



Sunset Skate

March 21-22, 2026

**COMPETITION FOR SINGLES, SHOWCASE,
SOLO DANCE & ASPIRE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING**

Hosted by:

All Year Figure Skating Club

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

Entry Deadline: February 18, 2026

****Entries may close earlier if ice time fills***

Music & PPC Deadline: March 7, 2026

The Rinks Poway ICE

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Welcome to Sunset Skate 2026

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

Sunset Skate 2026 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.

This competition is a part of the Southern California Interclub Association Invitational Series. Skaters accumulate points based on their standings in each event. Points from their top 3 events are added together, and the top 15 skaters in each division will be invited to the Series Final in September.

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.

- Competitive Floor: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum free skate 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:

- 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.
- 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 Athlete Development events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their Excel series entry.
- 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 as long as 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 SINGLES EVENTS (Adult)

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

“LEARN TO SKATE USA” / “COMPETE USA” PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current members of either Learn to Skate USA and/ or those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating (including Aspire). Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be a current registered member of Learn to Skate USA or a full member of U.S. Figure Skating. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event, and all six should receive an award.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic 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 skating skills or individual dances.

Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements will be skated on half the ice, allowing for multiple levels to compete at the same time.

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 (LOC) discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below their class level, the referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this must be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. It is an ethical violation for coaches to sandbag an event.

Additional Information:

- Events will be held in accordance with the rules of the United States Figure Skating Association per the 2025-2026 Rulebook and per the 2025-2026 Competition Rules contained therein, except as otherwise stated herein and/or modified at the 2025 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: **February 18, 2026**

- 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. At the discretion of the Chief Referee, Snowplow Sam through Free Skate 6, and Showcase events Preliminary through Senior, may be combined, depending on the number of entries. If events are combined, the allowed time for the free skating event will be as for the actual event entered.
- 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) as soon as possible after the competition.

EVENTS OFFERED

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.

- U.S. Figure Skating [Program Requirements](#)
- Compete USA [Program Requirements](#)

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event	2 nd Event	3 rd Event
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Open Juvenile)	IJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Open Juvenile)	IJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Juvenile Plus)	IJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Adult Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Adult Beginner & Adult High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$95	\$55	\$50
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event	2 nd Event	3 rd Event
Emotional Performance (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Senior Elite/ProAm; Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters)	CJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Choreographic Artistry (Introductory [combined Prelim-PreJuv] – Senior, Senior Elite/ProAm; Adult Introductory [Adult Pre-Bronze-Adult Gold] - Adult Masters)	CJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Lyrical Pop (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Senior Elite/ProAm; Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters)	CJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Character Performance (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Senior Elite/ProAm; Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters)	CJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Comedic Impressions (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Senior Elite/ProAm; Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters)	CJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Duets/Trios (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Senior Elite/ProAm; Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters)	CJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Theme Event (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Senior Elite/ProAm; Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters)	CJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
Inflatables (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Senior Elite/ProAm; Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters)	CJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st Event	2 nd Event	3 rd Event
Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$120	\$85	\$80

Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$120	\$85	\$80
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event	2nd Event	3rd Event
<u>Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program w/ Music</u>	6.0	\$95	\$55	\$50
<u>Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements</u>	6.0	\$95	\$55	\$50
<u>Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music</u>	6.0	\$95	\$55	\$50
<u>Showcase</u> (Snowplow Sam; Basic 1 – 6; Aspire 1- 4)	6.0	\$95	\$55	\$50
<u>Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music</u>	6.0	\$95	\$55	\$50
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING	JUDGING	Team Fee	Skater Fee	
<u>Aspire Synchro</u> (Aspire 1-4, Adult)	6.0	\$375	\$0	

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 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 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 (Kristen Perdue) by the registration deadline (February 18, 2026) at kperdue@therinks.com.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition

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.

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 in [Members Only](#), click the blue "Coach" button. 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.

Coach Credentials will be provided as follows: Two coaches per skater will receive a credential at no charge

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. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

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.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

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

MANDATORY ATHLETES

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

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Singles, Showcase, Solo Dance)

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

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 "**Sunset Skate 2026**" from the list of nonqualifying competitions. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 18, 2026, at 11:59 pm ET

LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 4, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET

LATE FEE: \$50.00

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

PARTNERED EVENTS

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.**

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 "NonMember? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Synchronized Skating)

All teams are required to register online via the U.S. Figure Skating Event Management System (EMS). Anyone listed as a team manager or coach for a team in their Members Only Team Profile will be able to access the registration system. Registration for the competition is not considered final until online payment has been received. Online payment via credit card is the only accepted payment for registration in EMS.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>.
2. Use your personal member number and password to login.
3. Click the **BLUE** "EMS Event Management System" button.
4. Choose "Competition Registration – Teams" from the menu.
5. Select the team you would like to register for competition.
6. Click the REGISTER NOW button next to your competition's name.

7. Walk through the on-screen registration process which will include:
 - a. Team Verification: Confirm the team's information is accurate.
 - b. Registration Overview: Review general information about the competition.
 - c. Event Selection: Confirm the event you are registering the team for is accurate.
 - d. Competition Roster Selection: Click the "**Add Skaters**" link. The screen will display all skaters listed in your Main Roster. Check the box next to each skater's name to add them to the competition roster.
 - e. Coach Information: Click the "**Add Coaches**" link. The screen will display all coaches listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each coach's name to add them. Only the coaches who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add coaches who are listed in your Team Profile.
 - f. Team Service Personnel Information: Click the "**Add Team Service Personnel**" to add attending team service personnel. The screen will display team managers and team service personnel listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each name to add them. Only the team service personnel who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add team service personnel who are listed in your Team Profile.
8. Payment via credit card will be required to complete your registration as it is the only accepted form of payment for registration in EMS. Registrations are not considered complete until an invoice confirmation via email has been received. A 3% processing fee will be assessed at check-out.

NOTE: Payment must be submitted individually for each team's registration. If you are planning on registering multiple teams in a short period of time, it is recommended that you contact your credit card company to prevent anti-fraud systems from being activated.

FOREIGN SYNCHONIZED SKATING TEAMS

Additional steps are required to complete your registration. For a full guide to registering foreign teams, [CLICK HERE](#). Email memberservices@usfigureskating.org if you require assistance.

TEST CREDIT

Skaters entered in an event that would meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration or register for test credit through EMS. The TEST CREDIT form must be completed and returned to registration 2 hours prior to the event start time or completed through EMS with a **\$10 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.

**Reminder – Test Credit is available for all singles, solo dance and adult silver through senior levels (Rule 4200).*

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **March 7, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET**. 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 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.

[HOW TO UPLOAD MUSIC](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

MUSIC DEADLINE: March 7, 2026, 11:59pm ET

LATE FEE: \$35.00

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

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

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **March 7, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET**. 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

[HOW TO UPLOAD PPC](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

PPC DEADLINE: March 7, 2026, 11:59pm ET

LATE FEE: \$35.00

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after close of entries on **February 18, 2026**, 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 \$40 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, 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.

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, four locker rooms, a cafe, a pro shop, seating around the concourse of the rink and free parking. The rink feels cold and it is recommended to bring an extra jacket or blanket. There are restaurants within driving distance of the arena.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Singles, Showcase, Solo Dance

Locker rooms **as** changing areas will **not** be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). The locker rooms are available for athletes as "ready rooms"; to put on skates on ONLY. All doors to the available locker rooms must be always kept open and are used for storage of skates, equipment and props only.

Synchronized Skating

Locker rooms **as** changing areas will **not** be available this competition. All team skaters are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Locker rooms will be assigned to teams as "ready rooms"; to put on skates on. All doors to the available locker rooms must be always kept open and are used for storage of skates, equipment and props only.

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

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

The official schedule of events will be posted on EMS and the live IJS link. **QR codes to access the schedule and live results will be posted throughout the rink and Registration.** 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.

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 EMS. 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 registering for practice ice will be made available to competitors through EMS and notified via email. Any practice sessions will be considered as Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI):

- 20-minute practice sessions
- No program music will be played (a preapproved playlist of music will be on in the background)
- Maximum of 30 skaters will be permitted on practice ice

Pre-Purchasing Practice Ice Credits:

Practice ice credits may be purchased after event registration is completed via EMS. Skaters who purchase credits during the pre-purchase period will be able to select sessions during the selection period once the practice ice schedule has been posted.

- [How To Pre-Purchase Practice Ice Credits](#)
- Open: February 18, 2026, 11:59pm
- Close: February 28, 2026, 11:59pm
- Maximum credits per registered event:
 - UPI - 2
- Cost per credit: \$17

Practice Ice Selection Using Credits

- [How to Select Practice Ice Using Credits](#)
- Open: March 1, 2026, 11:59pm
- Close: March 14, 2026, 11:59pm
- Refunds for advanced purchased practice ice will ONLY be provided until close of practice ice registration (3/14/26).

Open Practice Ice Selections (No Credits)

If there is space, practice ice will be available for purchase

- [How to Purchase Practice Ice without Credits](#)
- Open: March 15, 2026, 11:59pm
- Close: March 19, 2026, 11:59pm
- Maximum sessions per registered event:

- UPI - 2
- Cost per session: \$17

ONSITE CHECK-IN

Check-in will open on Saturday, March 21st depending on the official schedule being posted with the first day of competition being confirmed. On-Site Check in through EMS will be used at the Registration which will be located at the Front Desk just inside the main doors to the rink.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

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.

Compete USA Awards will be presented for the first through sixth place skaters in each level/group.

VOLUNTEER INFO

The volunteer platform through EMS will be available on the competition website if you are interested in volunteering opportunities.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

Coronado Video ([Coronado Productions | United States | Sports Video Production](#)) will be the official videographer. Christine Franey will be the official photographer for action photographs at the rink (more information on purchasing photos will be sent to registered competitors).

All other videotaping and photography are restricted to hand-held battery-operated equipment, without the use of a 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.

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.

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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