



# **San Diego Sweetheart Classic**

**February 10-11, 2024**

## **COMPETITION FOR SYNCHRONIZED SKATING**

*Hosted by:*

*All Year Figure Skating Club*

*Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating*

**Entry Deadline: January 21, 2024**

***The Rinks Poway ICE***

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***Sanctioned by:***



# **Competition Information**

Welcome to the 2024 San Diego Sweetheart Classic!

## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The San Diego Sweetheart Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or current Compete USA handbook as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted in the Members' Only portal 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 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.

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## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **AGE RESTRICTIONS/ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL**

This competition is open to all synchronized teams comprised of members who are eligible as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and currently registered members in good standing of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club, or an individual member in accordance with the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Refer to the current rulebook regarding eligibility of non-U.S. citizens.

- Moves in the field test requirements are as of the entry deadline.

### **Additional Information:**

- Events will be held in accordance with the rules of the United States Figure Skating Association per the 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, U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications for the appropriate discipline, ISU Communications for Juniors and Seniors and as otherwise stated herein.
- Ages for entrants are as of close of entries January 21, 2024.
- Results will be available, online, through a link that will be provided at the competition, at the end of each event. Additionally, results will be available on the All Year FSC website ([www.allyearfsc.com](http://www.allyearfsc.com)) as soon as possible after the competition.

## **EVENTS OFFERED**

### **• SYNCHRONIZED SKATING EVENTS**

- To see the current synchronized skating handbook/technical information and current ISU communications, CLICK [HERE](#).
- For Synchronized Skating Team definitions, CLICK [HERE](#).

- Aspire Synchro events will run in accordance with the Learn to Skate USA Compete USA Manual (a maximum of 6 teams per group). For Aspire levels, teams may choose to skate up one level if they would like more of a challenge.

<b><u>COMPETE USA EVENTS</u></b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>TEAM FEE</b>	<b>SKATER FEE</b>
Aspire 1	6.0	\$350	\$0
Aspire 2	6.0	\$350	\$0
Aspire 3	6.0	\$350	\$0
Aspire 4	6.0	\$350	\$0
<b>OPEN EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>TEAM FEE</b>	<b>SKATER FEE</b>
Open Collegiate	6.0	\$370	\$0
Open Adult	6.0	\$370	\$0
Open Masters	6.0	\$370	\$0
<b><u>FREE SKATE EVENTS</u></b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>TEAM FEE</b>	<b>SKATER FEE</b>
Preliminary	IJS	\$550	\$0
Pre-Juvenile	IJS	\$550	\$0
Juvenile	IJS	\$550	\$0
Open Juvenile	IJS	\$550	\$0
Intermediate	IJS	\$550	\$0
Novice	IJS	\$550	\$0
Junior Combined (Short & Free Skate)	IJS	\$1,150	\$0
Senior Combined (Short & Free Skate)	IJS	\$1,150	\$0
Collegiate	IJS	\$550	\$0
Adult	IJS	\$550	\$0
Masters	IJS	\$550	\$0

### **QUALIFYING ROUNDS**

The 2024 San Diego Sweetheart Classic 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.

### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA ENTRYEEZE**

Entries must be submitted online via Entryeeze ([www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com)) by midnight (PDT) January 21, 2024. All Year FSC requires "online" entry. Entries will be accepted online via Entryeeze with credit card only. Each transaction includes a credit card fee. Processing fees are not refundable, even if the event is canceled or the team withdraws before close of entries. For questions or concerns, please contact Kristen Perdue for assistance ([kperdue@therinks.com](mailto:kperdue@therinks.com)). 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.

**Registration Deadline:** January 21, 2024 at 11:59 pm EDT

## REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after January 19, 2024, unless no competition exists, or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

## ADMISSION

No admission will be charged to the general public for viewing the competition.

## CREDENTIALS

Each team will receive a maximum of four coach credentials and two team service personnel credentials, as well as one credential for each skater on the competition roster. To receive a credential at the competition, team personnel (coaches and team service personnel) and any mandatory athletes must meet all compliance requirements for the current season.

All team personnel and skaters who will need to receive a credential must be listed in the Team Portal for the competition (Team Personnel for coaches and team managers; Competition Roster for skaters and alternates).

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC)/club will have a list of team personnel who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Team personnel will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo ID to receive a credential. Team personnel who are NOT on the list will need to show proof of compliance, as required by your role with the team, and a photo ID at check-in.

If a team personnel cannot provide a photo ID 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 team personnel to have their compliance cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events, including practice sessions. Non-credentialed team personnel will not be permitted in any team designated areas.

The LOC/club will also have a list of mandatory athletes who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Mandatory athletes will not be required to check-in independently from the team, but the athletes' credentials should be pulled, and the team flagged for review at check-in. Any mandatory athlete that cannot provide proof of SafeSport completion will not be allowed a credential or participation in the competition – **no exceptions**. We strongly urge all team managers and mandatory athletes to maintain a copy of proof of compliance with them at the time of check-in.

## MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs) 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.

### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD**

Online music submission 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. Be careful, for example, not to mix up your short program and your free skate!

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone or flash drive and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector (AUX input), 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.

The LOC, competition officials, and volunteers exercise reasonable care when handling personal cell phones or flash drives, however, they are not responsible for damage to or loss of any music playing device. The LOC is not responsible for devices not picked up by the end of the competition.

- **Penalty for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music**
  - The LOC may assess each competitor/team an additional charge, up to \$35.00 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, or 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment (e.g., uploads short program music instead of the free skate). In the event the LOC decides to assess a penalty, the competitor/teams will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the penalty fee and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

**MUSIC:** January 28, 2024, 11:59pm EDT \*LATE FEE: \$35 will apply

### **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD (FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY)**

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit PPC via Entryeeze no later than **January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024; 11:59PM PDT**. After this date, skaters will be 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.

**PPC DEADLINE:** January 28, 2024, 11:59pm EDT \*LATE FEE: \$35 will apply

### **IV. COMPETITION DETAILS:** **FACILITIES**

The competition will be held at the The Rinks Poway ICE, 12455 Kerran Street, Suite 100 Poway, CA 92064. The ice surface is approximately 85' x 200', slightly rounded at the corners. The arena has restrooms, a cafe, a pro shop and free parking. There are restaurants within driving distance of the arena.

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS**

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on, but changing will not be permitted in these spaces. All doors to the available locker rooms must be kept open at all times and are used for storage of skates, equipment and props only.

**Please click [here](#) to review SkateSafe Locker Room and Change Area Policy.**

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES**

An official posting area 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, 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 through the on-line portal and will supersede all other schedules. Notices posted on the All Year FSC website will be considered 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.

**Online results will be available during the competition. A QR code for access, will be provided and posted throughout the building.**

### **SCHEDULE**

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available by email and on Entryeeze and on the AYFSC website links (<http://www.allyearfsc.com>). This will be considered sufficient notification of the scheduled events.

### **PRACTICE ICE**

Depending on the number of applicants, practice ice for the competition may be offered. If offered, final details for scheduling practice ice will be made available to competitors through Entryeeze. (Approximate Sales opening date: January 29, 2024) Music will not be played on Practice Ice.

**Practice Ice Fees are NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE. For questions regarding practice ice, please contact Kristen Perdue – [kperdue@therinks.com](mailto:kperdue@therinks.com)**

### **ONSITE CHECK-IN**

Check-in will open on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at approximately 10:30am and will be located outside the main entrance to the ice arena.

### **AWARDS**

Awards will be presented for the first four placed teams in each event level/group. There will be no Final Rounds at this event.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY**

Coronado Video (<http://coronadoproductions.tripod.com>) will be the official videographer. Cynthia Slawter Photography is the professional photographer (<http://cynthiaslawterphotography.com>) for award and action photographs at the rink. All other videotaping and photography are restricted to hand-held battery operated equipment, without tripod. No photography or videotaping, except by the official photographer, without the express permission of the person being photographed or videotaped is allowed.

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.

*NOTE: per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own team is strictly prohibited.*

## **OFFICIAL HOTEL**

The Official Hotel for 2024 Sweetheart of San Diego Classic is the Hampton Inn & Suites San Diego-Poway. A group rate of \$165 per night has been negotiated. Click [HERE](#) for booking link.

## **AIR TRAVEL**

Airport: San Diego International Airport [SAN Official Site | Welcome to San Diego International Airport](#)

## **V. OUR COMMUNITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION**

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel values and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program received, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the most current [SkateSafe® Program Handbook](#) for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and Code of Conduct (GR 1.02), as detailed within the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit [www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@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 considered compliant, coaches must identify as a coach within their [Members Only](#) profile and complete the requirements by July 1 of each year (July 1, 2023). Coaches who have completed their compliance requirements are advised to have a copy of their membership and compliance cards with them at all sanctioned activities and events. Click [here](#) for full chart.

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive 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. 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. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at this competition, a background check and SafeSport Training is not required. Instead, the coach must submit a letter from their Federation stating they are a member in good standing. For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/support/coach/coach-compliance> Click [here](#) for full chart.

### **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](#).

### **LIABILITY**

U.S. Figure Skating, All Year FSC and The Rinks Poway 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.