**Keystone State Games, Inc. & Premier Amateur Sports, LLC.**

**in cooperation with the White Rose Figure Skating Club welcomes you to the**

 **37th Annual Pennsylvania Skating Championships**

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**Compete against the best from throughout the state and beyond in Olympic-style competition**

**for Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, and 4th-6th place ribbons.**

**This is a qualifying event for the 2024 State Games of America**

**IJS EVENTS in Freestyle**

**Sanction # 33887**

**Location:** York Ice Arena, 941 Vander Ave., York, PA 17403 Phone: 717-848-1084

**Dates:** February 23-25, 2024

**Competition Overview:**

Competition is open to all skaters who are Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Washington D.C., Ohio, and West Virginia residents of eligible athletic status (or any athlete in a state that does not have figure skating as part of their State Games). The Keystone State Games will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules), and/or current Compete USA handbook as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating [website](https://www.usfigureskating.org/members-only/members/technical-notifications).

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, Learn to Skate USA® member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](https://www.usfigureskating.org/about/rules) for more information.

**Competition 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. (Note: if an athlete has passed the pre-preliminary singles test, they are no longer eligible for No Test or lower levels).
* 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](https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/2023-24SeasonUpdates.pdf) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

**All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Ice Dance):**

* 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://www.usfigureskating.org/program-requirements)

This event will follow program requirements for the 2023-2024 season and follow changes made to Compete USA levels as of 1/1/2024.

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| **SINGLES** | **JUDGING** | **1st Event Price** | **2nd Event Price** |
| Excel Free Skate  | *IJS or 6.0* | $160/115 |  |
| Well Balanced Short Program  | IJS | $160 | $90 |
| Well Balanced Free Skate  | *IJS*  | $160 |  |
| Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)  | *IJS*  | $160 |  |
| Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate | *6.0* | *$115* |  |
| **PARTNERED ICE DANCE** | **JUDGING**  | **1st Event Price** | **2nd Event Price** |
| Pattern Dance  | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Free Dance  | 6.0 | *$115* | *$70* |
| Adult Pattern Dance  | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Adult Free Dance | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| **SPECIALTY** | **JUDGING** | **1st Event Price** | **2nd Event Price** |
| Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)  | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Excel Compulsory Moves  | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)  | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)  | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior) | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| **SHOWCASE** | **JUDGING** | **1st Event Price** | **2nd Event Price** |
| Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)  |  *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult) |  *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult) | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult) |  *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult) |  *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)  | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Mini Production Ensemble | *6.0* | *$160* |  |
| Production Ensemble | *6.0* | *$160* |  |
| **SOLO DANCE** | **JUDGING** | **1st Event Price** | **2nd Event Price** |
| Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)  | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Solo Free Dance | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Adult Solo Pattern Dance | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| Adult Solo Free Dance  | *6.0* | *$115* | *$70* |
| **COMPETE USA EVENTS** | **JUDGING** | **1st Event Price** | **2nd Event Price** |
| Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music  | *6.0* | *$100* | *$60* |
| Aspire 1-4 Free Skate | *6.0* | *$100* | *$60* |
| Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music | *6.0* | *$100* | *$60* |
| Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements  | *6.0* | *$100* | *$60* |
| Aspire 1-4 Elements | *6.0* | *$100* | *$60* |
| Compete USA – Showcase  | *6.0* | *$100* | *$60* |
| **ADAPTIVE** | **JUDGING** | **1st Event Price** | **2nd Event Price** |
| Special Olympics Badges | *6.0* | *$100* | *$60* |
| Special Olympics – Free Skate Program | *6.0* | *$100* | *$60* |

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](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usfigureskating.org%2Fskatesafe&data=05%7C01%7Ckhenneman%40usfigureskating.org%7C3d46996269404c60c77408db2af61421%7C964257e804cb48ecab7c63de46e7cfd4%7C0%7C0%7C638151008614852312%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Dxq4uo%2BKBJRf8oE0YjduTi0FzQaQ8AHfQHJ5lBvulaQ%3D&reserved=0) 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](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usfigureskating.org%2Fabout%2Frules&data=05%7C01%7Ckhenneman%40usfigureskating.org%7C3d46996269404c60c77408db2af61421%7C964257e804cb48ecab7c63de46e7cfd4%7C0%7C0%7C638151008614852312%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=kRhLoR9DIBqmdPGj5KWYkXC1on1g7YF1yB5kYrXtcH0%3D&reserved=0).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit [www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.usfigureskating.org%2FSkateSafe&data=05%7C01%7Ckhenneman%40usfigureskating.org%7C3d46996269404c60c77408db2af61421%7C964257e804cb48ecab7c63de46e7cfd4%7C0%7C0%7C638151008614852312%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=laQ2mj%2FodL4soL5DIrbU%2BfkPbZpEGCVeyYRgE82gQ0U%3D&reserved=0) or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

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](https://www.usfigureskating.org/support/coach/coach-compliance). 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.

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

**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 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.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

**Register Online** – **All registration will be done online this year**. Mail in registrations will NOT be accepted.

**Entry Fee:** First NON IJS event fee is $115, Additional events are $70 each. IJS first fee event $160, Additional IJS events are $90 each. First Compete USA event fee $100, additional Compete USA events $60. Once the registration has been completed, skaters will not be allowed to enter additional events, unless the athlete completes an additional registration and pays an additional first event fee. Event fees include video of each performance.

**Entry Deadline:** January 24, 2024. Walk-on registration will not be accepted.

**TEST CREDIT:** In accordance with Rules TR 3.00, 4.01 and 4.02, athletes may receive credit for meeting minimum scores at any competition held under the International Judge System (Open Juvenile and up). The athlete must “skate-up” to the event they are seeking test credit for, in addition to having already passed any prerequisites prior to the competition event. How To: After they have skated, skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit packet at the registration desk. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk 6 and submitted prior to the end of the competition. No test credit forms will be mailed or processed after the close of the competition. The test credit fee will be $10 per test.

**Music:** Skaters must upload their own music. Music upload is necessary via Entryeeze. Deadline for uploading music is February 15th. After that date there will be a late fee of $30 per upload. 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.

**Awards:** Medals will be awarded to skaters placing first, second, or third in each event. Ribbons will be awarded to skaters placing fourth, fifth, or sixth in each event. A trophy will be given to the U.S. FIGURE SKATING club with the most points in all U.S. FIGURE SKATING events. The points for the trophies will be 6 pts. for first, 5 pts. for second, 4 pts. for third, 3 pts. for fourth, 2 pts. for fifth, and 1 pt. for sixth.

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®, the White Rose Figure Skating Club and York Ice Arena 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.

**Rink Description:** York Ice Arena has two ice surfaces that are 200’x85’*.* Competition will take place on both rinks.  Locker rooms will be available. Teams with ten or more skaters will be assigned locker rooms on a first in, first assigned basis. The snack bar will be open during the competition.

**Practice Ice:** Practice ice may be available depending on the final schedule. A tentative schedule of available practice ice will be available on Entryeeze once the schedule is published.

**Schedule Of Events:** The schedule of events is determined by the total number of entries and by the number of entries in each event.  Adult Freestyle will be held Saturday February 24, 2024.  A tentative schedule of events will be posted on or before February 13, 2024.

**Refund Policy:** Refunds will only be given with medical note prior to date of competition. No refunds will be given for non medical and non emergency reasons.

**Opening Ceremonies/Exhibition Skating Performance:** Saturday, February 24th at approximately 12:00 PM will be the Opening Ceremonies of the 2024 Games. The event will include a Torch/Flag Skate, Parade of Athletes, the National Anthem, and the traditional ―Ringing of the Bell. Athletes should be ready to enter at 11:45 AM. Skate clubs are encouraged to bring their club flag to march behind. Attendance is not required, but is encouraged. There will not be an admission charge for the Opening Ceremonies. Athletes will be required to wear skates in order to participate.

Locker Rooms: Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes under 11 years old that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/SkateSafe%20Handbook.pdf).

**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](https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/SkateSafe%20Handbook.pdf).

**Contacts:**

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