



## Compete USA Competition

Hosted by the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club



## March 28-29, 2026

"PSM Icehouse"  
3869 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
Phone: 260-387-6614

Compete USA Sanction # 36798

**EMS Registration Deadline: February 28, 2026, at 11:59pm ET**  
**EMS upload deadline for Music: March 15, 2026, at 11:59pm ET**

Competition will be hosted in conjunction with the  
2026 Midwestern/Pacific Coast Sectional High School Final

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Competition website: [Fort Wayne ISC | Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club](#)

**SERIES INFORMATION:** This competition will be part of the 2026 Indiana Championship Series. The Indiana Championship Series is open to all Indiana Residents and members of Indiana Figure Skating Club. More information can be found at [www.infigureskating.com](http://www.infigureskating.com)

## ***RULES FOR COMPETE USA COMPETITIONS***

### **3100 Rules for Compete USA Competitions**

#### **3110 Compete USA Competitions – Approvals**

3111 Compete USA competitions may include events for skaters who have passed no higher than the preliminary free skate, pre-bronze pattern dance or adult bronze free skate tests without applying for a

U.S. Figure Skating sanction. However, an approval number is required and may be obtained from the appointed Learn to Skate USA representatives.

#### **3120 Compete USA Competitions – Officials**

3121 For Compete USA competitions, three judges not related to the competitors are required for each event. Judges may be any official U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada judge or any other qualified eligible or ineligible person in skating who is a U.S. Figure Skating member and/or a Learn to Skate USA member.

3122 For Compete USA competitions, the member club or other organization sponsoring and conducting the competition shall approve all judges and officials. All persons serving as judges and officials shall be at least 16 years of age.

#### **3130 Compete USA Competitions – Announcements**

3131 For all Compete USA competitions, a copy of the announcement and an approval request shall be sent to the appointed Learn to Skate USA representative for approval and issuance of a Compete USA approval number 30 days prior to the release of the competition announcement to the public. The approval is to be publicly displayed during the competition.

3132 Compete USA competitions will follow the event structure as outlined in the Compete USA Manual.

Any registered Learn to Skate USA program may conduct a Compete USA competition.

3133 When Compete USA competitions are held on the home ice of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, the member club shall be designated as the sponsoring club.

3134 Compete USA competitions may be:

- A. "In house" — the competition is available only to those skaters who are members of the club or pro-gram conducting the competition, or
- B. "Open" — the competition is available to any reg- istered Learn to Skate USA member or full U.S. Figure Skating member.

### **3055 Entries**

At nonqualifying competitions, if only one eligible competitor/team enters an event, the competitor/ team will be offered the option to skate an exhibition, compete in an equivalent event one level above or one level below (as qualified by test level) or, for

pre-juvenile and lower singles events, compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender.

- A. If said competitor chooses to skate an exhibition, judges will award their marks according to the rules and the applicable judging system used, and the competitor/team will receive first place.
- B. If said competitor chooses to compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender, the skater will be entered accordingly.
- C. If said competitor/team chooses not to skate, the entry fee will be refunded, and the event will be canceled

### **3064 - Skating Accommodations Memorandum (S.A.M.)**

A singles skater with a documented physical disability, as defined by the American's with Disabilities Act (ADA), may request exception from certain technical rules or element requirements or expectations on the basis that such rule or requirement penalizes them in the assessment.

## **ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

**It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. It is an ethical violation for coaches to sandbag an event.**

**Choosing a competitive level that is right for your skater:** It is the responsibility of the instructor, coach, or skating director to place the skater at the correct competitive level. This decision should be based upon skill proficiency, athlete development, and fairness. Placing skaters at a level that challenges them appropriately while fostering their ongoing development is key to nurturing their growth.

### **ELIGIBILITY AND TEST REQUIREMENTS:**

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current members of either Learn to Skate USA and/ or those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating (including Aspire). Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be a current registered member of Learn to Skate USA or a full member of U.S. Figure Skating. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event, and all six should receive an award.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic 1-6 skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher, and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including skating skills or individual dances.

Special Olympics events are for skaters with intellectual disabilities. Skate United events are for skaters with physical disabilities. Skate United skaters have the option to compete in the standard track or Skate United track; accommodations may be made upon request. Adaptive events are for skaters with any type of disability. **\*For Synchronized Skating eligibility and requirements refer to the Synchronized Skating page.\***

## **ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR COACHES/ INSTRUCTORS**

When hosting a Compete USA competition, it is important that you verify the compliance of each coach/ instructor who plans to coach onsite at the event.

For credentials at a Compete USA event, coaches/instructors are required to have:

- Learn to Skate USA instructor compliant
- OR**
- U.S. Figure Skating coach compliant

If a coach/instructor attempts to work at your event without the proper credentials, he or she is in violation of U.S. Figure Skating ethics and code of conduct rules and, as such, is subject to disciplinary action.

All officials and adult volunteers assisting Compete USA events must also be SafeSport Trained™

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### EVENTS OFFERED:

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found [HERE](#)

COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1ST EVENT PRICE	2ND EVENT PRICE
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w / Music	6.0	\$80	n/a
Aspire Program w / Music	6.0	\$80	\$50
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary - Preliminary Plus)	6.0	\$80	\$50
Pre-Preliminary - Preliminary Free Skate	6.0	\$80	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w / Music	6.0	\$80	n/a
Adult Free Skate (Beg. - Bronze)	6.0	\$80	n/a
Athlete Development - Compulsory Moves 1-4	6.0	\$80	\$50
Athlete Development - Spin Challenge 1-4	6.0	\$80	\$50
Athlete Development - Jump Challenge 1-4	6.0	\$80	\$50

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

**Online registration must be completed by February 28, 11:59pm ET.** Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the LOC. If accepted, a late fee of \$50 will be assessed.

**ENTRY FEES:** 6.0 Event - \$80 / Additional 6.0 Event - \$50

Videos of every registered event are included in the cost of registration.

**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 28, 2026, at 11:59pm ET**

**Late Registration Deadline: March 5, 2026, at 11:59pm ET + \$50 Late Fee**

FWISC reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met.

- Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)
- Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA® member number and password
  - If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
- Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
- Choose **"Battle of the Blades"** from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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.

**MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD: EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:** Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **March 15, 2026, 11:59pm 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 SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO:** [CLICK HERE](#)

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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, the phone in airplane mode and 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 Wayne Ice Skating Club and PSM Icehouse 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 competition will be held at "PSM Icehouse" facility at 3869 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. The ice surfaces are 85'x200' with slightly rounded corners. The facility has a full restaurant service. Seating accommodation 300 spectators and there is ample parking. Admission to the Battle of the Blades for all is free.

**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 under 11 years old 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 in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

**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:** The official website for the Battle of the Blades competition is <http://www.fortwayneisc.org>. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check wand/or registration table frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

**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:**

**Pre-Purchase:** Practice ice credits may be purchased after participants complete their event registration, via the EMS Competition Portal. Skaters who purchase credits during the pre-purchase period will be able to select sessions during the selection period, after the schedule has been completed and posted.

[Click Here for a Pre-Purchase How-To Document](#)



- Open: 01/01/2026 at 3:00 PM ET
- Close: 02/28/2026 at 11:59 PM ET
- Maximum credits per registered event: UPI - 1
- Cost per credit: \$20

**Pre-Purchase Selection:** After the close of entries and shortly after the competition schedule is published, skaters will receive an email with notice of the practice ice schedule and the date/time when pre-purchased credits can be scheduled via EMS.

[Click Here for a Selection How-To Document](#)

- Open: 03/10/2026 at 3:00 PM ET
- Close: 03/15/2026 at 11:59 PM ET

**Open Sales and Onsite Sales:** Practice Ice sessions will be available after the schedule has been published. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them, or purchase on-site if available. [Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document](#)

- Open: 03/16/2026 at 3:00 PM ET
- Close: 03/29/2026 at 11:59 PM ET
- Maximum sessions per registered event: UPI – 1
- Cost per session: \$25

**ONSITE CHECK-IN:** Check-in will open on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 30 minutes before the first schedule practice ice. Check-In is in the main lobby of the facility.

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.

**AWARDS:** Medals will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> place winners in all events. Results will be posted online; printed results will not be available. Skaters should report to the awards table after the final results have been posted online. All Compete USA event competitors will receive a medal regardless of placing.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:** Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to [music@usfigureskating.org](mailto:music@usfigureskating.org).

A digital download of the full flight for each event entered is included with the entry fee for events with music. This is your gift from the Fort Wayne Ice Skating club. Professional photography will be available for pre-purchase or at the conclusion of the event. Professional videography/Photography will be provided by 828 Studios.

### **ACCOMODATION:**

Official Hotel "TownePlace Marriott" located in the same parking lot with the PSM Icehouse  
Start Date: Thursday, March 26, 2026 / End Date: Sunday, March 29, 2026

[Book your group rate for Midwest/Pacific Coast HS Sectionals](#)

- **159.00 USD / 164.00 USD per night / Last Day to Book: Sunday, March 01, 2026**

Additional Hotels available through **EVENT CONNERCT LINK**

[Book Your Room - 2026 Midwest Pacific Coast Sectional High School Final - PSM Ice House | EventConnect](#)