



First Coast Classic

First Coast Figure Skating Club

Community First Igloo – Jacksonville, FL

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The First Coast Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the 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.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#).

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles Skating Events: 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 #1, 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 the 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 an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$65	\$25
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$65	\$25
Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)	6.0	\$65	\$25
Well-balanced Free Skate (No Test – Preliminary)	6.0	\$65	\$25
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$65	\$25
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$65	\$25
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$65	\$25
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$65	\$25
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$65	\$25
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$65	\$25
Compete USA – Showcase/Showcase Duet	6.0	\$65	\$25

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.

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 Deadline: 05/14/2023 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 05/21/2023 at 11:59 PM ET + \$20 Late Fee

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.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 "**First Coast Classic**" 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.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **June 4th, 2023 at 11:59pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$20 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

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.

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, First Coast Figure Skating Club and Community First Igloo 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:

Community First Igloo
3605 Philips Hwy, Jacksonville, FL 32207
<https://communityfirstigloo.com/>

Rink has 2 ice surfaces, locker rooms, a snack bar, and Restaurant.

Locker Rooms

GENERAL 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 and the SkateSafe® Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe®](#) page).

Travel Policies

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 & UPDATES:

Updates to the competition will be available on the First Coast Figure Skating Club website in regards to changes/updates to the competition. <https://jaxskateclub.org/firstcoastclassic>

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:

Practice Ice will be offered in 20-minute sessions for \$20 each. Practice ice purchasing and time selection via EMS will go on sale June 9th at 6pm EDT and close June 23rd at 11:59pm EDT. Each skater will be eligible to purchase 1 practice ice per event.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on 7AM on June 25th, 2023 at the registration desk.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to the top 4 of each group (Gold through Pewter.) Medals can be picked up at the registration desk after the event standings have been posted online or on the wall.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

Many volunteers will be needed for the competition. Sign ups for volunteer positions will be posted on EMS/Sign Up Genius

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- We have vendor opportunities available. Please email events@jaxskateclub.org for more information
- The competition will run from 8AM to 3pm

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: <https://jaxskateclub.org/firstcoastclassic>

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Tyler Meek	events@jaxskateclub.org	(424) 634-8035
Chief Referee:	Pending	E-mail	Phone
Practice Ice Chair:	Pending	E-mail	Phone
Competition Co-chair:	Amanda Meek	amanda@levelupskating.com	(424) 634-0722