



Non-Qualifying Competition Hosted by the



August 9-10, 2025

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

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

Sanction # 36184

EMS Registration Deadline: July 10, 2025 at 11:59pm ET

EMS upload deadline for Music and PPC: July 15, 2025 at 11:59pm ET

Online purchase of practice ice sessions will be available through EMS

Chief Referee: Gretchen Bonnie

LOC Chair: Alena Lunin

LOC Co-Chair: Theresa Overy

I.COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Battle of the Blades 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 U.S. Figure Skating member club,

Learn to Skate member, a collegiate club or who is individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please referee to the [current rulebook](#) for more information.

SERIES INFORMATION: This competition will be part of the 2025 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



II. 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.

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.

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

EVENTS OFFERED:

U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements: usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> [Program Requirements](#)

Compete USA Program Requirements: learntoskateusa.com/competeusa

- Compete USA Snowplow-Basic 6 program will be held as full ice events.
- Compete USA Snowplow-Basic 6 elements will be held in the program format.

Skate United: For any Skate United (S.U.) Athlete, please have them register for their appropriate level under the "standard" option. Once the registration is complete, the following form must be submitted to the competition chair via email at alunin@psmicehouse.com

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 alunin@psmicehouse.com

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary-Senior)	IJS	\$145	\$75
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$145	\$75
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary-Senior)	IJS	\$145	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$145	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Beginner & Pre-Bronze)	6.0	\$120	\$60
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 - 8)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	6.0	\$120	\$60
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$65
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$65
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$65
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$65
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$65
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$65
Theme Event	CJS	\$130	\$65
Inflatables	CJS	\$130	\$65
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80	\$50
Aspire 1-4	6.0	\$80	\$50
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$80	\$50
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$80	\$50

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 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 alunin@psmicehouse.com

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.

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 for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

III.REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Online registration must be completed by July 10, 2024, at 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	\$120	Each Additional 6.0 Event	\$60
IJS Event	\$145	Each Additional IJS Event	\$75
CJS Event	\$130	Each Additional CJS Event	\$65
Basic Skills Event	\$80	Each Additional Basic Skills 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: July 10, 2025 at 11:59pm ET

Late Registration Deadline: July 15, 2024 at 11:59pm ET + \$50 Late Fee

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

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 "**Battle of the Blades**" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact 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.**

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.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters may sign up for Test Credit through EMS during online registration for \$20. Test Credit packet will be emailed to the email address listed in EMS after the competition has concluded.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **July 16, 2025, 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

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.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **July 16, 2025, 11:59pm 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](#)

**If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org*

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: 05/01/2025 at 8:00 AM ET
- Close: 07/16/2025 at 11:59 PM ET
- Maximum credits per registered event:
 - UPI - 2
- 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: 07/25/2025 at 8:00 AM ET
- Close: 07/31/2025 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: 07/26/2025 at 8:00 AM ET
- Close: 08/10/2025 at 11:59 PM ET
- Maximum sessions per registered event:
 - o UPI – 2
- Cost per session: \$25

ONSITE CHECK-IN: Check-in will open on Saturday 08/09/2025, 30 minutes before the first schedule practice ice. Check-In is located 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 at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS: Medals will be presented to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th 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.

TEAM TROPHY: A Team Trophy will be awarded to the club that accumulates the most team points across all events (excluding the host club)

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.

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.

LODGING: TownePlace Suites by Marriott - **Cut-off date 07/18/2025**

Price: \$169+tax (per night) (The same parking lot as the PSM Icehouse)

Address: 3949 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 / Phone: (260)483-1166

[Book your group rate for Battle of the Blades](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION: Competition website is [Fort Wayne ISC | Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club](#) and EMS will contain information regarding online registration. For questions, please contact Battle of the Blades competition Chairs.

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