



August 29-31, 2025

COMPETITION FOR SINGLES and PAIRS

Hosted by:

All Year Figure Skating Club

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

Entry Deadline: August 4, 2025

Great Park Ice, Irvine
888 Ridge Valley
Irvine, CA 92618
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Competition Information

Welcome to the 2025 Golden West Championships

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The ALL YEAR OPEN 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 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.

SERIES INFORMATION:

This event is part of the **Southern California Inter-Club Invitational Series**. Top point scorers, at the end of the season, will be invited to the Invitational Final. Please see the Southern California Inter-Club Association website at <https://www.socalinterclub.org/scica-invitational-series> for more information.

This event is part of U.S. Figure Skating National Qualifying Series (NQS) - Well-Balanced Program events for Singles and Pairs (Juvenile – Senior) are part of NQS and those events can be found on a separate NQS announcement and EMS sign up page.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - o Skate Up is allowed: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.
 - o If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills if the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short

program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).

- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other Adult Singles events

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

AGE RESTRICTIONS/ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

All competitors 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 Thursday, August 7, 2025.

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 – Singles Discipline (ALL ages are as of August 7, 2025):

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

- Pre-Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile: Women – 13 years of age or older; Men – 14 years of age or older
- Adults must be 21 years of age or older

Skaters entering Snowplow Sam 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 events as needed based on entries.

EVENTS OFFERED:

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](#)

This event will follow program requirements for the 2025/2026 competition season. Please be sure to check all rules and Technical Notifications from U.S. Figure Skating for any changes or updates.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus – Senior)	IJS	\$125	\$80
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary to Pre Juvenile and Open Juvenile)	IJS	\$125	\$80
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr./Sr.)	IJS	\$125	\$80
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile)	CJS	\$125	\$80
Character Performance (Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile)	CJS	\$125	\$80
Lyrical Pop (Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile)	CJS	\$125	\$80
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/Music	6.0	\$90	\$65
Aspire 1-4 Program w/Music	6.0	\$95	\$65
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary - Preliminary)	6.0	\$95	\$65
Character Performance Showcase (Snowplow – Aspire 4)	6.0	\$95	\$65
Lyrical Pop Showcase (Snowplow Sam – Aspire 4)	6.0	\$95	\$65
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$100	\$65

Sanctioned by:



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 valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the [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 or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline at Marina.Nash@gmail.com or dianecarson317@gmail.com.

COMPLIANCE:

U.S. Figure Skating and All Year FSC strive to provide a safe environment for its members that is free of misconduct and harassment. For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>

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 two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. 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.

Coaches of foreign athletes: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

Coaches Credentials will be provided as follows:

- One coach per skater will receive a credential at no charge
- One additional coach credential per skater may be purchased for \$10 (credential must be requested during entry process on EMS). Can be purchased online only no later than May 24, 2025.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

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

III REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#) only. Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: 08/04/2025 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 08/07/2025 at 11:59 PM ET + \$70 Late Fee

***The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met**

After August 10, 2025, please contact LOC Chair or Referee for any possible late entry

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 "**Golden West Championships**" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.
5. If you have any problems, please contact Helene Krasner (Registrar) for assistance. Credit Card Disputes: All Year FSC reserves the right to charge an additional fee of \$50.00, in addition to the entry fee to resolve any disputes to the credit card charge.

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.

COMBINATION OF GENDERS: In the following events all genders may be combined in the same event at the discretion of the referee: all Learn to Skate (Snowplow Sam – Aspire 4) events; All Adult Free Skating events; For Pre-Preliminary to 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.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters entered in an event that would meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration or through EMS. Forms requesting a TEST CREDIT packet must be filled out and submitted through EMS or handed to the Registration Desk along with a \$20 fee, prior to the start of their Free Skate event. Once the event is over, only a skater who achieves a test “pass” will receive the full packet from the accounting room. The packet will be available at the Registration desk.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **August 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$40 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.

DEADLINE: DATE *August 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET – Late Fee \$40

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.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **August 20, 2025, 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$40 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.

DEADLINE: DATE * August 20, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET – Late Fee \$40

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after August 07, 2025 unless no competition exists or 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 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

Great Park Ice

888 Ridge Valley, Irvine, CA 92618

Rink 1 – 85' x 200' with slightly rounded corners. Rink 2 – 100' x 200' with slightly rounded corners

There is a full-service restaurant (Between the Rinks) located upstairs between Rink 1 and Rink 2.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available for 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.

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 NOTICES:

An official posting area will be maintained inside the lobby area of the arena.

The official schedule of events will be posted on EMS. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the 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.

RESULTS

Online results will be utilized for this competition. QR Codes will be posted around the facility as well as provided on athlete and coach credentials.

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.

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

Friday: Singles and Pairs – NQS Short Programs and Excel Freeskate events

Saturday: Juvenile – Senior Singles and Pairs Freeskate; Excel Freeskate events

Sunday: Compete USA events, Adult Events, Excel Freeskate events, Showcase 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 EMS. Any practice sessions will be considered to be Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI) and no music will be played.

(Approximate Sales opening date: August 22, 2025) Music will not be played on Practice Ice. Open Sales process will be used in EMS. Practice Ice will be in 20m increments and music will not be played. Practice Ice Fees will be \$30 per person/per Session.

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

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Friday, August 29, 2025 at appx. 6am and will be located at the Registration Desk located in the lobby, between Rink 3 and Rink 4 at Great Park Ice.

AWARDS:

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

All competitors in NQS Combined events will be eligible for the **2025 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 Woman with the highest Total Score. The **Les Seale Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the Golden West Intermediate Woman with the highest combined Short Program and Freeskate score.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

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. No photography or videotaping, except by the official photographer, without the express permission of the person being photographed or videotaped is allowed.

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.

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. **ADMISSION:**

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

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.

OFFICIAL HOTEL

The Official Hotel for GOLDEN WEST is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Irvine-Spectrum. A Group rate of \$169 per night has been negotiated. Please follow the link to make your reservation. Hilton Link:

[Golden West-Doubletree Booking link](#) - The special group rate is available until August 08, 2025. 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>

Other options in the Southern California area include: Los Angeles International (LAX), Long Beach (LGB), and San Diego (SDG)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Co-Chair:	Marina Nash	Marina.Nash@gmail.com
Competition Co-Chair:	Diane Carson	Dianecarson317@gmail.com
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Registrar:	Helene Krasner	hjkrasner@gmail.com or 424-374-8104
Technical Controller:	Stefanie Mathewson	glidnby@yahoo.com

