



2024 Charleston Open Non-Qualifying Competition

Sanction #:33521

Dates: Friday, July 26, 2024 through Sunday, July 28, 2024

Host Club: Figure Skating Club of Charleston

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

Deadline: June 16, 2024

Register through EMS



I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2024 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.

II. ELIGIBILITY

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.
- 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:
 - 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs):

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

EVENTS OFFERED

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

NOTE: Skaters may not enter Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	IJS / 6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Well-Balanced Free Skate (standalone event)	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
Well-Balanced Short Program (standalone event)	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
Combined: Well-Balanced Short Program & Free Skate	IJS	\$220	N/A	N/A
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary - Senior)	IJS	\$140	N/A	N/A
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
PAIRS - Price is per team. One skater is to register and list their partner	IJS / 6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
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 (Aspire 1 - Juvenile)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Pre-Preliminary and Excel Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner - Adult Gold)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Aspire 1 - Juvenile)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner - Adult Gold)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Spins Challenge (Aspire 1 - Juvenile)	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 (Aspire 1 - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Duets (Aspire 1 - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
<i>Compete USA Events</i>	<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	\$100	\$70	\$40
Aspire 1-4 Program with 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
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
<i>Special Olympics / Adaptive Skating</i>	<i>IJS / 6.0</i>	<i>1st Event</i>	<i>2nd Event</i>	<i>3rd+ Event</i>
Special Olympics Badges	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Special Olympics - Free Skate Program 1-4, Pairs 1-2 & Dance 1-2	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40
Skate United Badges	6.0	\$100	\$70	\$40

OUR COMMUNITY:

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

NON-DISCRIMINATION:

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the [SkateSafe® Program Handbook](#) for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

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 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.

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 (not SYS or TOI):

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

EMS Coach Resources (SYS or TOI only):

- [Team Management Guide](#)

MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes aged 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 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: 04/27/2024 at 8:00 AM ET

Registration Deadline: 06/16/2024 at 11:59PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 06/30/2024 at 11:59PM ET + \$35 late fee

***The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met**

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 "2024 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 13, 2024 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 13, 2024 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 13, 2024 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 13, 2024 11:59PM ET, late fee of \$15

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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/2024_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.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

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

Videography for this event is provided by Looking Glass Productions. Videos from all events will be available for download within 7 days of the conclusion of the event. Videos are INCLUDED in the cost of registration. To access, visit www.figureskate.video and click on the Event link. If you have any questions, please click the "Contact Us" button on the website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hotel Information

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

\$119 / night + tax: Thursday, July 25

\$149 / night + tax: Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27

Last Day to book: July 8, 2024

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

Vendor and Sponsorship opportunities will be posted to our competition website

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: http://fscfcharleston.com/2024_charleston_open/

For questions, please contact the following:

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

Competition Chair: Tiffany Tanner, tiffany.tanner@gmail.com