



September 3-5, 2021

COMPETITION FOR SINGLES and PAIRS

Hosted by:

All Year Figure Skating Club

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

Entry Deadline: August 9, 2021

Great Park Ice, Irvine

888 Ridge Valley

Irvine, CA 92618

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Competition Information

Golden West Championships 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 which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

This competition is open to any eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted person as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

AGE RESTRICTIONS/ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

All competitors must be eligible persons and members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating or a foreign federation by the close of entries. Qualifying tests and ages for all events are as of close of entries Friday, August 9, 2021.

Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. All levels may skate ONE level higher than that for which they are qualified, but may not skate more than one level in each discipline, except as specifically noted below. Age restrictions apply as follows:

Age Requirements/Restrictions (ALL ages are as of August 9, 2021):

Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements:

- Juvenile: Girls – 12 years of age or younger; Boys – 13 years of age or younger
- Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years of age or older; Boys – 14 years of age or older
- Intermediate must be under the age of 18
- Adults must be 21 years of age or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age at the discretion of the referee. If necessary, the referee will combine events as needed based on entries.

Adult Skating age classes will be combined at the Golden West Championships. Men and Ladies may be combined for Adult Bronze free skate and below, at the discretion of the Referee. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender will be offered the opportunity to skate up to the next higher level or be issued a refund.

All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6 skaters must skate at highest level passed or ONE level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Moves in the Field or individual dances. For the Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, eligibility will be based only upon highest free skate test level passed. Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level. Skaters may not compete at more than one level in the same type event at the same competition.

ENTRIES: Online registration **opens July 9, 2021**. Entries will be accepted online via EMS with credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Registration Deadline: 11:59 PM PDT August 9, 2021. (Aug.10, 2:59 AM EDT)

Late Registration Deadline: 11:59 PM PDT August 12, 2021 (Aug.13, 2:59 AM EDT) + **\$65 Late Fee**

Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org/ems/>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click the EMS button then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "2021 Golden West" from the list of 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 "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

Entries received after the close of entries will be subject to a \$65 late fee and may be accepted at the discretion of the Local Organizing Committee and/or referee. **A \$65 late fee MUST accompany late entries to be considered.** In no case will late entries or changes to entries be accepted after August 12, 2021. A credit card processing fee is charged. Processing fees are **not refundable**, even if the event is canceled or skater withdraws before close of entries. **Credit Card Disputes:** All Year FSC reserves the right to charge an additional fee of \$40.00, in addition to the entry fee to resolve any disputes to the credit card charge. If you have any problems, please contact Helene Krasner (Registrar) for assistance.

PAIRS:

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. dance, pairs, 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 safesport@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

COMBINATION OF GENDERS: In the following events both genders may be combined in the same event at the discretion of the referee: all Learn to Skate (Basic Skills) events; All Showcase events (light, dramatic); Adult Bronze and below Free Skating events; For Beginner through Pre-Juvenile Free Skating events, where only one skater has entered their single gender event and has agreed to skate in the combined gender event.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after August 12, 2021 unless no competition exists, the event is cancelled or entry is not accepted. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable.

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 via the [EMS competition portal](#) as soon as possible after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

Tentative schedule (Subject to Change, dependent on number of entries)

Friday: Singles and Pairs – Short Programs

Saturday: Juvenile – Senior Singles and Pairs Free Skate; Dance – Free Dance

Sunday: Compete USA events, Adult Events, Showcase events, Pre-pre - Pre-juvenile Free Skates

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at the Great Park Ice, 888 Ridge Valley, Irvine, CA 92618. The ice surface of Rink-1 is approximately 85' x 185', Rink-2 is approximately 85' x 200', slightly rounded at the corners. The arena has a pro shop and free parking. There are restaurants within driving distance of the arena.

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Deadline – August 22, 2021 11:59PM PDT (Aug.23, 2:59 AM EDT) **(Late Fee - \$35)**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to [EMS Competition Portal](#) through the Music & Program Content tab no later than **August 22, 2021; 11:59PM PDT**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$35 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who does not 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 MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [DESKTOP](#) + [MOBILE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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 bring a copy of their competition music on CD or digital copy (if you are accepting digital back up such as on a phone or memory stick) as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC): August 22, 2021 11:59PM PDT (Aug.23, 2:59 AM EDT)

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit PPC via the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **August 22, 2021; 11:59PM PDT**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$35 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.

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LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, All Year FSC, and Great Park Ice 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.

REGISTRATION:

Check-In will open on Friday, September 3 at 7am. A registration desk will be set up near the entrance area of Great Park Ice during the Competition. All skaters are required to register a minimum of 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time for their event.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Due to security and health issues, there will be no changing areas provided. 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 skaters on but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms.

PRACTICE ICE:

Depending on the number of applicants, practice ice for the competition may be offered. If offered, all practice ice will be available for purchase online through the [EMS Competition Portal](#). A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the Main page of your skater portal. **(Approximate Sales opening date: August 28, 2021)** All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice through EMS on their mobile devices! Music will not be played on Practice Ice.

Practice Ice Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE. For questions regarding practice ice, please contact Marina Nash – marina.nash@gmail.com

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY:

Coronado Video (<http://coronadoproductions.tripod.com>) will be the official videographer. A professional photographer (<http://cynthiaslawterphotography.com>) for award and action photographs will be at the rink. All other videotaping and photography is restricted to hand-held battery operated equipment, without tripod. Note – Per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited

Solicitation by any photographer, or agent, of anyone to be the subject of still or video photography is not permitted. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE EVENTS IS ALLOWED.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented for the first four placed skaters in each event level/group.

All competitors in Short Program or free skate events will be eligible for the **2020 Golden West Achievement Award** to be presented at the completion of the competition. The **Ronald O. Nichols Memorial Trophy** will be presented to the Golden West Juvenile Girl with the highest Total Score. The **Les Seale Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the Golden West Intermediate Lady with the highest combined Short Program and free skate score.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained near the lobby area of the arena.

The official schedule of events will be posted on EMS and the All Year FSC website (www.allyearfsc.com). It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board and websites listed above frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. During the competition, updates will be posted on the official bulletin board and will supersede all other schedules. Notices posted here are considered to be sufficient notice to all skaters. No schedules will be mailed. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted as noted above prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT:

Test Credit will be offered. Skaters must choose 'Test Credit' from the Event Selection window during registration. Reminder – Test Credit is only available for Juvenile-Senior levels. **Deadline to register for test credit is August 12, 2021 11:59pm PDT (August 13, 2021 2:59am EDT).** Once the event is over, only a skater who achieves a test "pass" will receive the full packet, from the accounting room.

CRITIQUES:

Skaters in the following events may have the opportunity to receive a critique: Juvenile through Senior singles and pairs events. The critique panel will include a judge and a technical panel. There will be no charge for the critique. Details will be communicated at a later date, if it is determined that we can provide this value and keep everyone in a healthy situation.

ADMISSION:

No admission will be charged to the general public for viewing the competition. Capacity may be limited and spectator regulations will be communicated as we near the event. **Subject to change*

CREDENTIALS:

Competitors– Will receive a credential at no charge

Two coaches, per skater, will receive a credential at no charge (*coaches must be listed during registration*) Please note – during the competition, only one coach, per skater will be allowed at the boards during warm-up and competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating requires coaches to be compliant in order to instruct/coach at the following sanctioned activities: international competitions on behalf of Team USA, developmental international competitions, qualifying and nonqualifying competitions, test sessions, all performances (including ice shows, exhibitions, recitals and carnivals) and any other sanctioned club activities (including club ice).

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Each athlete is limited to a maximum of 2 *credentialed coaches. Only one Coach will be allowed to stand, at the boards, during competition events.*

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign) Must be:

- U.S. Figure Skating current Full Membership (either through a member club or as an individual)
- 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.*

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.

EMS Coach Resources

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Events will be held in accordance with the rules of U.S. Figure Skating per the 2021 Rulebook and per the 2021-2022 Competition Rules contained therein, except as otherwise stated herein and/or modified by the 2021 Governing Council meeting, U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications for the appropriate discipline, ISU Communications for Juniors and Seniors and as otherwise stated herein.
- An event must have a minimum of two entries prior to the close of entries to be scheduled, and a minimum of two competitors to be held.
- Results will be available, on-line, through EMS, at the end of each event. Additionally, results will be available on the All Year FSC website (www.allyearfsc.com) as soon as possible after the competition.

OFFICIAL HOTEL:

The Official Hotel for GOLDEN WEST is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Irvine-Spectrum. A Group rate of \$109 per night has been negotiated. Please follow the link to make your reservation. Hilton Link:

https://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/O/ONASDT-GWS-20200903/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

The special group rate is available until August 25, 2021. If you choose to call the hotel directly (949-471-8888), please reference GOLDEN WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS to secure the group rate.

AIR TRAVEL

AIRPORT: The closest airport is the John Wayne Airport (SNA) - <https://www.ocair.com/default>

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events: pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile, open juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior*
- *Short program events, Juvenile – Senior*
- *Pairs free skate events, Juvenile – Senior*
- *Pairs short program events, Novice – Senior*
- *Adult Silver, Adult Gold, Adult Masters*

The 6.0 Judging System will be used for:

- *Compete USA Events – Snowplow Sam through Freeskate 6 and No Test*
- *Excel Freeskate Events, Beginner – Pre-Juvenile*
- *Adult Pre-Bronze and Bronze*
- *Showcase events*

DRAW FOR SKATING ORDER: The skating order will be determined by closed draw prior to each segment. Draw for skating order will be a closed draw, drawn in accordance with Rule 2725.

SHORT PROGRAM & WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE EVENTS will be held as separate events- There will not be any COMBINED events at the 2021 Golden West Championships. If you would like to skate both events, each event will need to be entered as an individual event.

QUALIFYING ROUNDS:

The 2021 Golden West Championships will not hold any Qualifying Rounds for any level of any event. If there are sufficient entries, Pre-Juvenile and below may be split by age; Juvenile and above will be seeded per current US Figure Skating seeding rules. There will not be any Final Rounds.

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

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS

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SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$80	\$75	\$75
Excel Free Skate (Juvenile - Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$75	\$75
Well Balanced Short Program (21/22) (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$75	\$75
Well Balanced Free Skate (21/22) (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$75	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Bronze)	6.0	\$80	75	75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$135	\$75	\$75
PAIRS	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Short Program (21/22) (Novice – Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$80	\$80
Free Skate (21/22) (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$80	\$80
SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION**	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Individual Light, Dramatic, Character,etc (No Test – Senior)	6.0	\$80	\$75	\$75
Duets (No Test – Senior)	6.0	\$80	\$75	\$75
COMPETE USA EVENTS				
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$75	\$75
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$75	\$75

CONTACT INFO:

If you have questions, please contact:

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