



Southern California Open 2022



August 18-21, 2022

Hosted by the Figure Skating Club of Southern California
The Cube Ice & Entertainment Center - 27745 Smyth Dr. Valencia, CA 91355
661-257-2823

<https://www.thecubesantaclarita.com>

The Southern California 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.

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS)

This competition is approved for the 2022-23 National Qualifying Series (NQS) in Singles and Pairs; Juvenile – Senior.

For the 2022-2023 season, the Competitions Committee has proposed a National Qualifying Season combining the stand-alone October qualifying competitions, Regional (singles) and Sectional (pairs and ice dance) Challenges, into approved series competitions from mid-July to late September allowing athletes to advance to the Sectional Singles, U.S. Pairs and U.S. Ice Dance Finals in November 2022 and culminating with the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships and National Development Camp in January 2023 (San Jose, California).

Beginning July 1, athletes/team wishing to participate in the qualifying season may register via the [EMS Series Application](#). The Series Application is the key requirement for qualifying registration AND replaces regional/sectional registration from July 15 – September 1. All interested athletes (including potential and known byes) MUST complete this step.

Without a completed/paid series application prior to the start of this competition, the scores will NOT count towards [National Qualifying Series Standings](#) – no exceptions. For some this may mean, completing registration for an approved NQS competition prior to the EMS Series Application.

For additional information, review the NQS Athlete Handbook [here](#).
Questions can be directed to events@usfigureskating.org.

SERIES INFORMATION: This competition is approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of the NQS for Singles and Pairs and is also part of the Southern California Interclub Association Series.

Adult 1-6, adult beginner, adult high beginner, adult pre-bronze and adult bronze program/free skate events that meet Adult Competition Series guidelines are offered at this competition. Adult Competition Series participants must submit a photo, scanned copy, email attachment or screenshot of the results sheet to adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com by the deadline published in the most recent [Adult Competition Series Handbook](#) to receive credit and series points.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test Level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering, or one level above that.

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.

Age classes for all free skate and showcase events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION:

EMS REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.

Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Registration Deadline: 07/19/22 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 07/26 at 11:59 PM ET + \$25 Late Fee

1. Go to **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.**
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 "COMPETITION NAME" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

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. synchro, 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 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: 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.

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.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at :

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EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **8/4/22 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$10 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 SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

You may also contact our Music Chair, Susan - sk8music4events@gmail.com

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 have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cellphone and it must be immediately available rink side 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.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **August 2, 2022 at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$10 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](#)

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LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Figure Skating Club of Southern California and The Cube Ice & Entertainment 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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN: Check-in will open each day one hour before events begin and close each day when the last skater has signed in.

LOCKER ROOMS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be available via EMS after the competition schedule is posted.

EMS (SKATER) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES:

- **Skater:** [Open Sales](#)

PHOTO/VIDEO: Action video and photos and Podium photos will be available for purchase.

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

AWARDS: Awards for First through Third place will be handed out for all events. LTS/BS events will have awards for all placements.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the registration desk: 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.

TEST CREDIT: We will be offering Test Credit protocols for purchase via EMS

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

EMS Coach Resources

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

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.

CRITIQUES

As an approved National Qualifying Series competition, no critiques will be offered at this event – for any level or discipline

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact

Ann Jensen – Competition Chair

310-849-9550 (no calls/texts after 9, please)

Annmjensen@aol.com

SECTION 2: Events Offered and Entry Fees:

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

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES				
		1 st EVENT		
Juvenile Singles Free Skate	IJS	\$155		
Intermediate – Senior Singles Combined (SP & FS)	IJS	\$230		
Juvenile & Intermediate Pairs Free Skate	IJS	\$225		
Novice – Senior Pairs Combined (SP & FS)	IJS	\$325		

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1 st EVENT		
Excel Free Skate (Beginner & High Beginner Only)	6.0	\$90		
No Test Singles Free Skate	6.0	\$90		
Pre-Pre - Pre Juv Singles Free Skate	IJS	\$155		
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$155		
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$90		
Combined: Short Program & Free Skate	IJS	\$230		