



2024 Magnolia Open  
Non-Qualifying Competition



Hosted by  
*The Atlanta Figure Skating Club*



Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

**March 8-10<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**11:59 PM Eastern Time**

CHIEF REFEREE- Gregory Cannon

DANCE REFEREE- Carol Wooley

TECHNICAL CONTROLLER- John Millier, Dana Graham

CHIEF ACCOUNTANT- John Herbert

COMPETITION CHAIRS – Lindsay McDaniel

MUSIC & ANNOUNCING CHAIR – Todd Pettigrew

## GENERAL:

The **2024 MAGNOLIA OPEN** as **EXCEL SERIES, SOLO DANCE SERIES** participant and **COMPETE USA** Competition 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, and who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Current rulebook rules apply also for non-U.S. Citizens.

All participants are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and the Code of Conduct (GR 1.02) as set forth in the U. S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

## SERIES INFORMATION:

[EXCEL SERIES REGISTRATION](#)    [EXCEL SERIES INFORMATION](#)

The 2024 Magnolia Open competition is a designated Excel Series competition for the 2024 Excel Series. As an Excel Series event, skaters entered in the Series at eligible levels will earn points for their placement.

Skaters must be registered for the Excel Series prior to competing at designated competition: **The deadline to register is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**, or prior to your first competition, whichever is earlier.

Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competing at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings.

[SOLO DANCE SERIES REGISTRATION](#)    [SOLO DANCE SERIES INFORMATION](#)

The 2024 Magnolia Open competition is a designated Solo Dance series competition for the 2024 Solo Dance Series. As a Solo Dance Series event, skaters entered in the Series at eligible levels will earn points for their placement.

Skaters must register for the Solo Dance Series prior to competing at designated competition; **The deadline to register is April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**, or prior to your first competition, whichever is earlier.

Skaters must register to participate in the Solo Dance Series prior to competing at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings.

**Pre event communication:** Communication channel will be established to inform skaters and coaches about the competition environment including current Covid-19 restrictions, venue maps, safety plans or any other urgent information including local, national or USFS restrictions. This competition will use Virtual Program (under Atlanta FSC website) to deliver all material including start orders and results.

## 2024 MAGNOLIA OPEN INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

## EMS REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted via EMS at <https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/32190> with credit card only. Each transaction will include a 3% credit card fee. Online registration opens on December 27th, 2023 at 12:00 pm (noon) ET and closes on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

\*The Atlanta Figure Skating Club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

## 2024 MAGNOLIA OPEN DEADLINE

**Registration Deadline: February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET**

**Late Registration Deadline: February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET + \$40 Late Fee**

1. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or 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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
2. Click EMS then “Competition Registration”
3. Choose “**MAGNOLIA OPEN 2024**” from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

## 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.**

1. **FOREIGN SKATERS:** Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)

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.

## ENTRY FEES:

**\*Price Increase from 2023 Magnolia Open to include complimentary video of events**

First IJS Event*	\$145.00
Additional IJS Event	\$120.00
First 6.0 Event	\$125.00
Aspire 1-4 Program W/ Music	\$125.00
Additional 6.0 Event	\$90.00
Compete USA Event	\$95.00
Solo Dance Series Events:	

Pattern Dance	\$160.00
Free Dance	\$160.00
Shadow Dance	\$160.00
Combined Dance	\$190.00

\* IJS Event will always be considered as first event.

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

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

[Click HERE to view the program requirements for the current season.](#)

**SEE RULEBOOK OR U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE FOR**

**CURRENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS. In case conflict occurs with links below, current Rulebook will be in effect.**

**SERIES INFORMATION:** this competition is approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of Excel Series.

Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

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SINGLES	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Excel Free Skate Pre-Preliminary to Senior	IJS	\$145	\$120
Well Balanced Short Program Open Juvenile to Juvenile	IJS	\$145	\$120
Well Balanced Free Skate No Test to Juvenile	IJS	\$145	\$120
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$145	\$120
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$125	\$90
PARTNERED ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Pattern Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
Rhythm Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
Free Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
Combined Rhythm Dance & Free Dance	IJS	\$190	\$120
Adult Pattern Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
Adult Free Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Aspire–Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Pre-Prelim–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Jumps Challenge (Aspire–Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Spins Challenge (Aspire–Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$90

Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$90
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Choreographic Artistry (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$125	\$90
Inflatables	6.0	\$125	\$90
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$190	\$120
Shadow Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
Adult Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$160	\$120
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$90
Aspire 1-4 Free Skate	6.0	\$125	\$90
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95	\$90
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$95	\$90
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$125	\$90
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$95	\$90
<b>ADAPTIVE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Special Olympics Badges 1-12 with Music	6.0	\$95	N/A

#### **PARTNERED EVENTS/GROUPS:**

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.**

#### **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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

### **COMPLIANCE:**

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.

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](#)

### **MANDATORY ATHLETES**

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) 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](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

#### **REFUND POLICY:**

**No refunds** will be granted under any circumstances after registration deadline closes, including medical, unless the competition or an event is canceled. Online processing fees are non-refundable. Payment of any fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. No refunds will be given if the schedule is modified, please plan travel accordingly. Events may be held anytime during the dates of the competition.

#### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

##### **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: 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 as long as the minimum test requirements are met. (Note: if an athlete has passed the pre-preliminary singles test, they are no longer eligible for No Test or lower levels).
- 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](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

##### **All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):**

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement. We will not be accepting requests for adult skaters to skate in Excel or Well-Balanced Events. Adult Skaters will compete in designated adult events.

**Test Level:** Excel Series attendees must be on desired level by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

Juvenile Girls: 12 - years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger,  
Open Juvenile & Open Pre-Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older at close of registration,  
Adults must be 21 years or older. Adults may not register in Excel Events.

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.

**Adult events:**

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment, and light entertainment events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee. Men and ladies will be combined in adult 1 through adult bronze free skate events (based on the [Adult Competition Series rules](#)), athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

**Group Splitting:**

If there are more than 24 entries per event, rounds will be held in accordance with rule 2460. Chief Referee may divide Production Showcase Ensemble events into different groups based on age, test level 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 “Non-Member? Create Account” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

**EMS Competition Portal:**

Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Competition Portal for this competition. This is where you will manage music and PPC (Planned Program Content) uploads as well



as purchase practice ice, view the competition schedule (once available) and update coach information. To access your competition portal, click the Event Management System button on the [Members Only](#) landing page, then select the competition name from options at the bottom of the screen.

#### **SCHEDULE:**

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for 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 and will be visible within the [EMS Competition Portal](#). The Atlanta Figure Skating Club reserves the right to divide an event, limit the number of entries, hold an event with only one entry, and cancel an event with only one entry. Prior to closing the entries, there will be no information about the schedule or pre plan of the schedule. Events may be held anytime during the event dates and could be subject to change. Please plan travel accordingly.

#### **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 before your event begins. 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. Payable at the registration desk prior to your event.

#### **EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 11:59 PM ET A \$25.00 LATE FEE WILL APPLY**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 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.

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

#### **EMC MUSIC UPLOAD**

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org) Our music Chair is Todd Pettigrew, he maybe reached at [tpettigrew0@att.net](mailto:tpettigrew0@att.net).*

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 two (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 competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time. Only one track per CD is allowed.

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):**

**DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET      A \$25.00 LATE FEE WILL APPLY**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 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.

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

#### **EMS PPC UPLOAD**

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

#### **LATE FEES:**

Please follow all entry- and upload deadlines as late fees will be strictly enforced and automatically added to participants account and uncleared account will restrict skater from participating the event.

#### **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 – Juvenile, Adult Pre Bronze – Masters Jr/Sr Free skates, Short Programs Open Juvenile and Juvenile, all Solo Dance Series Events and Partnered Ice Dance Events.

##### **6.0:**

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for: Compete USA events, Aspire Free Skate, Adult Beginner and High Beginner, Showcase, Compulsory Moves, Jumps Challenge, Spins Challenge, other Specialty events, and all team events.

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

### **GOVERNING COUNCIL:**

We will implement requirement changes approved at the May, 2023 [U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council](#). Please check our website and the U.S. Figure Skating website and [Technical Notifications](#) page for updates.

### **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, 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.

### **FACILITIES:**

The competition will be held at The Cooler, which is located at 10800 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004. 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. Further information will be provided to attendees about the facility accommodations closer to the event. Visit website: [www.coolerathletics.com](http://www.coolerathletics.com)

### **ONSITE REGISTRATION/ HEALTH CHECK-IN AND MITIGATION RULES:**

Registration will open on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 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 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 U.S. Figure Skating through EMS registration. Health check – in case conducted - can include temperature measuring from exposed forehead and responding to survey questions and dated sticker can be placed visibly on attendee for passing the health check. Currently these processes are not conducted.

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

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](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

### **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.

### **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](#).

### **EMS PRACTICE ICE:**

**Pre-Purchase opening: January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 12:00 pm (noon) ET, closes day later 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 can select pre purchased sessions. 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 warmups associated with any events in this competition.

### **PRICING:**

- [Pre-Purchase](#) practice ice fee (1/event)                   \$20.00
- [Open Sales](#) practice ice fee (unlimited)                   \$25.00
- Please contact LOC in case interested in Team practice session, available as pre-purchase time window only, price determined separately.

### **PHOTO/VIDEO:**

Professional photography sales services will be provided during the competition by Melanie Heaney Photography.

Professional Video will be provided to each skater by Pro-Mix Sound & Video for events and is

included in the cost of registration. It will be emailed approximately 1-2 weeks after the conclusion of the event to the email address used to register for the event.

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 U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing 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.

### **AWARDS:**

#### **Medal:**

Medals will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners in each competition event. Each singles event will be awarded separately. Team events will have award for each team member.

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 registration desk.

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES:**

An official bulletin board will be maintained virtually on 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.

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.

#### **Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):**

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check.
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.

- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. \*
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. \*
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

#### Learn to Skate USA Coach:

Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership

- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

\* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

[www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) →  or Account → Member Profile → Compliance

#### Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

**Skate Safe:** In accordance with federal law, specifically S.534 – Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017, U.S. Figure Skating, as a National Governing Body, and all member figure skating clubs, as Local Affiliated Organizations, are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport. All sanctioned events must comply with U.S. Figure Skating’s Skate Safe policies. Skate Safe training is available through <http://www.usfsaonline.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 1 season.

**Credential:** All coaches are verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database 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.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coaches Requirements Chart](#).

Skaters will receive a credential to allow them access to locker rooms. Coaches are not allowed in locker rooms.

### **VOLUNTEER INFO:**

Atlanta Figure Skating Club requires members to offer mandatory annual 8 hours volunteering for club events. Food donations do not count as volunteer hours but are greatly appreciated. Please look for online signup 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:

Volunteer Chair Alicia Dixon

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### **CONTACT INFO:**

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### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

#### **Official Hotel:**

Please follow information on club website under tab 2024 Magnolia Open - Virtual Program. We will offer a link to find special rate room block with hotel in the vicinity of the rink.

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

#### **Vendors:**

Skating related vendors will be offering services during competition.

#### **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 can be used for the rest of the commute.

#### **Club Website:**

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

*This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Non-qualifying Competition – 02/10/2023*

