options:

- Online link: [2022 Charleston Open](http://2022.CharlestonOpen.com) ; promotion code: **CHOPEN**
- Call the hotel direct at 843-572-0083 or 1-800-333-3333
 - Ask for group name **2022 Charleston Open Spectator Block**

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Suites Charleston Airport (half mile from rink)

\$149 / night + tax

Last Day to book is 14 July 2022

Booking Options:

- Call Nancy Lee, Director of Sales at: (843) 518-6738 or (843) 957-8628

Competition Website:

http://fscfcharleston.com/2022_charleston_open/

SECTION 2: Events Offered and Entry Fees:

SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.

Please review the events listing carefully and register for the correct event.

UPDATE AS OF MAY 12, 2022:
 2022-2023 Well-Balanced Singles and Pairs program requirements
 Addition of Special Olympics and Adaptive Skating events

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	IJS / 6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
Combined Well-Balanced Short Program and Free Skate (Intermediate - Senior)	IJS	\$200	N/A	N/A
Well-Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$140	\$60	N/A
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$140	\$60	N/A
Excel Free Skate (Beginner and High Beginner)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre Bronze- Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
PAIRS - Price is per team. One skater is to register and list partner	IJS / 6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Short Program	IJS	\$140	\$60	\$40
Free Skate	IJS	\$140	\$60	\$40
Adult Pairs Free Skate	IJS	\$140	\$60	\$40
SPECIALTY	IJS / 6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Compulsory Moves (No Test - Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.– Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner - Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Beginner - Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner - Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40

Spins Challenge (Beginner - Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner - Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
SHOWCASE	<i>IJS / 6.0</i>	<i>1st Event</i>	<i>2nd Event</i>	<i>3rd+ Event</i>
Individual Entertainment (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Duets (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Compete USA Events	<i>IJS / 6.0</i>	<i>1st Event</i>	<i>2nd Event</i>	<i>3rd+ Event</i>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Special Olympics / Adaptive Skating	<i>IJS / 6.0</i>	<i>1st Event</i>	<i>2nd Event</i>	<i>3rd+ Event</i>
Special Olympics Badges	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Special Olympics - Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Skate United Badges	6.0	\$75	\$50	\$40
Special Olympics Manual / Adaptive Skating Manual				

SUMMARY OF OTHER FEES:

Test Credit Packet	Paid at competition	\$15
Late Registration after June 15th	No late entries processed after June 30th	\$35
Late Music Upload	If after July 15th	\$30
Late Planned Program Content	If after July 15th	\$30