



Cleveland Invitational Championships March 21-23, 2024

Forestwood Skating Club of Parma



Michael A. Ries Rink, Parma, Ohio

Registration Deadline: February 14, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET

Sanction #: 33916

COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Cleveland Invitational Championships 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.

SERIES INFORMATION

2024 Excel Series: This competition has been approved as a 2024 Excel Series host. Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings. [Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Rules & Resources*](#) | [Excel Series Information*](#)

*Some information may not be fully updated for the 2024 season at the time of publishing this announcement.

Adult Competition Series: Adult 1-6, adult beginner, adult high beginner, adult pre-bronze, and adult bronze program/free skate events that meet Adult Competition Series guidelines are offered at this competition. Adult Competition Series participants must submit a photo, scanned copy, email attachment, or screenshot of the results sheet to adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com by the deadline published in the most recent [Adult Competition Series Handbook](#) to receive credit and series points.

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: 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.

ADULT EVENTS:

Age classes for all free skate and showcase 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 events and 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.

EVENTS OFFERED:

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

FEES:

Entry Fees: First IJS Event - \$135

OR

First 6.0 Event - \$100

Second IJS Event - \$70

Second 6.0 Event - \$60

Each Additional Event - \$40

CRITIQUES: Juvenile-Senior Short Program, Juvenile-Senior IJS Well Balanced Free Skate only - \$10

SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.

All Program Requirements by Event				
SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate Plus, Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Aspire (1-4 Program w/ Music)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test, Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary-Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Adult Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Compulsory Moves (Preliminary-Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.– Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Preliminary–Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Adult Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Silver–Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Spins Challenge (Juvenile–Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Adult Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$60	\$40
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Silver–Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)* *Emotional Performance/Choreographic Artistry/Interpretive/Lyrical Pop/Character Performance/Comedic Impressions Log in to EMS for details on the showcase events offered.	CJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$135	\$70	\$40
Theme Event	CJS	\$135	\$70	\$40

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#).

ELIGIBILITY:

Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.

- 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.
- 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. (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 the information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

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

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

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.

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 the 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 definitions 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.

MANDATORY ATHLETES:

Athletes aged 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. ensemble, dance, pairs, theater, etc.) with at least one minor athlete must complete SkateSafe training.

Minor Athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SkateSafe training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SkateSafe 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.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and 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 sex to assist their child immediately prior

to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

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](#).

COACHES:

To be an eligible coach at a non-qualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and be 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. Competitors are limited to 2 coaches.

EMS Coach Resources :

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

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. 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. *
 - o 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. *
 - o The training will be valid for 365 days from the 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. *
 - o 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. *
 - o 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)

Compliance: [Coaches and Team Personnel](#)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:

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

Registration Deadline: February 14, 2024 at 11:59pm ET
There will be no late entries accepted for this competition

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose **"2024 Cleveland Invitational Championships"** from the list of non-qualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

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.

PARTNERED EVENTS/GROUPS, Including Mini Ensemble:

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.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters who meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be completed and returned to the registration desk before the beginning of the skater's event. There will be an additional fee of \$10.00 for this service. Test credit results will be ready for the skater to pick up at registration no later than 1 hour after the online finalization of the event.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: March 4, 2024, 11:59 pm ET

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than March 4, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$10 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.

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.

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 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, the phone in airplane mode and the volume turned to maximum.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

DEADLINE: March 4, 2024, 11:59 pm ET

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than March 4, 2024, at 11:59 pm ET. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$10 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](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY

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

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Forestwood Skating Club of Parma and Michael A Ries Rink 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.

COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

Michael A. Ries Rink
5000 Forestwood Dr.
Parma, Ohio 44134
www.forestwoodskatingclub.com

Rink size: 200 x 185

Temperature of the rink is 50°

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

The official website for Cleveland Invitational Championships is www.forestwoodskatingclub.com/cics All updates and announcements will be posted and maintained daily. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the website frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

RESULTS:

Results will be posted live via U.S. Figure Skating (IJS and 6.0). The QR Code will be posted via the Forestwood website closer to the event.

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.

PRACTICE ICE:

All practice ice will be available for purchase online through the [EMS Competition Portal](#) after the schedule is published. Practice Ice can be pre-purchased through February 17, 2024. All practice ice if pre-purchased will be \$15.00 for the sessions. Additional practice ice will be available for purchase during the competition and will cost \$18.00 at the Registration Desk (lobby). No music will be played during practice ice. For Additional information regarding practice ice offerings, visit the Forestwood Skating Club of Parma Website at <http://www.forestwoodskatingclub.com>

The club holds the right to cancel any practice ice if there is not enough participation or if the schedule warrants. Please check at the registration desk upon arrival to sign up for available ice or if a practice ice time has been canceled.

Skater: [Pre-Purchase](#) and [Selection](#) | [Open Sales](#)

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on March 21, 2024, two hours prior to the start of the first event and will remain open until the conclusion of the last event. Check-in will be in the rink lobby.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded 1st through 3rd place for each event including any final rounds.

Trophies: The Elaine and Charles A. DeMore Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the skater who wins the Intermediate Ladies Free Skate. If there is more than one group of Intermediate Ladies Free Skate, a Final Round will be held. This is a traveling trophy. All skaters in the event are eligible.

Only Greater Cleveland member clubs are eligible for the following trophy:

The Joy Cunningham-William Wall Cleveland Invitational Championship Club Trophy will be awarded to the club winning the most points. Points will be awarded as follows: 1st place – 4 points, 2nd place – 3 points, 3rd place – 2 points, 4th place – 1 point with the number of points reduced in events with fewer than 4 skaters. For events with a team or teams representing two different clubs, the points earned will be split evenly between the two clubs. This is a traveling trophy.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

Visit www.forestwoodskatingclub.com for information on volunteering at this event.

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:

Reminder: Compliant positions in the U.S. Figure Skating events include key LOC members, locker room monitors, and ALL medical event personnel.

[Click here for volunteer compliance information.](#)

828 STUDIOS:

Video: Included in the event registration: A high-definition digital video file of each event that takes place on a full sheet of ice. The video(s) will be delivered within 5 days of the event.

Photos: 828 Studios will provide action photography of each event. They will have digital images, packages, and prints available for purchase.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

HOTELS NEARBY:

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

6209 Quarry Ln
Independence, OH 44131
216-447-1300

La Quinta Inn by Wyndham

6161 Quarry Ln
Independence, OH 44131
216-447-1133

Extended Stay America Premier Suites

6025 Jefferson Drive
Independence, OH 44131

Comfort Inn

6191 Quarry Ln
Independence, OH 44131
216-503-8752

216-328-1060

AIRPORT:

For our out-of-town guests, the nearest airport is Cleveland Hopkins Airport, located approximately 9 miles from Michael A. Ries Rink.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: www.forestwoodskatingclub.com

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Co-Chairs: Corey Gray / Heather Murray at support@forestwoodskatingclub.com

Competition T-Shirts: \$20 each: Scarlet Red. Available at the Competition.

