

Fort Collins High School Competition October 26, 2024 Fort Collins Fright Fest October 27, 2024 Hosted by Fort Collins Figure Skating Club Edora Pool and Ice Center, Fort Collins, Colorado

https://fortcollinsfsc.org/competitions

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I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Fort Collins High School Competition and Fright Fest Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</u> and/or <u>current Compete USA handbook</u>, as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating <u>website</u>.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated, or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA® member, a collegiate club, or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the rulebook for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM COMPETITION

Skaters must be enrolled as a full-time student as defined by the institution that they attend, grades 9-12, as per state guidelines. This includes both traditional and homeschooled students. A minimum of two (2) skaters are required to form a team. Team members may include skaters of any gender. Skaters do not have to be at the same test level. Athletes may compete either for the high school they are attending or as a high school collaborative, defined as follows:

- Athletes from a single school, representing that school OR
- Athletes representing two or more area high schools combine to form a team. NOTE: Competitors may not represent more than ONE high school skating team at one time.

HIGH SCHOOL SKATING TEAM MEMBERSHIP

All High School Skating Teams participating in high school competitions **must register** with U.S. Figure Skating on the Members Only website. This will include creating a team roster to include all skaters on your team and paying the annual team dues of **\$50**, which are due annually and payable by or after September 1st.

All teams have a minimum of 2 skaters and a maximum of 6 skaters. Teams must have at least one Team Manager who is 18 years or older, must have a current U.S. Figure Skating membership, and be fully compliant. Team coaches are not required to form a team. However, if a team chooses to have a team coach, this person may also serve as the team manager. For detailed instructions on how to create your team, please refer to the Steps to Register/Renew Your High School Team. If your team has already been identified with U.S. Figure Skating, do not create another team account. Member Services can give access if leadership has changed for the new season, and you can then renew and manage your team for the new season.

LONGEST SPIRAL COMPETITION FORMAT

Skaters within each level begin one at a time in random order, starting with no more than two introductory strokes, and the spiral position must be attained at the blue line nearest the Zamboni end of the rink and goes as far as possible towards the lobby end. There will be cones placed on the blue line at the lobby end, and if the skater can maintain a spiral beyond the lobby end wall, s/he must curve around the cones. Once stopped or lost spiral position, the skater stands on that spot and waits for the next skater. If the next skater goes beyond the distance of the first skater, s/he becomes the next leader until all competitors have completed their spirals.

LONGEST SPIN COMPETITION FORMAT

All skaters of each level begin spinning together when the start is announced (no more than 5 seconds for preliminary steps). The last skater spinning after the start wins. Only one change of foot is permitted. Positions are optional.

II. ELIGIBILITY

SINGLE: EXCEL 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.
 - 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:
 - 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.
 - 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 the information sheet HERE or email events@usfigureskating.org.

<u>ALL OTHER SINGLES AND PARTNER EVENTS (SUCH AS ADULTS, PAIRS, ICE DANCE</u>

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

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

• For synchronized skating teams, this competition does not require that skating skills test requirements for the team's level be met, except for the maximum allowed at the Compete USA levels (Snowplow Sam Synchro and Aspire levels).

EVENTS OFFERED:

- U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements: <u>usfigureskating.org --></u> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements
- Compete USA Program Requirements: learntoskateusa.com/competeusa

- **Skate United:** For any Skate United (S.U.) Athlete, please have them register for their appropriate level under the adaptive option. Once the registration is complete, the SAM memo must be submitted to the competition chair via email "Attention Competition Chair" at fcfigureskating@gmail.com
 - Click here for information about Adaptive Skating
- Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.): Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at "Attention Competition Chair" at fcfigureskating@gmail.com.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Singles (Pre-Preliminary- Juvenile Plus)	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00
Well Balanced Singles (Pre-Preliminary-Juvenile)	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00
Adult Singles (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$85.00	\$45.00
Choreographic Artistry (Juvenile - Senior, Adult Masters)	CJS	\$85.00	\$45.00
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$85.00	\$45.00
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$85.00	\$45.00
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$85.00	\$45.00
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100.00	
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$110.00	

Production Ensemble	CJS	\$110.00 +\$7.00/skater	
Adaptive Individual Showcase	CJS	\$85.00	\$45.00
Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	CJS	\$85.00	\$45.00
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75.00	\$35.00
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75.00	\$35.00
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75.00	\$35.00
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – High Beginner)	6.0	\$75.00	\$35.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$75.00	\$35.00
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75.00	\$35.00
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75.00	\$35.00
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$75.00	\$35.00
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$75.00	\$35.00
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00
Skate United *see statement above	6.0	\$75.00	\$40.00
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING	JUDGING	Team Fee	Skater Fee
Aspire 1	6.0	\$110.00	\$7.00
Aspire 2	6.0	\$110.00	\$7.00
Aspire 3	6.0	\$110.00	\$7.00

HIGH SCHOOL LONGEST ELEMENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Longest Spin (Beginner, Low, Intermediate, High)	Time	Included	Included
Longest Spiral (Beginner, Low, Intermediate, High)	Distance	Included	Included
Aspire 4	6.0	\$110.00	\$7.00
Preliminary	6.0	\$110.00	\$7.00
Open Adult	6.0	\$110.00	\$7.00
HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MANEUVERS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Beginner Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$40.00	\$40.00
Low Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$40.00	\$40.00
Intermediate Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$40.00	\$40.00
High Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$40.00	\$40.00

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, which are 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 we 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>U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook</u>.

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:

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

COMPLIANCE:

<u>Coaches</u>

To be an eligible coach at a non-qualifying 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.

<u>Coaches of foreign athletes:</u> 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.

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

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, theater, 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 for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Secure online registration available at www.fortcollinsfsc.org through Entryeeze. Entries must be submitted online no later than 11:59 PM on October 4, 2024. Late entries will be accepted until 11:59 PM October 6, 2024 with a \$35 late fee.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM EVENTS:

Each team member will **register individually** for the appropriate team maneuver event via Entryezze in addition to other events in which they wish to compete. Before checking out, each skater will need to **identify which high school team** they are on.

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

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Music must be uploaded into Entryeeze by **Friday**, **October 18th**, **2024 at 11:59 PM** or a late fee will be assessed (see fees). All files need to be in MP3 format. There will be no CDs accepted. All music must be turned in electronically.

Competitors must also have a backup copy of their competition music available on a cell phone, and it must be immediately available at the 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 Volunteer with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode, and the volume turned to maximum.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Fort Collins Figure Skating Club and Edora Pool and Ice Center 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:

Edora Pool and Ice Arena

1801 Riverside Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80525

https://www.fcgov.com/recreation/epic

EPIC has two NHL size ice surfaces. The judges will sit in the hockey boxes on the OPPOSITE (east) side of the rink as the spectators. There is not a snack bar on premises.

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.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check their own email accounts and the website frequently at https://fortcollinsfsc.org/competitions for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled at any 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.

The Fright Fest competition schedule will be made available to all competitors and posted on the website. Tentatively, the high school team maneuvers competition will be held from 12:45pm – 4:45pm on Saturday October 26.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice Ice for the High School Team Maneuvers events will be available on October 26th prior to the start of the events and available for purchase at the time of registration through Entryeeze at the cost of \$15 per person when purchased before the competition registration deadline. Practice ice will be available the morning of October 27nd. Practice ice is available at a cost of \$15 per person when purchased before the competition deadline. Practice ice will not be sold at the event. It will only be sold through Entryeeze prior to the event. All practice ice will be 20 minutes in length. Available practice ice selection times will be emailed to you after the entry deadline. Skater's music will not be played on practice ice. There are no refunds for practice ice after registration is closed.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be in the EPIC lobby. We will update registered skaters when we have more information.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to <u>download or</u> <u>print your compliance card</u> 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:

Results will be listed ONLINE ONLY

Medals 1-6 will be awarded at Sunday's Fright Fest Competition

Medals for the High School event will be given out for the longest spin and longest spiral only, not for the winners of the Team Manuver events.

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:

Compliant volunteer positions at all US Figure Skating Sanctioned events include key LOC members, locker room monitors, and ALL medical event personnel must be Safe Sport compliant. To be considered compliant, an approved volunteer serving in one of these positions must complete a background check through Safe Sport and complete the online Safe Sport training. This background check and training is accessible via US Figure Skating Members Only Website: www.usfsaonline.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Competition merchandise will be available for pre-purchase with registration and at the event.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

https://fortcollinsfsc.org/competitions

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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