



**The Curtain Call North**

***An Open Showcase and Theatre on Ice Competition***

**Saturday, April 13, 2024 &**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024**

*Note: Qualifying tests and ages for all events are as of close of entries on March 15, 2024*

**Hosted by:**

***All Year Figure Skating Club***

**Sanctioned by:**

***U. S. Figure Skating (#34220)***

**Iceoplex Simi Valley**

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## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The 2024 CURTAIN CALL will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), current [Compete USA Events](#) handbook, [Aspire 1-4\\*](#), [2023-2024 National Showcase Guidelines](#), [2023-2024 Theatre on Ice Guidelines](#) 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.

Each skater must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA member, an Aspire member, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

### **EVENTS OFFERED:**

<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
* <a href="#">Aspire levels 1, 2, 3, 4</a> will soon replace Beginner, High-Beginner and No Test Events. The Curtain Call will adopt these new levels and work with coaches and skaters to correctly place skaters.			
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior Elite, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>95.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Emotional Performance (Aspire 1 - Pre-Preliminary)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>85.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Choreographic Artistry (Juvenile- Senior Elite, Adult Masters)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>95.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior Elite, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>95.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Lyrical Pop (Aspire 1 - Pre-Preliminary)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>85.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior Elite, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>95.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Character Performance (Aspire 1 - Pre-Preliminary)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>85.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary- Senior Elite, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>95.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Comedic Impressions (Aspire 1 - Pre-Preliminary)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>85.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior Elite, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>95.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>
Duets/Trios (Aspire 1 - Pre-Preliminary)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>85.00</i>	<i>50.00</i>

Open Inflatable (Aspire 1 - Pre-Preliminary)	CJS	85.00	50.00
Open Inflatable (Preliminary - Senior Elite, Adult)	CJS	95.00	50.00
Theme Event (Aspire 1 - Pre-Preliminary)	CJS	85.00	50.00
Theme Event (Preliminary - Senior Elite, Adult)	CJS	95.00	50.00
		<b>Team Fee</b>	<b>Skater Fee</b>
Mini Production Ensemble Silver	CJS	120.00	11.00
Mini Production Ensemble Gold	CJS	120.00	11.00
Production Ensemble	CJS	120.00	11.00
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Showcase	6.0	75.00	50.00
<b>THEATRE ON ICE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>Team Fee</b>	<b>Skater Fee</b>
TOI/CE (1 - 4)	CJS	70.00	11.00
Basic Skills	CJS	70.00	11.00
Preliminary	CJS	70.00	11.00
Intermediate	CJS	70.00	11.00
Novice	CJS	70.00	11.00
Junior	CJS	70.00	11.00
Senior	CJS	70.00	11.00
Open	CJS	70.00	11.00
Adult	CJS	70.00	11.00

**Note:** All Team Roster Information MUST be completed on EntryEeze. The Program Descriptions for the TOI teams must also be completed on EntryEeze for each program in the survey section.

### **RULES OF EVENTS OFFERED:**

#### **Showcase**

- All Showcase events are per [2023-2024 National Showcase Guidelines](#).
- Please review the linked guidelines for all rules, including time limits, ages, levels, etc.
- Skaters may enter any or all events for which they are qualified by test level at non-qualifying competitions. Skaters cannot skate in different levels of the same event (example: an Emotional Performance junior level skater would not be

allowed to skate Emotional Performance Junior and Senior at the same competition).

**Singles Events please refer to page numbers in the [2023-2024 National Showcase Guidelines](#).**

- Emotional Performance: page 4
- Choreographic Artistry: page 4
- Lyrical Pop: page 4
- Character Performance: page 4
- Comedic Impressions: page 4
- Open Inflatable (one or two skaters): page 5
- The Taylor Swift Event: page 5
  - **NEW THEME EVENT:** Skaters will have the ability to enter this themed event according to their level, with a program using a song by, sung by, written by, performed by, or a cover version of a song made famous by a **Pop Star**. The program should be choreographed as an Emotional / Character / Comedic / ChoreoArtistry / Lyrical Pop program. *This new theme event will change every season.*
- Interpretive events will not be offered.

**Duets/Trios & Ensemble Events:**

- **Please refer to page numbers in the [2023-2024 National Showcase Guidelines](#).**
- Please see page 5
- **Note:** Skaters may enter only one duet, one mini production ensemble, and one production ensemble.

**Theater on Ice**

- Please view the [2023-2024 Theatre on Ice Guidelines](#)
- **Note:** Theater on Ice for Compete USA levels will not be offered at this event.

**National Showcase: August 5 - 10 (tentative), 2024 Silicon Valley, California.**

- For information about eligibility to compete at National Showcase, please see page 2 [2023-2024 National Showcase Guidelines](#).

**Judging and Marking:**

The CJS Judging system will be used for all events Aspire 1 and up. For each performance, three Program Component marks will be awarded by each judge on a scale of 0.25 to 10.

1. Artistic Appeal with Innovation & Creativity (applied factor 40%)
  2. Performance & Projection: Universe, Musicality and Feeling (applied factor 35%)
  3. Showcase Skating Skills (applied factor 25%)
- No technical skating mark will be awarded.
  - For marking, deduction and costume guidelines, please see page 3 of the

[2023-2024 National Showcase Guidelines.](#)

The 6.0 system of judging will be used for all **Compete USA** events with one mark awarded. No technical mark will be awarded.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **TEST LEVEL:**

All competitors/teams must be eligible persons and members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating by the close of entries. Qualifying tests and ages for all events are as of close of entries Friday, March 15, 2024.

All skaters may not skate more than one level in each discipline, except as specifically noted below. Age restrictions apply as identified in the "Events" section. For Duets, entries must be according to the age and level of the highest test skater. Both skaters must have completed test minimum prerequisites. ALL ages are as of Friday, March 15, 2024.

Skaters may enter any or all singles events for which they are qualified by test level or one level higher. Skaters cannot skate in different levels of the same event (example: A Character Junior level skater would not be allowed to skate Character Junior and Senior).

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

Juvenile through Senior Elite events will be divided by draw.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries. It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the Local Organizing Committee discovers that a skater or team has been placed in a category that is below their class level, the referee will have the option to move the skater or team into the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. Please be sure to check for the 'director's/instructor's level of skater confirmation' on EntryEeze.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@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.

In order to be considered compliant, coaches must identify as a coach within their Members Only profile and complete the following **ten** requirements by July 1 of each year:

1. U.S. Figure Skating Full Membership (either through a member club or as an individual)
2. Completion of the U.S. Center for SafeSport's online SafeSport™ Training
3. Successfully pass a bi-seasonal background check (includes automatic recheck at the 12-month mark)
4. Agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics
5. Verification of liability insurance
6. Completion of CER Courses (administered via PSA)
7. Agree to Waivers and Release
8. Agree to Medical Consent
9. Agree to Name and Likeness Release
10. PSA Membership (if coaching in qualifying competitions)

More information may be found at

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/support/coach/coach-compliance>.

## **Team Service Personnel:**

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated

as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

**SafeSport™ Mandatory Athlete Compliance:**

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice 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 SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

**III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**Entries and Entry Fees:**

All applications must be completed online at: [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com)

**Entry Deadline: Friday, March 15, 2024, 11:59pm**

Late Entries (**if space is available**) will be accepted no later than Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 11:59 PM with a \$35.00 late fee.

**Entry Verification/ Coach Approval/ Entry Change Fee:**

The information on the entry must be accurate and complete. Coaches must either approve the entries or send back a message correcting the entry by Thursday, March 9, 2024. There will be no charges for any changes that are necessary prior to this deadline. No changes will be accepted after Sunday, March 17, 2024.

**Additional Information:**

- Events will be held in accordance with the rules of the United States Figure Skating Association per the 2023-2024 Rulebook and per the 2023-2024 Competition rules contained therein except as otherwise stated herein and/or modified at the 2023 U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council Meeting.
- Ages for entrants are as of Thursday, March 15, 2024.
- At the discretion of the Chief Referee, events may be combined, depending on the number of entries. Events may be combined or canceled if there are two or fewer competitors. Competitors may still qualify for National Showcase even if they are the only entrant in the event. Please see below for more information on National Showcase.
- AGE AND TEST RESTRICTIONS APPLY AS NOTED.

**Admission Fee:**

Admission for non-credentialed persons is free of charge.

**Credentials:**

- Competitors will receive one (1) credential at no charge.
- One (1) USFSA credentialed coach per skater/team will receive a credential at no charge (credential must be requested during entry process on EntryEeze).
- One (1) chaperone credential per skater will be issued at no charge (credential must be requested during entry process on EntryEeze).
- Additional coach or chaperone credentials per skater may be requested (credential must be requested during entry process on EntryEeze).

**MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

Online music submission through Entry-eeze is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "Competition" tab and then selecting "My Music." Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment.

**Deadline for uploading music is Sunday, April 7, 2024 11:59pm. Please MAKE SURE to listen to uploaded music for the DURATION of the program to ensure the entire piece has uploaded correctly.**

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

- Programs per file: One [1] - Only one piece of competition program music (e.g., Free Skate) per file is allowed.
- File Format: mp3 - The uploaded file music must be an mp3 file (MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 Audio Layer III). Simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable.
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).
- Maximum file size: 10 MB
- ID3 Metadata [tags]: None - The Chief Music Coordinator ***strongly recommends*** that mp3 files DO NOT contain any ID3 metadata, commonly called tags. This is especially true of any embedded images such as album cover art, picture of the skater, etc. Please, NO EMBEDDED IMAGES!

**Backup Music at Event (CD):**

In addition to submitting the music online, all competitors/ teams ***must also have*** at least one backup copy of their competition music on CD at rinkside, during the actual competition event. CDs must meet the following requirements:



- CD (CD-RW will not be accepted) must be clearly marked with the name of the skater/team and event.
- Each CD must have only 1 program per disk and be in working condition.

#### **Penalty for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music:**

The LOC will assess each competitor/team an additional charge of \$15 per event segment if the competitor/team:

- 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission
- 2) submits files that do not follow the specifications above
- 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment

The competitor/teams will **not receive their credentials at registration** until they pay the penalty fee and turn in their music on CD.

#### **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees can only be refunded prior to close of entries unless the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$50.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater/team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available by email, on Entryeze and on the AYFSC website links. This will be considered sufficient notification of the scheduled events.

#### **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, All Year FSC and Iceoplex Simi Valley 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:**

The competition will be held at Simi Valley Iceoplex, 131 West Easy Street, Simi Valley, CA 93065. The ice surface is approximately 200' x 96', slightly rounded at all corners. The Olympic size rink (200'x96') will have an approximate performance size of 170' x 90' due to the showcase curtains installed for the event. The rink has limited dressing rooms, a snack bar, pro shop, and free parking. There are restaurants within driving distance of the arena.

##### **LOCKER ROOMS FOR TEAMS:**

This event will follow the Locker Rooms and Changing Area Policy included in the [SafeSport Handbook](#).

The designated team coach, team manager, team service personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room/Changing Area monitor. If there are concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing Area is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

**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 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 & Notices:**

An official bulletin board will be maintained inside the lobby area of the arena. The official schedule of events will be posted on EntryEeze and the All Year FSC website ([www.allyearfsc.com](http://www.allyearfsc.com)). It is the responsibility of each competitor, team, parent and coach to frequently check the websites listed above for any schedule changes and/or additional information. During the competition, updates, start orders and results will be distributed via a QR code. Notices posted here are considered sufficient notice to all skaters. No schedules will be mailed. Skaters/teams are requested to arrive and check-in 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted electronically as noted above prior to the competition.

**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**

Depending on the number of applicants, practice ice for the competition may be offered. If offered, practice ice will be with or without spotlights. Spotlight practices will be filled on a first come first serve basis. If offered, final details for scheduling practice ice will be made available to the competitors through EntryEeze.

## **ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

### **Registration:**

A registration desk will be set up in the lobby of Iceoplex Simi Valley during the competition. All skaters/teams are required to **check-in a minimum of 45 minutes prior** to the scheduled time for their event.

## **AWARDS:**

Awards will be presented for the first four placed skaters/teams in each event level/group. All skaters tied for a place will be awarded a medal for that place and there will be no tie breaking. There will be no final rounds.

### **Stillwell Award Championship Production/TOI/Ensemble trophy sponsored by AYFSC**

Production/TOI/Ensemble will not reskate. The highest scoring team will receive the Stillwell Championship Ensemble Award and be notified after all team events conclude.

### **Championship Trophy Reskates:**

#### **Stillwell Award Championship singles trophy sponsored by AYFSC**

The highest scoring finishing solos (across genres) in **Preliminary – Senior Elite**, will be eligible for an invitation to participate in the Championship Trophy reskate for the perpetual **Stillwell Award** at the conclusion of the competition.

#### **Richard Dwyer Award sponsored by Culver Ice Productions**

The highest scoring finishing solos **Adult Bronze - Adult Masters**, will be eligible for an invitation to participate in the Championship Trophy reskate for the perpetual **Richard Dwyer Award** at the conclusion of the competition.

#### **Slinger Award duet/trio trophy sponsored by Kemper Choreo Company**

The highest scoring finishing duets/trios (across genres) in **Preliminary – Senior Elite**, will be eligible for an invitation to participate in the Championship Trophy reskate for the perpetual **Slinger Award** at the conclusion of the competition.

*The Championship Trophy participant list will be posted via QR code after the*

*last event in that level, eg - after all Junior solo events have been skated.*

**PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY:**

Videos, action photography, and podium shot photography will be available for purchase from a professional video and photography company. The LOC restricts personal videotaping to your skater only. No photography, or videotaping, except by the official photographer, without express permission of the person being photographed, is allowed. NO FLASH photography during the events is allowed.

**OFFICIAL HOTEL:**

A discounted block of rooms has been reserved at the:

1775 Madera Road

Simi Valley, CA 93065

Special Rate: \$156.00 + tax per night.

2 queen size beds

Up to 2 adults, Additional guest in room over the age of 12: \$10.00 per night.

Call 805-584-6300 to reserve under "Curtain Call Figure Skating Competition"

Booking cutoff is March 18, 2024

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Tracy Kemper	<a href="mailto:ayfsccurtaincall@gmail.com">ayfsccurtaincall@gmail.com</a>
Chief Referee:	Stefanie Mathewson	<a href="mailto:smathewson@me.com">smathewson@me.com</a>
Registrar:	Marina Nash	<a href="mailto:marina.nash@gmail.com">marina.nash@gmail.com</a>