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## **2023 Hiawathaland Open & Compete USA Competition**

*Hosted by the  
Rochester Figure Skating Club  
October 13 - 15, 2023*

### **Open Events:**

- Excel Free Skate
- Well-Balanced Free Skate
- Singles Short Program
- Compulsory Moves
- Jumps Challenge
- Spins Challenge
- Adult Free Skate
- Solo Pattern Dance
- Showcase - Individual Entertainment
  - Emotional (formerly dramatic)
  - Choreographic Artistry
  - Lyrical Pop
  - Character Performance
  - Comedic Impressions

### **Compete USA Events:**

- Elements (SS -> Basic 6) & Compulsory (P-FS -> FS6)
- Program with Music (SS -> Basic 6) & (P-FS -> FS6)

**Entry Deadline: Sunday, September 10, 2023, at  
11:59pm CT**

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## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The Hiawathaland Open and Compete USA 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, 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](#) for more 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**.

The **competitive floor** is the lowest level an athlete can compete at and 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). The floor is based on participation in both the Excel series and NQS. If a skater is participating, they have a set floor. That competitive floor for those skaters applies to any competition those skaters enter, not just excel or NQS series competitions. If you have NOT competed in either, skaters can still continue to take tests above their competition level. You are responsible for determining your own floor in that situations.

### **Eligibility Notes:**

1. If an athlete participates in BOTH Excel and NQS, their NQS level may be ONE lower than their Excel level. For example, if an athlete skates Junior Excel, they may skate Novice NQS.
2. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
3. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
4. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

**TEST LEVEL - IMPORTANT PLEASE READ!!** It is the coach/athlete/parent and/or guardians' responsibility to ensure the test level the skater has registered for is correct. If the skater has registered for the wrong level, please let the competition chair know and we can update any time prior to the close of registration. If after registration closes the skater is found to be registered for an event level, they do not qualify no changes can be made and skater will be unable to compete. Coaches and Clubs please take extra effort when reviewing skaters' tests levels this year when approving competition registrations in the entry system. If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

[Click HERE to view the program requirements for the current season.](#)

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – High Beginner)	6.0	\$150.00	\$40.00
Excel Free Skate ( Pre-Preliminary and above)	IJS	\$150.00	\$40.00
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$150.00	\$40.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary and above)	IJS	\$150.00	\$40.00
Adult Free Skate (Silver and higher)	IJS	\$150.00	\$40.00
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate (Pre-Bronze and Bronze)	6.0	\$150.00	\$40.00
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Compulsory Moves (No Test-Senior)	6.0	\$150.00	\$40.00
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$150.00	\$40.00
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$150.00	\$40.00
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	No Test = 6.0 Others = CJS	\$150.00	\$40.00
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	No Test = 6.0 Others = CJS	\$150.00	\$40.00
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	No Test = 6.0 Others = CJS	\$150.00	\$40.00
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	No Test = 6.0 Others = CJS	\$150.00	\$40.00
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	No Test = 6.0 Others = CJS	\$150.00	\$40.00
Interpretive (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$150.00	\$40.00
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$150.00	\$40.00
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS – Continued Next Page</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>

COMPETE USA EVENTS –	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90.00	\$30.00
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90.00	\$30.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$90.00	\$30.00
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$90.00	\$30.00

### **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 received, investigates, and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the most current [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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto: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](http://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.

### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Entries are only accepted online with secure credit card payment at the competition EntryEeze registration site linked on the club's competition webpage [www.rochesterfsc.org/hiawathaland](http://www.rochesterfsc.org/hiawathaland) (major credit cards). **Online entry must be COMPLETED by 11:59pm CT on Sunday, September 10, 2023.** When using the online registration, it is the skaters' and coaches' responsibility to verify that the skater has entered the correct event and level. No late entries, event changes or additions to entries will be allowed after the registration deadline of Sunday, September 10, 2023.

**No registrations will be accepted after Sunday, September 10, 2023.**

#### **LIST OF FEES:**

- Open Registration Fee for First Event: \$150\*
- Open Additional Events Fee: \$40 each
- Compete USA Registration Fee: \$90\*
- Compete USA Additional Events Fee - Each Additional: \$30
- Practice Ice Fee at Registration \$15.00/session
- Practice Ice Fee at Competition \$20.00/session
- Test Credit fee: \$25
- Late registration fee: \$25
- Late music file fee: \$25
- Late or missing PPC fee \$25
- An additional online processing fee of 3.8% will be added to each transaction.

**\* Registration fees for individual entrants include one FREE event video AND one FREE set of event photos of your choice.**

**ADD/CHANGE EVENT:** Registered events can be changed, and new events can be added without penalty before 11:59pm on the entry deadline. Any event change request after this deadline of **11:59pm CT on Sunday, September 10, 2023**, will NOT be accepted.

**TEST CREDIT:** Skaters may purchase test credit at the time of competition registration via EntryEeze. Test Credit Fee is \$25.00. All test credit registrations must be purchased in advance of the competition and testing forms must be complete and turned in by 9:00am Thursday, October 12. You may turn in your test credit forms by emailing [hiawathaland@rochesterfsc.org](mailto:hiawathaland@rochesterfsc.org). Review the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) for more information

**SINGLE SKATER EVENTS:** In the event there is only one skater registered for an event that is 6.0 or IJS or CJS scoring they will be given the opportunity to still skate the program as an exhibition.

If the skater chooses not to participate, the event will be canceled, and the skater will be refunded their registration fee.

**CRITIQUES:** NO Critiques will be offered at Hiawathaland Competition in October 2023. If critiques are requested during the event they will be declined.

**MUSIC UPLOAD:** All individual skaters must submit music electronically via EntryEeze.

Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via EntryEeze by the music deadline of **Sunday, October 1 at 11:59pm CT**. Skaters will not be able to register without their music uploaded. Any music file submitted through EntryEeze after the deadline will incur a \$25 late fee.

**All music uploads must be in .MP3 or M4a format.**

**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.

If you need assistance, please reach out to your coach, entryeeze customer service or the competition chair.

**Backup Music**, competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a CD (standard CD-R format only), or cell phone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes.

If the phone will be used as backup and it 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. Music submitted to EntryEeze for the competition will be deleted after the competition is complete.

**PPC SUBMISSION:** All individual competitors skating in IJS events at Hiawathaland must submit their Planned Program Content (PPC) via their EntryEeze competition account. Once you register for an event you will have the ability to enter your PPC. If you are having any trouble, please reach out to the competition chair. **PPC Paper Form for planning purposes-** [click here](#). You are required to enter your PPC into EntryEeze. If the PPC is not submitted prior to the deadline skaters are technically not registered for the competition. It is the responsibility of the coach/athlete to ensure the PPC is turned in prior to the deadline.

The deadline to submit PPC is **Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 11:59pm CT**. Failure to complete PPCs will result in a \$25 late fee per event. Also, skaters will not be allowed to officially register until the late fee is paid and the missing PPCs are received.

**MUSIC DEADLINE: 10/1/2023 at 11:59pm CT**  
**PPC DEADLINE: 10/1/2023 at 11:59pm CT**

**REFUND POLICY:** As per USFS rule 3058, entry fees will not be refunded after the registration deadline unless no competition exists, or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds including no refunds for medical withdrawals.

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, Rochester Figure Skating Club and the Rochester Recreation Center 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**

**FACILITIES:** All competition events and practice ice will be held at,

**Rochester Recreation Center,  
21 Elton Hills Dr. NW, Rochester, MN.**

[Website Link](#)

The arena has two ice surfaces, each 85'x 200'. There is no admission fee for the competition. There will be limited food available via vending machines during the event. Please bring your own food and beverages if you need them. There are multiple coffee shops and restaurants located near the rink. The temperature of the rink can vary day to day and while it is usually a comfortable rink for spectators we do recommend dressing in layers or bringing a jacket or blanket to stay warm.

### **READY ROOMS:**

Locker rooms will not be available during Hiawathaland for changing. Skaters will be asked to come to the rink ready to compete and if a change is needed there are multiple restrooms available in the building. We will have an open area for skaters to put skates on and 4 "Ready Rooms" available in the hallway behind the South Rink. These ready rooms should be used for skaters to put skates on/off or have a quiet place to prepare for their event. Doors to these rooms will always remain open throughout the entire competition.

### **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 always adhered to 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 UPDATES AND NOTICES:** An official bulletin board will be maintained in the Recreation Center lobby near registration. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and

coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

**SCHEDULE:** *Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for 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. Please also check the website for changes or corrections to this announcement. Events may run up to 30 minutes ahead of schedule at the discretion of the referee.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Practice ice will be available for purchase on the EntryEeze competition website. It is suggested that you reserve your practice ice when you register so that you will have first choice of times once the schedule is posted online. When reserving practice ice sessions online during registration, you must indicate the number of sessions you want to reserve and pay for them at that time. Each skater will be allowed to reserve one session per event registered. You will receive an email from EntryEeze with a PIN number to access your practice ice records and select your sessions on a first come first served basis. Practice ice cost will be **\$15.00/session** if you pre-order the sessions. After the schedule has been posted and those that reserved practice ice have had time to select their sessions, additional practice ice will be available for purchase at **\$20.00/session**. If available, remaining practice ice will be available for purchase at the registration desk during the competition for **\$20.00/session**. All sessions are 20 minutes. No music will be played during individual skater practice ice.

Notification of competition and practice ice times will not be available by phone, mail, or email. Skaters' and Coaches' schedules will be available via the web at the EntryEeze competition website. Please check back often.

**ONSITE REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN DESK:** The Registration/Check-In Desk will be located at the rink main entrance and open during all individual practice ice sessions and events. It typically opens by 7:00 a.m. CT each morning of competition to check-in practice ice skaters. It will open earlier if we decide to add earlier practice ice sessions based on participation. The Registration Desk is located at the east side main entrance to the Recreation Center. Please register promptly upon arrival. Registration will be your final confirmation of event(s) and competition time(s).

**AWARDS:**

**Beginner through Pre-Preliminary Free Skate:** Trophies will be awarded to the top four skaters in each event. Participants not finishing in the top four will receive a participation award.

**Preliminary through Senior Free Skate:** Trophies will be awarded to the top four skaters in each event.

**Showcase events:** Trophies will be awarded to the top four skaters in each event.

**All other individual events:** When necessary, groups will be divided into flights. Medals will be awarded to the top four skaters in each flight/event.

**Compete USA:** Awards will be given to all participants in Compete USA events.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:** As stated in the "List of Fees" section, registration fees for individual registrants include one FREE event album of photos of your choice AND one FREE event video of your choice compliments of the Rochester Figure Skating Club. The photo/videographer this year is Perkins Media, and they will post your choice of event photos/video in a Dropbox location for you to copy the files from. Additional photos/videos will be available for purchase for most events.

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

**VENDORS:** This year we are happy to have the following groups at Hiawathaland. Be sure to check them out in the Gym!

- **iSK8box** – Watch for additional information on how to order an iSK8box for your skater to pick up at the competition! It is a terrific way to celebrate the hard work and success of the skaters.
- **Julie R Dance & Skate** – Wisconsin's largest skate and dance outfitter will be joining us at Hiawathaland again this year! This booth will have all your basic skating needs throughout the competition and a whole bunch of ideas for great skater gifts!

**TEST SESSION (the day before the competition start):** REGISTRATION FOR TESTING HAS A **SEPARATE** REGISTRATION LINK FROM THE COMPETITION REGISTRATION LINK. Testing registration is online only. Information will be posted at [www.rochesterfsc.org](http://www.rochesterfsc.org).

**FIRST AID:** A First Aid Room will be located directly across from the skaters' entrance to the South Rink

### **SHOWCASE SKATING EVENTS:**

Singles: Skaters may enter any or all events for which they are qualified by test level and non-qualifying competition participation. Skaters cannot skate different levels of the same event, nor competition (example: an Emotional Performance junior level skater would not be allowed to skate Dramatic Performance Junior and Senior at the same competition). Electives: Each skater (competitor) may only enter one duet/trio, mini production ensemble, one production ensemble, and one inflatable.

Skaters who register for a Showcase Event that only has one skater registered will still be scheduled as single skater event. Skaters are still scheduled for the event since skating the protocol in a single skater event will still qualify a skater for the Showcase Nationals Competition. Please reach out to the competition chair with any questions.

- **Emotional Performance:** Programs should portray a story, expressing conflict, resolution and/or depth of emotion. Skater should provoke an emotional response with the audience - through related skating movements, gestures, and choreographic processes. The entire spectrum of emotions should be considered when selecting the theme (e.g., love, loss, longing, fulfillment, happiness, melancholy, sadness, etc.).
  - Lip synching is not permitted.

- Props and Scenery are permitted.
- No Technical Limitations.
- **Choreographic Artistry:** Programs will have music without spoken words or lyrics. Technical elements (not required) will be limited to no more than ½ rotation jumps, 1 full spin, additional spins with 3 or fewer revolutions. Emphasis should be on developing movement on the ice, using the entire body to express innovative ideas and choreographic processes and gestures. Open to Juvenile through Senior Elite/Pro-Am and Adult Masters.
  - Lip synching is not permitted.
  - Props and Scenery are not permitted.
  - Technical Limitations: ½ rotation jumps, 1 full spin, additional spins < 3 revs.
  - Costuming: Fabric has no more than 1 color. Crystals may enhance and compliment with a different color, but not overpower the costume.
- **Lyrical Pop:** Perform to your favorite song containing lyrics, without lip-synching.
  - Lip synching is not permitted.
  - Props and Scenery are not permitted.
  - No technical limitations.
- **Character Performance:** Skaters will impersonate a character, original or adapted, on the ice. Performances as a character from a movie, musical, book, original idea, original adaptation are all welcome here.
  - Lip Synching is required.
  - Props and Scenery are permitted.
  - No technical limitations.
- **Comedic Impressions:** A humorous performance intentionally designed to achieve continuous/multiple chuckles, laughs, or audible rises from viewers. Performance is projected outward towards audience and entertaining through skating movements, gestures, and physical actions deemed comedic.
  - Lip Synching is permitted.
  - Props and Scenery are permitted.

No technical limitations.

- **Interpretive:** The program will be a performance choreographed by the competitor, unaccompanied and unassisted, to music that is supplied by the LOC. Approximately 1 hour before the scheduled event time, competitors will gather where the music will be played continuously during a 30-minute off ice session in a room. The room will be attended only by the adult monitors assigned to play the music, and the competing skaters. No additional items may be provided to the skater once the skater enters the gathering area where the music is heard. Cell phone and outside contact, once entering the room, is strictly prohibited and could result in a skater being withdrawn from event. Furniture (such as folding chairs) is not allowed.

## **SOLO PATTERN DANCE (Not part of series)**

**Please read the technical portion of the handbook closely when creating programs for the 2023 season as there are some new rules that will be implemented this year. All new rules for 2023 will be underlined in all documents to outline what is new. Rules are highlighted in yellow so everyone will pay special attention to major rule changes that may have been added since the first publishing of this handbook. [CLICK HERE](#)**

Solo Pattern Dance General event parameters:

1. Levels are based upon the skaters' highest pattern dance test passed.
2. A solo pattern dance competition event will consist of the skater performing two solo pattern dances.
4. Skaters will complete both dances at each level. Dances will be scheduled at the discretion of the Chief Referee for each competition and may be competed consecutively or with a break in-between pattern dances groupings.

The following levels will be offered:

	<b>Test Requirements</b>	<b>Dances (number of sequences to be skated)</b>
Preliminary	No test or passed preliminary & may not have passed the Novice/Silver Singles or Skills Tests.	Initial Round: Canasta Tango (3 sequences) & Final Round: Rhythm Blues (3 sequences)
Pre-Bronze	Passed preliminary or pre-bronze & may not have passed the Novice/Silver Singles or Skating Skills Tests.	Initial Round: Swing Dance (2 sequences) Final Round: Tango Fiesta (3 sequences)
Bronze	Passed pre-bronze or bronze & may not have passed the Novice/Silver Singles or Skating Skills Tests.	Initial Round: Willow Waltz (3 sequences) Final Round: Hickory Hoedown Variation Dance (2 sequences)
Pre-Silver	Passed bronze or pre-silver	Initial Round: European Waltz (2 sequences) Final Round: Foxtrot Variation Dance (2 sequences)
Silver	Passed pre-silver or silver	Initial Round: Tango (2 sequences) Final Round: Rocker Foxtrot Variation Dance (2 sequences)
Pre-Gold	Passed silver or pre-gold	Initial Round: Paso Doble (3 sequences) Final Round: Blues Variation Dance (2 sequences)
Gold	Passed pre-gold or gold	Initial Round: Viennese Waltz (2 sequences) Final Round: Quickstep Variation (2 sequences)



## TWIN CITY FIGURE SKATING ASSOCIATION COMPETE USA SERIES

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**TCFSA COMPETE USA SERIES MISSION STATEMENT:** The purpose of the "Series" is to promote an introductory competitive experience for the beginning TCFSA member skater allowing them to develop the U.S. Figure Skating basic skills in an enjoyable environment. The Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCFSA) Compete USA Competition Series is sponsored solely by TCFSA and is a U.S. Figure Skating approved Compete USA Series. Competition announcements and entry forms will be posted on the official website of each participating competition. COMPETE USA skaters are automatically registered and will have the opportunity to compete at 11 different local TCFSA member competitions to earn points for a final standing. **Skaters MUST participate in at least 2 competitions to be eligible for an Award.** Awards will be presented to the top three skaters with the highest point totals in each level at the end of the series. Skaters competing in more than 5 competitions will use their 5 highest placements. Point accumulation information will be available at [www.tcfsa.org](http://www.tcfsa.org) in the COMPETE USA section. A team trophy will be awarded to the TCFSA member club that accumulates the most points during the series season.

**THE POINT SYSTEM:** Each skater must be a member in good standing of a TCFSA member club or COMPETE USA program. Each Basic Skills free skate event, as well as High Beginner and Beginner event, in each of the series competitions will be eligible for accumulating points. The system for scoring points for the final standing will be as follow:

PLACE	POINTS
1	5
2	4
3	3
4	2

All competitors who place 5th place or lower will be awarded one participation point. Per the USFS Compete USA webpage, if there is only one skater in the group, he or she will be awarded three points. Also, should a skater move up a level during the competition series season, their points will follow them to the next level. They will also be rewarded two bonus points for moving up ONE time throughout the series season.

**ELIGIBILITY and RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS:** The TCFSA Compete USA series is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible members of either the Compete USA program or full members of U.S. Figure Skating through a TCFSA member club. Eligibility is based on the skill level as of the closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Compete USA skaters through Basic 6 must skate at their highest level passed and MAY NOT have passed any US figure skating tests including Moves in the Field or Dance tests. Males and females may be placed in the same group. The competitions in the series will be conducted under the rules set forth by the US Figure Skating "Compete USA Competition Manual" program. Skating levels included in the TCFSA series are Snowplow Sam, Basic 1 through Basic 6 and Pre Free Skate through Free Skate 6. Elements for each level will be included in the individual announcement for each competition.

Source: <https://www.tcfsa.org/>