



**2023 Charleston Open Non-Qualifying Competition
Sanction #33625**

Dates: Thursday, July 27, 2023 through Sunday, July 30, 2023

Host Club: Figure Skating Club of Charleston

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

Deadline: June 15, 2023

Register through EMS



I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2023 Charleston Open Nonqualifying Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or current Compete USA handbook 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.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a Learn to Skate USA member, a member of a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

COVID-19 INFORMATION

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#). Stay updated on Safety Plan and Procedures at: http://fscfcharleston.com/2023_charleston_open/

SERIES INFORMATION

This competition has been approved as a National Qualifying Series (NQS) event. Phased registration for Juvenile – Senior Singles will be managed separately on [EMS](#), click [here](#) for additional information.

II. ELIGIBILITY

TEST LEVEL

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.

Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

EVENTS OFFERED

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – [Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](#)

NOTE: Skaters may not enter Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition. Well-balanced events will be offered as part of the 2023 Charleston Open NQS Competition and under a separate announcement.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	IJS / 6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
Excel Free Skate (Beginner and High Beginner)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre Bronze - Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
Adult Beginner and High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
<i>PAIRS - Price is per team. One skater is to register and list their partner</i>	<i>IJS / 6.0</i>	<i>1st EVENT</i>	<i>2nd EVENT</i>	<i>3rd + EVENT</i>
Short Program - Exhibition and Critique	IJS	\$140	\$70	\$40
Free Skate - Exhibition and Critique	IJS	\$140	\$70	\$40
Adult Pairs Free Skate - Exhibition and Critique	IJS	\$140	\$70	\$40
SPECIALTY	IJS / 6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Compulsory Moves (No Test - Juvenile)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beginner - Excel Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner - Adult Gold)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Beginner - Juvenile)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner - Adult Gold)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Spins Challenge (Beginner - Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40

Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner - Masters Junior/Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
<i>SHOWCASE</i>	<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	\$70	\$40
Duets (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Compete USA Events	IJS / 6.0	1st Event	2nd Event	3rd+ Event
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Special Olympics / Adaptive Skating	IJS / 6.0	1st Event	2nd Event	3rd+ Event
Special Olympics Badges	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Special Olympics - Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Skate United Badges	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources:

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) 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 SkateSafe 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.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Opens: 04/30/2023 at 8:00 AM ET

Registration Deadline: 06/15/2023 at 11:59PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 06/30/2023 at 11:59PM ET + \$35 late fee

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Go to www.usfsonline.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 "2023 Charleston Open" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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.

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 "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

TEST CREDIT

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at the registration desk. 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 by credit card or check.

CRITIQUES

Critiques will only be offered for Pairs exhibitions

MUSIC SUBMISSION / UPLOAD

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **July 15, 2023 at 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.

DEADLINE: July 15, 2023 by 11:59PM ET, late fee of \$30

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)

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **July 15, 2023 at 11:59PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$15 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: July 15, 2023 11:59PM ET, late fee of \$15

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

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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, 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITY

Carolina Ice Palace
7665 Northwoods Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29406
<https://carolinaicepalace.com/>

Each sheet of ice is 85' x 200' with rounded corners, hockey barriers, and a set air temperature of 52°F. The facility has a full-service lounge, snack bar, and a pro-shop that sells figure skating supplies. The Carolina Ice Palace does not allow any food or drink to be brought in from outside sources.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available. 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.

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 AND UPDATES: http://fscofcharleston.com/2023_charleston_open/

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the website and email notifications frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

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

All Practice Ice Sessions will be 20 minutes in length. Practice ice credit may be pre-purchased in EMS 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:

- \$25 pre-purchase sales practice ice session (limit 2 per event)
- \$30 open sales practice ice session (after schedule release)

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

ONSITE 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 and before you reach the large lobby area. Please register/check in promptly upon arrival.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to the top six skaters in each flight for all events. Awards ceremonies will take place during the ice resurfaces following events. Medals can also be picked up from Registration once results are posted.

VOLUNTEER INFO AND COMPLIANCE: Volunteer info will be posted to the competition website

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include key LOC members, locker room monitors and ALL medical event personnel. [Click here for volunteer compliance information.](#)

PHOTO/VIDEO

Videos for all skaters are included free of charge as part of your registration in the event. Videos will be available within 7 days of the event. To access, visit www.figureskate.video, scroll down to and click on the Charleston Open event, and enter password "charleston2023." If you have any questions about videography, please contact Looking Glass Productions through the "contact us" button at www.figureskate.video

ADDITIONAL COMPETITION INFORMATION:

Hotel Information

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Charleston - Ashley Phosphate (directly across the street from the rink)

\$139 / night + tax

Last Day to book: July 10, 2023

Booking Options:

- *Call the hotel direct at 843-553-1600 and mention **group code: COS or Charleston Open Skaters***
- *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"*

Airport information: Charleston International Airport "CHS" is the closest airport to the rink

Merchandise pre-orders: Programs are available for pre-order for \$10. Programs will also be sold on-site for \$15

Vendor and Sponsorship opportunities will be posted to our competition website

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: http://fscfcharleston.com/2023_charleston_open/

For questions, please contact the following:

Competition Committee and Practice Ice Chairs: competition@fscfcharleston.com

Competition Chair: Tiffaney Tanner, tiffaney.tanner@gmail.com