



# **2021 Atlanta Open Competition Operations & Safety Plan for Officials, Skaters/Chaperones and Coaches**

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**LOC Chair:** Tea Junnila

**Chief Referee:** Richard Perez

**Venue Contact:** Steve Jacobs Jr/Cooler Ice Rink

## Overall Event

- Waivers must be signed before entering the building to participate in the event. Waivers included in EMS registration. Updated safety information will be offered to athletes and coaches about safety rules online prior event. Source: in addition to Safety Plan, Virtual Program on AFSC website and zoom/recorded info call Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Masks must always be worn except for skaters that are on the ice. Nose and mouth must be completely covered. Sanction if failing to follow rule: removal from venue.
- Temperature will be checked each time entering the building from exposed forehead. Health evaluation will be conducted daily. Sticker will be placed visibly on attendants clothing marking the passing of health check. Each day will have separate distinct sticker.
- There will be NO spectators allowed at this event. Event will be live streamed. Live stream is open to public.
- One (1) chaperone per registered athlete will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition time (access to practice session can be limited depending on current rules of limiting group sizes during the event). The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook. Chaperone must agree to same health and safety rules as athlete. There can be a different chaperone during different events (ex. mother during short program/father during free skate).
- Start orders and results will only be posted online at link provided on Atlanta Figure Skating Club website during the event. Link will provide live results and is open to public.
- Medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> places and can be claimed at the registration desk outdoors. Awards won't be mailed in case skater isn't picking up medal during the competition.
- Locker rooms will NOT be available due to pandemic mitigation.
- Come dressed and ready to skate.

## Schedule

A Detailed Schedule for the competition will be available at Atlanta Figure Skating Club website under tab 2021 Atlanta Open/Virtua Program as soon as registration closes and schedule has been finalized. Schedule will be available also via EMS after registration closes. Scheduling and starting orders will only be available online as event avoids contact via papers or mass gatherings around bulletin boards.

Athletes and coaches have designated times for arrival for both competition and practice ice. Please do not arrive much earlier than your designated arrival time as your access to the building will be denied. No individual will have access to the area without appropriate supervision. Ushers will lead athletes to the appropriate locations for off-ice warm up, access to the ice and out of the building.

## Building Access and Layout

Pathways have been established within the building to minimize footprint and socialization between groups. Entries and exits are clearly marked and signage about distancing and mask wearing will be placed along the pathways. You will not be permitted access to the arena until your designated time per the detailed schedule. Athletes who miss their arrival time will be escorted to the appropriate area in accordance with their schedule. A detailed layout can be found from registration desk, outside the venue from a gathering area tables. Venue maps and traffic footprint plans will also be available on Virtual Program.

## Event Flow

- Please bring only what you can carry as you will need to carry all items as you move from station to station.
- Athletes, chaperones, and their coach will check-in at gathering area outside the front doors at their designated time (1 hour prior to scheduled on ice warm up time) for health check and be offered space to have moderate warm up and skate changing space in the adjacent roller rink.
- Off-ice warm up will be approximately 30-45 minutes depending on the size of groups. Usher will collect the group from gathering area approximately 5 minutes prior the event begins and escorts the group to the rink area. Always maintain 6 ft distance moving in your line.
- The event warm up group will then be escorted to waiting area rink side for their event. There will be 6 ft spaced waiting spots for athletes. Space is divided to A and B areas, one for entering group and one for exiting group, skaters will leave their bags at seating area. Areas will be sanitized after group is ushered out of building.
- After prior group is finished skating and exited the rink from opposite door, the chaperones will then enter the bleacher area while athletes wait for their event to start in the waiting area rink side. Bleachers are also separated to A and B area to secure alternating use and allow sanitizing between groups.
- The current event group will then enter the ice for their warm up or practice ice.
- Skaters will enter the ice based on when they will skate within their group. Entering ice from the door closest to the skate rental and exiting the ice from the opposite side towards the bleachers. Entry and exit doors are clearly marked with green and red signs. The hockey board doors have ushers opening and closing correct doors to secure correct flow of footprint. Doorways are disinfected between every entry and exit.

- The chaperones will wait with their athlete at the bleachers until event group has finished. Usher will deliver skaters guard bin with individual items for the skater and sanitize the bin, seating and doorways between every skater/chaperone.
- There will be social distanced, clearly marked seating available for the skaters to sit on while the group is skating and a sanitized bin to leave personal items including mask if skater chooses to skate without a mask.
- Once an athlete is done skating, they will be required to stay with the warm up group until everyone is finished. Seated next to their chaperone.
- Skater may take skates off at the space where the bags are stored but return promptly to chaperones bleacher area after removing skates. Once the entire group is done, the group will be ushered out of the building.

## Practice Ice Flow

- Skaters and coaches should arrive and check-in for Practice ice **30 minutes prior to the start time of their session**. Skaters and chaperones will be escorted to the roller rink for a brief warm up and preparation time prior to taking the practice ice.
- Practice ice sessions will be available to be purchased via EMS. Online purchases only, no cash transactions allowed.
- No more than 15 skaters will be allowed on the ice. In case this must be limited to even smaller group due to safety rules, skaters will be immediately notified via email. The maximum capacity of 50 persons inside each rink will not be exceeded in any space used.
- **Each skater may have 1 (one) coach with them.**
- Chaperones will be allowed to watch the practice ice sessions from the bleachers. In case rules of maximum gathering sizes changes, this may be amended.
- An usher will escort the skaters to the practice ice session.
- If there are more than six (6) persons in a group, half of the skaters will enter/exit the practice ice session through the door on the bleacher, while the rest of the skaters will enter/exit through the door near the hockey bench. The usher will direct the skaters to the door they will use. All doors will be sanitized between every beginning and ending of each session.
- An usher will direct coaches to socially distanced locations to coach the session from. If you are coaching on consecutive practice ice sessions, please notify your usher.
- Sanitizing wipes will be available for skaters and coaches to disinfect the boards where they will be stationed.
- All skaters and coaches will be required to exit the ice and leave the building once the practice ice session is complete unless you are on the next session. Please notify the usher in case you attend back to back sessions. Exit will take place from opposite door as new group is entering from the entry door. Separation in traffic paths is guaranteed and the groups will not be crossing.

## Chaperone Flow

- One chaperone per registered athlete regardless of age will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition time. The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- Chaperones will be ushered to their seats as the event on-ice warm up starts. Chaperone will have to follow same mitigation rules. General photography rules will apply. Please check announcement and current USFS rules. The area behind technical panel will be closed. It will be clearly marked with cones.
- The bleachers will be split into 2 sections (A and B) and will alternate between each event segment. Safely distanced seats will be marked with a tape. **Zero tolerance mask wearing will always be mandatory at bleachers.** Inability to follow mitigation will cause chaperone to be escorted out from the building.
- Once the warm up group is complete, the chaperones will be ushered out of the building.

## Disinfecting Process

- Warm up areas will be disinfected after each warmup is completed. Area will be divided into A and B areas and use will be alternated to allow adequate sanitizing and ventilation.
- After each event segment, chairs and areas that have been touched by the skaters/coaches will be disinfected.
- The bleacher section the chaperones used will be disinfected after each segment.
- After each practice ice, areas that have been touched by the skaters/coaches will be disinfected.
- Officials stands will be divided so that there will be individual 6 ft table for each official, mask wearing is mandatory and vizors will be offered for extra protection. Stands will be sanitized between every panel change. Technical panel will be provided with individual screens and headsets.

## Test Credit Process

- Requests for test credit must be made beforehand and paid via online account or pre purchased via EMS registration. No cash transactions allowed.
- Package will be available to be picked up from greeting table outside the venue after your event is complete.
- If you have any questions during the event about your test credit, please send a text to 601-209-1359. Atlanta FSC test chair.

## Coaches/Officials

- **Masks must always be worn while in the facility.**
- Temperature will be checked each time entering the facility as well as a daily health screening.

- A small hospitality is expected to be available for the coaches and officials. It will not be the variety as in previous years but grab and go snacks will be available. Location of official's hospitality is in the party rooms of the lobby. Beverages including coffee must be enjoyed in designated areas while seated. Coaches "layover room" will be adjacent to official's hospitality. There will be a kiosk area to pick up individually wrapped snacks/beverages in the blue rink locker room area. Officials will be provided individual lunch and dinner meals, that are separately wrapped.
- Coaches are not encouraged to stay in the building between events. If you have another skater already in the building, please notify the usher.
- **Only 1 (one) coach will be allowed per skater in the building.**
- You will be assigned a location to coach from during practice ice. Usher will point out locations in order of arrival. Please honor that location. Keep your distance.
- Officials: goal is to use mainly local officials to avoid long distance travel. For traveling official's: hotel rooms available from a prechecked accommodation that follows local mitigation rules. Hospitality will offer prepacked snacks and lunch. Dinner can be enjoyed via delivery or pick up from local restaurants and expensing the organizing club with an expense form. Officials traveling without their vehicle will be transported with a single car hosting one official or maximum two persons in a van size vehicle if there is separate row for each traveler and both officials agree to this arrangement. Mask wearing is mandatory.

## COVID-19 Screening Criteria

These questions are included in the health survey that is required to pass in order to enter the venue.

- Are you sick today?
- In the past two weeks, have you tested positive for COVID-19 or are currently being monitored for COVID-19?
- In the past two weeks, have you had contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19?
- Do you have new onset of fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?
- Skaters and chaperones found to have a temperature greater than 100.4F, if answering "no" to the above questions, may be referred to a local COVID-19 test site. Skaters may be allowed to return after being fever-free for 24 hours and upon presentation of a negative COVID-19 test.

These safety guidelines can be altered immediately in case local and national safety rules change. All information will be forwarded to athletes and coaches via email that is used for EMS registration.

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