



Well Balanced Singles Events

No Test, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile

Excel Singles Events

Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Prelim Plus, Pre-Juvenile, Pre-Juv Plus, Juvenile, Juv Plus, Intermediate, Int Plus, Novice, Junior, Senior

Adult Singles Events

Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters Int/Nov & Master Jr/Sr

Medals Awarded for 1st thru 4th place in each event!

Complimentary video of full ice events provided to each competitor!

August 25-27, 2023

ENTRY DEADLINE: JULY 24th, 2023 11:59 PM EASTERN TIME

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I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Non-Qualifying Atlanta Open Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), 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, 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.

National Qualifying Series

- This competition has been approved as a National Qualifying Series (NQS) event. Phased registration for Juvenile – Senior will be managed separately on EMS, click [here](#) for additional information.

II. ELIGIBILITY

TEST LEVEL:

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor**.

The **competitive floor** is the lowest level an athlete can compete at and is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Eligibility Notes:

1. If an athlete participates in BOTH Excel and NQS, their NQS level may be ONE lower than their Excel level. For example, if an athlete skates Junior Excel, they may skate Novice NQS.
2. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
3. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
4. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

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

Age restrictions/requirements:

Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

Open Pre-Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older

Pre-Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger

Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older

Intermediate must be under the age of 18

Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

EVENTS OFFERED:

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

Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition. Skaters using this competition for NQS points must enter Combined or Juvenile Free Skate — see EMS listing Atlanta Open NQS

***Price Increase from 2022 Atlanta Open by \$15 to include complimentary video of full ice events**

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate Beginner & High Beginner	6.0	\$135	\$100
Excel Free Skate Pre-Preliminary to Senior	IJS	\$165	\$120
Well Balanced Short Program Juvenile	IJS	\$165	\$120
Well Balanced Free Skate No Test to Open Juvenile	IJS	\$165	\$120
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$165	\$120
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$135	\$100
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$100.00	\$80.00
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$100.00	\$80.00
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100.00	\$80.00
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$100.00	\$80.00
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100.00	\$80.00
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$100.00	\$80.00
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100.00	\$80.00

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 or email 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.

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.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Entries will be accepted via EMS at <https://m.usfigureskating.org> with credit card only. Each transaction will include a 3% credit card fee. Online registration open on June 22nd, 2023 at 12:00 pm (noon) ET and closes on July 24th at 11:59 PM ET. The LOC reserves the right to close registration early in the event we have reached maximum skater capacity. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their US Figure Skating member number and password.

2023 ATLANTA OPEN DEADLINE

Registration Deadline: July 24th, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: July 26th, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET + \$30 Late Fee

1. Go to <http://m.usfigureskating.org/>
2. Enter your US Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number & password
If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org
3. Click the blue EMS button then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "2023 Atlanta Open" from the list of competitions. If you need assistance Completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org

ENTRY FEES:

First IJS Event*	\$165.00
Additional IJS Event	\$120.00
First 6.0 Event	\$135.00
Additional 6.0 Event	\$100.00-\$80.00

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: August 10th, 2023 at 6:00 PM ET A \$25.00 LATE FEE WILL APPLY

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **August 10th, 2023 at 6:00 PM ET.** After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25.00 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 *INCLUDE LATE FEE IF APPLICABLE

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 rink side 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.

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

Music Criteria:

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the Program music) may not exceed 2 seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Back Up Copy:

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competitions. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must clearly be marked with competitor's name, event and running time. Only 1 track per CD is allowed.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **August 10th, 2023 at 6:00 PM EASTERN**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25.00 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: August 10th, 2023 at 6:00 PM EASTERN and \$25.00 late fee

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline under any circumstances unless the 2023 Atlanta Open is cancelled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Payments of any fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

JUDGING SYSTEMS:

IJS: The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events: Excel Freeskate Pre-Preliminary- Senior, Well Balanced Singles NO Test to Juvenile, Adult Pre-Bronze-Masters Jr/Sr Free Skate, Short Programs Open Juvenile and Juvenile.

6.0: The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for Excel Free Skate Beginner to High Beginner, Adult Beginner and High Beginner, Compulsory Moves, Jumps Challenge, Spins Challenge.

Judging systems have been specified in the chart of offered events later in the announcement. In case links to event requirements conflict with the latest UFSF registration, the current (latest) rulebook requirements will be followed.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, The Atlanta Figure Skating Club and The Cooler 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 Cooler
10800 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004
www.cooler.com

The two ice surfaces measure 200' x 85' with rounded corners and hockey barriers. The Cooler has locker rooms and an on-site restaurant/bar and snack bar. Due to Covid-19 pandemic, the facility will not offer locker rooms and the restaurant has limited opening hours.

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.

In case locker room use is allowed, the rooms and changing areas at US Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one parent of the same gender to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Preview the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the USFS Skate Safe Handbook (both found on the U.S.

Figure Skating SkateSafe page). Any use of electronic devices or smart phones must be avoided and absolutely no photo/videography is allowed inside locker rooms.

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 & UPDATES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained of the Atlanta Figure Skating Club website as Virtual Program. All starting orders and results will be posted online only. Link to this information will be provided for each attendee.

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

Skaters are requested to arrive 60 minutes, (1 hour) prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition. Events may run up to 30 minutes early at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

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.

EMS PRACTICE ICE:

Pre-Purchase opening June 22nd, 2023 at 12:00 pm (noon) ET, closes day after registration.

Selection Opening & Open Sales Please follow Practice Ice Timeline available in EMS by selecting the Atlanta Open Competition, then Information tab, then the Practice Ice Prices & Timeline.

Sales: We will sell practice ice sessions in advance (pre-purchase during registration window, click practice ice button on EMS Competition Portal after you have completed registration. After the schedule of competition is published, skaters may select pre –purchased session. After selection window closes we will open additional open practice ice sales. All practice ice will be available for purchase online only through the EMS Competition Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the competition information page of your EMS Competition Portal. Athletes will be notified about the practice ice selection starting/ending times and additional practice ice sales openings via email. All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice through EMS on their mobile devices/computers and sales will remain live through the competition depending on ice availability.

Unofficial Practice Ice: Please note that all practice ice will be Unofficial Practice Ice and no music will be played during sessions.

Earbud/headphones: Earbuds and wireless headphones/other music devices will not be allowed on practice sessions or warm ups associated with any events in this competition.

PRICING:

Pre-Purchase practice ice fee (1 per event)	\$20
Open Sales practice ice fee (unlimited)	\$25

Any questions, contact ProductSupport@usfigureskating.org.

PHOTO/VIDEO: Professional Video will be provided to each skater by Pro-Mix Sound & Video for full ice events and is included in the cost of registration. Photography sales services will be provided during the competition. Event will not be live streamed as spectators will be allowed in the building. In case this changes, attendees will be notified of possible changes. Attendees will be notified about the vendor later. Event photography is not included in the entry fee.

For the safety and welfare of the skater, personal photography and videography will be permitted in the stands only and is restricted to hand-held/battery operated equipment (no tripods). Flash photography is strictly prohibited in the ice arenas and stands. No one will be permitted to obstruct the view of other seated spectators by standing in front of or hanging over the plexi-glass barriers or to film at alternative ice entrances. In order to comply with local fire safety codes, all aisles within the stands must also remain clear. Non-compliance with this policy or refusal to comply immediately with requests from event officials will result in the violator being escorted out of the rink.

Note, per US Figure Skating policy, photography and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited as stated in the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member's Only on USFS website.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Registration will open on August 25th, 2023 as practice ice sessions begin and close at the completion of the final event of the competition. The registration table will be clearly marked and located adjacent to the entrance of the rink. Please be prepared to a possible health check outside the arena prior to entering the facility and social distancing from attendees including athletes, spectators, officials, coaches and volunteers depending on current health situation.

By registering to this event attendees acknowledge the policies and agree following them. All skaters are also required to sign waivers by US Figure Skating through EMS registration. Health check - in case conducted can include temperature measuring from exposed forehead and responding to survey questions. Currently these processes are not conducted.

Please register promptly upon arrival. Prepare arriving approximately 1 hour prior to your event start time. Events may run up to 30 minutes early at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

AWARDS:

Medals will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, place winners in each competition event. Each singles event will be awarded separately.

Award ceremonies will be conducted approximately 20 minutes after event results are official. Award podium will be in the lobby area. Modifications may occur depending on the covid-19 risk level. In case

health regulations require, ceremonies will be withheld, and medals can be retrieved from the registration desk.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters meeting the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration prior to the start of their event (Open Juvenile- Juvenile through Senior, Adult Silver- Masters Jr/Sr only). This must be requested on-site. Test credit will not be available after the last IJS event has ended and the competition has concluded. Please make the request at the registration desk no later than 1 hour after your events conclusion. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. A fee of \$25 will be charged to non-Atlanta FSC members.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

Atlanta Figure Skating Club require Full Skating and Adult members to offer 8 hours (Bridge Members 4 hours) volunteering for club events. Food donations do not count as volunteer hours but are greatly appreciated. Please look for online sign up opportunities prior to the event. Sign Up Genius will be posted on club website as soon as schedule has been finalized. If you have questions, please contact our Volunteer Chair at volunteering@atlantafsc.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Official Hotel: The official hotel is Homewood Suites by Hilton Alpharetta, 10775 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, GA. Phone 800 293 0718. A block of rooms will be reserved.

Please follow information on club website under tab 2023 Atlanta Open- Virtual Program. We will offer a link to find special room block with hotel in the vicinity to the rink.

Link offers instructions to other local activities and restaurants for your convenience.

Vendors: Skating related vendors will be offering services during the competition. In case health regulations allow, vendors will be available inside the building.

Air Travel: Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is approximately 36 miles from The Cooler and local hotels. Travel time during non-peak rush hour is 45 minutes by car. MARTA train from the airport reaches up to Northsprings where bus transport is available to nearby bus stop or ride hailing app services may be used for the rest of the commute.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

The Atlanta Figure Skating Club website is <https://www.atlantafsc.com>.

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Lindsay McDaniel	Lindsay.lafleur@hotmail.com
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Music Chair:	Todd Pettigrew	Tpettigrew0@att.net
Skate Safe Compliance Chair:	Catherine Hackney	president@atlantafsc.com