



2018 SOUTHWEST PACIFIC
REGIONAL FIGURE SKATING
CHAMPIONSHIPS



**Hosted by the All Year Figure Skating Club
Ontario, CA
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2018 Qualifying Competition Season

TECHNICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

1. GENERAL

The 2018 U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition season consists of a total of 13 events. These include 12 qualifying events (nine regional championships, three sectional championships), and the 2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships (juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior). All 13 events are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and conducted according to the most current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, 2017-2018 edition, with changes and clarifications as posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website and this announcement. Compliance with these rules as updated or amended is the responsibility of the participants. U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions to the international judging system (IJS) made by the ISU for junior and senior events and by U.S. Figure Skating to novice events and below.

The qualifying and national championship competitions are only open to competitors who (1) Are current members of U.S. Figure Skating (2) Meet the eligibility requirements according to U.S. Figure Skating Rule 2211 (3) Meet all age and test requirements pertaining to the event to be entered and (4) Meet the citizen and residency requirements as stated in Rules 2230-2243 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Please note amendments have been made to the requirements for returning U.S. skaters as well as non-U.S. skaters wishing to compete. Consult the rulebook to ensure you complete the necessary requirements.

Important Notice regarding coaches for all qualifying competitions (Regionals, Sectionals and U.S. Championships)

To be credentialed as a coach at a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying level competition, a professional coach or choreographer must:

- Be declared by a skater at the time of the registration process with U.S. Figure Skating (July 15-Sept. 1, 2017)
- Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A compliant for 2017-2018
- Successful (green) background check
- A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- A current member in good standing with the PSA

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.pdf>.

Each local organizing committee (LOC) will be provided with a list of coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. Coaches who are NOT on the list will need to show proof of membership in both U.S. Figure Skating and the PSA, a Coaches Registration card, proof of Category A compliance in CER, and a photo I.D. at check in. **If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them.**

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Important Notice for All Pairs and Dance Teams

All pairs and dance teams will begin their qualifying season at their respective sectional championships (unless they have been notified of a bye advancing them directly to the U.S. Championships). Furthermore, only one member of the team will register for the season and thus have access to the competition season profile (the registration will not show on the member's profile who did not register).

Important Notice to All Regional Competitors – Determining a Skater's Competitive Region

Region of entry will be determined in accordance with rule 2410. Singles skaters not also entering a partnered event must compete at the regional championship held in the region in which their home club is located. This applies to ALL levels.

For the 2018 competition season, the 12 qualifying events are:

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

[2018 North Atlantic Regional Championships](#)

Ice House of New Jersey Figure Skating Club; Hackensack, NJ: Oct. 4-8, 2017

[2018 Upper Great Lakes Regional Championships](#)

Northern Blades Figure Skating Club; Blaine, MN: Oct. 4-8, 2017

[2018 Northwest Pacific Regional Championships](#)

Oregon Skating Council; Eugene, OR: Oct. 11-15, 2017

[2018 South Atlantic Regional Championships](#)

Ice Works Skating Club; Aston, PA: Oct. 11-15, 2017

[2018 Southwestern Regional Championships](#)

Fort Collins Figure Skating Club; Fort Collins, CO: Oct. 11-15, 2017

[2018 Southwest Pacific Regional Championships](#)

All Year Figure Skating Club; Ontario, CA: Oct. 11-15, 2017

[2018 New England Regional Championships](#)

North Star Figure Skating Club; Westborough, MA: Oct. 18-22, 2017

[2018 Eastern Great Lakes Regional Championships](#)

Scott Hamilton Skating Club; Antioch, TN: Oct. 18-22, 2017

[2018 Central Pacific Regional Championships](#)

Salt Lake Figure Skating; Salt Lake City, Utah: Oct. 18-22, 2017

SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

[2018 Eastern Sectional Championships](#)

Colonial Figure Skating Club; Boxborough, MA: Nov. 15-19, 2017

[2018 Midwestern Sectional Championships](#)

Figure Skating Club of Bloomington; Bloomington, MN: Nov. 15-19, 2017

[2018 Pacific Coast Sectional Championships](#)

Lilac City Figure Skating Club; Spokane, WA: Nov. 15-19, 2017

The national championships will be organized for all qualifiers in:

2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships
SAP Center and Solar4America Ice at San Jose
San Jose, California: December 29, 2017 – January 7, 2018

2. REGISTRATION

A. METHOD

Online Electronic Registration (Required)

Online registration is the ONLY method available for entry into the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition season. Registration opens July 15, 2017 at 3:00 pm EST.

To enter online into the 2018 qualifying competition season, proceed in the following manner:

- Log on to www.usfsaonline.org
- Input your membership number and password
 - If you do not already have a password, go to www.usfsaonline.org first and follow the online instructions.

If you are experiencing difficulty with the online registration, please email the U.S. Figure Skating Member Services Department at memberservices@usfigureskating.org or call the U.S. Figure Skating main number at 719.635.5200.

B. DEADLINES

The entry deadline for the 2018 qualifying competition season is **11:59 p.m., Sept. 1, 2017**. The time zone of your home club will determine the entry deadline of 11:59 p.m., Sept. 1, 2017.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Age requirements must be met by **Sept. 1, 2017**.

Test requirements must also be met by **Sept. 1, 2017**. Provisional entries based on passing a test after the closing date of entries will not be accepted. Please refer to U.S. Figure Skating Rules 2420-2423 for further testing information and guidelines.

*Skaters entering a singles event in addition to a partnered event must enter a regional championship of either their home club region or the home club region of their partner within the section they have chosen for the partnered event.

A. ENTRY FEES

All competitors entering the 2018 qualifying competition season must submit payment of the \$175 entry fee to U.S. Figure Skating. All competitors are required to pay both the entry fee into the qualifying competition season (for each event entered) and an administration fee, which is \$10.

2018 QUALIFYING COMPETITION SEASON ENTRY FEES

Entry Fee	Level/Discipline
\$175	Juvenile/Intermediate/Novice/Junior/Senior Singles (First competition at regional championships)
\$175	Juvenile/Intermediate/Novice/Junior/Senior Pairs and Dance Teams (first competition at sectional championships)
\$10	Administration Fee

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Sectional Championships Qualifying Entry Fees

Singles skaters advancing from the regional championships to the sectional championships will incur an additional \$175 entry fee and a \$10 administration fee. Competitors will receive an e-mail from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters outlining the payment process after their respective regional championships have concluded. Note, this total will **NOT** automatically be charged using the same credit card used to pay for entry into the qualifying season. Skaters receiving byes or who advance per the four or fewer rule will NOT incur any additional entry or administrative fees.

ENTRY FEE BREAKDOWN for 2018 QUALIFYING COMPETITION SEASON

Discipline	Regional Championships	Sectional Championships	U.S. Championships
Singles Skaters	\$175	\$175	N/A
Pairs and Dance	N/A	\$175	N/A

Your registration is not considered valid until all appropriate entry and administrative fees are paid and all required supplements (including the planned program content sheet and music upload) are completed online to U.S. Figure Skating.

B. PAYMENT

Online payment via credit card the ONLY accepted form of payment.

Advancement information and entry fee instructions for those advancing to the sectional championships from the regional championships will be **e-mailed** from U.S. Figure Skating headquarters the week following each respective regional championship. If you have any questions, please contact Mia Corsini at mcorsini@usfigureskating.org.

Once entered, all withdrawals are considered final. A skater may not reenter even if the withdrawal occurs prior to the entry deadline on Sept. 1, 2017. Please note: refunds are not given for any reason. *If you need to withdraw, you must send an e-mail to Mia Corsini with your name, U.S. Figure Skating membership number, event in which you were entered (i.e. Junior Ladies) and the competition from which you wish to withdraw.

C. BYES

No medical byes will be considered. Competitors awarded a bye to their sectional championships or the U.S. Championships will receive official notification in writing from U.S. Figure Skating. All competitors wishing to compete in the 2018 qualifying competition season, including those who receive a bye, must enter by the Sept. 1, 2017, deadline. Please refer to the most recent U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for details on byes.

3. TECHNICAL DETAILS

A. CONDUCT OF EVENTS

For the 2018 season, all events and levels at all championship competitions (regional, sectional, U.S. Championships) will be conducted in accordance with the international judging system (IJS). Check the U.S. Figure Skating website for technical and/or rules updates at http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp.

B. AGE AND TEST QUALIFICATIONS

All age and test requirements can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook starting with Rule 4200 (senior singles). The rulebook is available online at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2017-18%20Rulebook%2006-30-17.pdf>

C. TECHNICAL ELEMENTS

The well-balanced program charts for all levels and disciplines are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website at www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84109. As referenced earlier in this announcement, U.S. Figure Skating will incorporate all changes made by the ISU with regard to well-balanced programs. Please refer to this web site often for continuous updates.

D. COMPETITION PROFILE – Available beginning August 1st, 2017

All competitors entering into the 2018 qualifying competition season (regionals and sectionals) are required to complete an online “Competition Program” (Available beginning August 1st, 2017) which includes the following:

- Upload of each piece of competition music
- Music copyright information for all music
- Planned Program Content detailing the elements in both programs.
- *Detailed information with regard to submission can be found on the competition websites and member's only.*

Please note that you do not have to complete this at time of entry although it is strongly encouraged. An athlete may update their “Competition Program” details at any time by logging into “Members Only” at www.usfsaonline.org. Athletes will not be allowed to make any edits to their “Competition Program” **one week prior** to the start of your competition as this time is used for event organizers to download your information and prepare for the event. If you need to make any adjustments within one week of the event you will be required to do that onsite.

Finally, you will not be allowed to receive your credential at registration until U.S. Figure Skating and the local organizing committees have received this information.

MUSIC UPLOAD/SUBMISSION - Available beginning August 1st, 2017

Online music submission is the ONLY accepted method to submit program music. The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

Programs per File:

Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short program, free skate etc.) per file is allowed.

File Format: MP3

If you need assistance formatting your file to MP3, please consider the following free applications listed below. *Please note, U.S. Figure Skating/LOC does not endorse any conversion software.*

[Format Factory](#)

***PC only, not compatible for Apple*

[Audacity](#)

Copyright Information:

U.S. Figure Skating, in compliance with BMI Licensing requirements, must collect the copyright information from each piece of music used in a skater's program. For assistance with this requirement, please click [here](#).

File Specifications:

- Maximum File Size: 12MB
 - Sound Quality: Set up Medium or High!
- Maximum Running time: Five (5) minutes
- Maximum Leader/Trailer: The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music and the trailer is the silence between the end of the music and track. The Music Committee prefers that neither are included on the file but if necessary, are no more than two (2) seconds respectively.

BACKUP MUSIC AT EVENTS (CD's ONLY)

In addition to submitting music online, all competitors must have at least one (1) backup CD rink-side at practice sessions and during the actual event.

E. SEEDING AND QUALIFYING ROUNDS AT REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A skater who is added to an event due to unforeseen circumstances will be added to one of the groups (which group will be at the discretion of the chief referee) up to 24 hours before the start of the first qualifying group in that event. No reseeding or reassignments between groups will be made after the competitors are notified of their qualifying groups. Posting of the start order will be on the LOC website or the arena. The official schedule of events will be posted at the competition.

F. OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD/EVENT WEBSITE

The official bulletin board and event website will contain any announcements or changes, and it is the responsibility of the competitors to check often for official notices. Please refer to the local portion of the announcement for further information regarding the bulletin board and event website.

4. ADVANCEMENT TO SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS/U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS

A. QUALIFIERS

SINGLES COMPETITORS

All singles competitors advancing to the sectional championships or the U.S. Championships will receive instructions for downloading the specific event announcement from www.usfsaonline.org for the competition to which they have advanced.

For every competitor, all information required to be sent to the sectional championships or U.S. Figure Skating Championships local organizing committees must be received no later than the deadline on the respective forms.

For those competitors receiving a bye to the sectional championships, you will receive either instructions for downloading the announcement or your announcement via email and must follow the deadlines set forth by the LOC.

B. ALTERNATES

Skaters placing in fifth and sixth place (unless there are fill-ins) at the regional championships in the juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior singles events will be designated as first and second alternates. There will be no formal notification for first and second alternates however these competitors are required to download and review the event announcement as they may be selected to compete up to 24 hours before their competition event.

Alternates DO NOT need to mail in any paperwork or required forms unless contacted by U.S. Figure Skating.

4. INSURANCE/LIABILITY

A. LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, the host club(s) and/or interclub association, the organizing committee, and the ice arenas being utilized for these events accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships (U.S. Figure Skating Rule 1600).

5. ANTI-DOPING

Anti-doping tests will be conducted at the 2018 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held in San Jose, California, Dec. 29, 2017 – Jan. 7, 2018. Anti-Doping testing will be conducted in the Senior-level events only and consist of the top four place-winners plus one random selection for each discipline. If selected, testing is mandatory.

6. CONTACTS

For further information, requests should be addressed to:

A. U.S. FIGURE SKATING

Director, Events

Mia Corsini

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Chair, Competitions Committee

Hal Marron

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B. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Please refer to the additional information located on the following pages for detailed contact information for the local organizing committee hosting your specific championships.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2018 Southwest Pacific Regional Figure Skating Championships will be held October 11 through October 14, 2017 at the [Center Ice Arena](#). The championships are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and hosted by the All Year Figure Skating Club.

The entry deadline for the 2018 Southwest Pacific Regional Figure Skating Championships is **11:59p.m., September 1, 2017.**

**REGISTRATION ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED AT WWW.USFSAONLINE.ORG.
ONLINE REGISTRATION IS THE ONLY METHOD AVAILBALE FOR ENTRY INTO THE 2018
QUALIFYING COMPETITION SEASON.**

For additional information, check out the competition website at the following link:
WWW.SWREGIONALS.COM

ARENA INFORMATION

All events of the competition will be held at the [Center Ice Arena](#), 201 South Plum Ave., Ontario, CA. The ice surface is approximately 85' x 200', slightly rounded at the corners. The arena has dressing rooms, snack bar, pro shop and free parking. There are restaurants within driving distance of the arena. The airport closest to Center Ice Arena is [Ontario International Airport](#) (ONT).

CHECK-IN/INFORMATION DESK

An information desk will be set up in the entrance area of Center Ice Arena during the competition. The hours of the registration desk will begin at least one hour prior to the first event. All skaters are expected to be in the arena one hour prior to the start of their scheduled event.

Further, an official bulletin board will be maintained in conjunction with the check-in desk. During the competition, updates will be posted on the bulletin board and will supersede all other schedules. Notices posted here are considered sufficient notice to all skaters. Skaters should refer to www.swregionals.com, in addition to [EMS](#) (via Members Only), to access the updated competition schedule after the close of entries.

AWARDS

Medals will be presented to athletes in first through fourth place in each qualifying round and championship event. Trophies will be awarded to the champion in each championship event. Awards will be presented immediately following the posting of results.

ADMISSION

Event tickets can be purchased at the check-in table at the Center Ice Arena. There will be no pre-sale for tickets.

All Event Ticket - \$25.00

Adults - \$10.00/day

Senior (62 and above) - \$5.00/day

Children (12 and under) – FREE

CREDENTIALS

Each athlete will receive complimentary credentials for ONE chaperone and ONE designated approved coach (declared at the time of registration).

The credentials are marked with the individual's name and are non-transferable. You must have credentials to enter Center Ice Arena and the warm-up area. One additional coach credential may be pre-purchased [here](#) for \$25.00 through Monday, October 2, 2017 or at the check-in/information desk for \$30.00. No additional chaperone credentials will be available for purchase.

A photo ID must be shown by all chaperones and coaches when the credential is picked up. BADGES are non-transferable!

Badges must be worn at all times while in Center Ice Arena. Any lost badges will be replaced for an additional charge of \$30 per badge.

SCHEDULE / GROUPS

A **tentative** schedule is provided in this announcement. This schedule is subject to change based on the number of entries. An updated schedule will be posted on the event web site www.swregionals.com as soon as possible following the close of entries. (Entries close on September 1, 2017).

ACCOMMODATIONS – DOUBLETREE BY HILTON, ONTARIO AIRPORT

All Year FSC has negotiated a special room rate at the [Double Tree by Hilton Ontario Airport](#) for \$129/night + tax. The hotel is approximately 10 minutes, by car, from the Center Ice Arena. The Doubletree offers a free shuttle between [Ontario International Airport](#) and the property. Competitors must book prior to September 13, 2017 to obtain the discounted rate!

Click [here](#) to book or call 1-800-222-8733 and use code 'PRC.'

PHOTOGRAPHY: A professional photographer will be at the competition, and is responsible for all photography within the arena. Any other videotaping and photography is prohibited. For information on event videography, please visit www.midwesternsectionals.com.

Please note: Flash photography of the competition, including practice ice, is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy.

VIDEOGRAPHY: The U.S. Figure Skating Production Team will serve as the official video provider for all qualifying competitions this season. To order video for the 2018 qualifying season, please visit www.usfigureskatingvideos.com and enter your email address. All competitors will be notified when videos are available to preview and purchase. Please note: videotaping of the competition, including practice ice, in any form is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating policy.

PRACTICE ICE

Registered regional competitors will have the opportunity to purchase practice ice beginning **Monday, September 11, 2017 at 9:00 am PT through Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 9:00 am PT**. Practice ice is **not** included in your entry fee and can only be purchased through Members Only (via the [EMS](#) tab) and if availability permits, onsite.

- **OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE (OPI) – \$30.00**
Each skater, regardless of level, will have the opportunity to purchase **one** OPI session where their music will be played once. Skaters may choose which piece of music is played.
- **UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE (UPI) – \$25.00**
Juvenile skaters may purchase up to **two** UPI sessions and Intermediate – Senior competitors may purchase up to **three**. UPI sessions will be 30 minutes in length and **NO MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED**.

Please note, after practice ice sessions are purchased there are NO refunds, transfers or changes regardless of circumstance. Additional information with regard to the sale of practice ice can be found on the competition [website](#).

Questions? E-mail Johanne Harvey; jojomimiphil@att.net.

For additional information with regard to competition travel, program photos, merchandise, event videography and photography please visit the event website; www.swregionals.com

COMPETITION CONTACTS

COMPETITION CHAIR

Jayne Rendel

jaynerendel66@yahoo.com

REFEREE

Larry Kriwanek

LarryKri@hotmail.com

Tentative Schedule

The tentative schedule listed below is a preliminary schedule. Competitors should NOT rely upon this schedule as it may change following the close of entries (9/1/17).

Thursday, October 11, 2017

Intermediate Ladies Qualifying Rounds
Novice Ladies Qualifying Rounds

Friday, October 12, 2017

Juvenile Girls Qualifying Rounds
Intermediate Men Short Program
Novice Men Short Program
Novice Ladies Short Program Championship Round

Saturday, October 13, 2017

Juvenile Girls Championship Round
Intermediate Ladies Free Skate Championship Round
Novice Ladies Free Skate Championship Round
Junior Ladies Short Program
Junior Men Short Program
Senior Men Short Program
Senior Ladies Short Program

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Juvenile Boys Free Skate
Intermediate Men Free Skate
Novice Men Free Skate
Junior Ladies Free Skate
Junior Men Free Skate
Senior Men Free Skate
Senior Ladies Free Skate