

2026 Midwestern & Pacific Coast Sectional High School Final

Registration Deadline February 28th, 2026

Hosted by the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club at the "PSM Icehouse" 3869 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

SECTIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS:

U.S. Figure Skating's High School Programs Subcommittee is excited to facilitate the Midwestern & Pacific Coast Sectional High School Finals in conjunction with the Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club. This competition will be following the event guidelines outlines in the 2025-2026 High School Skating Handbook.

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2026 Midwestern & Pacific Coast Sectional High School Final 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 current Compete USA handbook, and the most recent version of the <u>High School Skating Handbook</u>, as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

ELIGIBILITY & TEAM FORMATION: Athletes must be eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice or be individual members of U.S. Figure Skating.

All skaters participating in this competition must be part of a U.S. Figure Skating high school figure skating team. Teams must be currently registered with U.S. Figure Skating for the 2025-2026 competitive season. All 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 traditional, homeschooled, and virtual students.

A minimum of two (2) skaters is 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 combining to form a team.

There is no qualification requirement to participate, and a skater does not have to have competed in any other high school competition prior to this. Teams are not required to send all team members to compete at this event. Teams may send as many athletes as they wish to compete and represent the team.

<u>NOTE</u>: 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.

All 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 <u>Steps to Register/Renew Your High School Team</u>.

II. ELIGIBILITY

TEAM ELIGIBILITY

All teams must be eligible, registered teams, as defined in Section 1 of this announcement. Each team may enter a maximum of 30 starts per competition. Not all skaters on the team's roster must be assigned to an event. Unassigned skaters may be used for substitutions. Best practice for maintaining a roster to be used for substitutions will be up to the LOC/Interclub/Series administration organization.

Athletes are not permitted to enter multiple levels of the same event at this competition (example: A skater cannot enter both Preliminary Excel and Preliminary Plus Excel).

TEST LEVEL 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.
 - 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 information sheet <u>HERE</u> or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other singles and partner events (such as Showcase and Solo Dance):

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

Team Maneuver Events:

- Athletes may compete at their test level or higher. Athletes may not skate down in Team Maneuvers if they have exceeded the maximum test permission.

EVENTS OFFERED

- Click HERE to view the program requirements for the current season: <u>usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> Competition Program Requirements</u>
- Compete USA Program Requirements: <u>learntoskateusa.com/competeusa</u>
- **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 neicchs@gmail.com.
 - o Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.
- **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 neicchs@gmail.com.
 - o Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	Additional Event Price
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile-Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$50
Well Balanced Free Skate (Junior and Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$50
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$50
COMPETE USA EVENTS		1 st Event Price	Additional Event Price
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$130	\$50
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	Additional Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior)	CJS	\$130	\$50
Character Performance (Preliminary – Senior)	CJS	\$130	\$50
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior)	CJS	\$130	
Adaptive Individual Showcase	6.0	\$130	\$50
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	Additional Event Price
Shadow Dance (Preliminary – Gold)	6.0	\$130	\$50
Solo Free Dance (Juvenile-Senior)	6.0	\$130	\$50
HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MANEUVERS*	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	Additional Event Price
Level A (9 core elements)	6.0	\$150	
Level B (9 core elements)	6.0	\$150	
Level C (9 core elements)	6.0	\$150	
Level D (9 core elements)	6.0	\$150	

^{*}High school teams may enter <u>no more than 1</u> team maneuver teams per level.

Skaters may enter <u>no more than 4 of the following events:</u> 1 Free Skate (Excel or Champ), 1 Short Program, 1 Individual Showcase (Emotional or Character), 1 Duet/Trio, 1 Shadow Dance, 1 Free Dance.

Team maneuvers does NOT count towards a skater's cumulative number of events entered. For example, a skater can enter in a Free Skate, a Short Program, a Shadow Dance, a Duet/Trio (4) plus a team maneuvers event.

<u>OUR COMMUNITY:</u> 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>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.

COMPLIANCE:

COACHES: Coaches assigned on Members Only must complete all applicable compliance requirements. Details regarding Coach compliance requirements can be found HERE.

MANDATORY ATHLETES: Teams that are composed of both Minor Athletes and Adult Participants (skaters over the age of 18) are required to complete an extra step for compliance. Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team 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.

All skaters on the team roster are required to complete the mandatory waivers, medical registry, and emergency contact information.

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL: Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating 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.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION: EMS will be used for registration for the 2026 Midwestern

& Pacific Coast Sectional High School Final.

Registration Deadline: February 28th, 2026, 11:59pm. ET

- Late Registration Deadline: March 5th, 2026, 11:59pm ET
- **♦** Late Registration Fee-\$50 per skater
- The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met.

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS

Online registrations will be accepted via <u>EMS</u>. Payment must be made at the time of registration by <u>credit card only</u>. Each transaction includes a 3% processing fee and <u>effective September 1, 2025, U.S.</u>

<u>Figure Skating has implemented a 3% platform fee on any payment transaction (entry fee, practice ice purchase, late fee, etc.) in EMS. This platform fee will be automatically applied at check-out.</u>

- 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 "2026 Midwestern & Pacific Coast Sectional Figh School Final" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

REGISTRATION FOR DUET/TRIO SHOWCASE EVENTS and TEAM MANEUVERS

- For duets/trios: ONE SKATER ONLY FROM EACH DUET/TRIO WILL REGISTER IN EMS. Please sign up under Showcase Duet for both duets and trios at the appropriate level for the highest level skater in your group (there is no trio option). EMS will only allow the registrant to add one other member, so if you are part of a trio, please ensure that your Team Registration Form contains all three trio member names.
- For Team Maneuvers: ONE SKATER REPRESENTATIVE ONLY PER LEVEL will need to register for each team maneuvers level to be competed in. Make sure to list all athletes in a level on the Team Registration Form.

<u>FOREIGN SKATERS</u>: Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition (<u>click here for HOW TO</u>). This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the <u>Members Only</u> login page.

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM REGISTRATION FORM DEADLINE: February 28, 2026, 11:59pm. ET

For each competition, each team will be required to submit a <u>TEAM REGISTRATION FORM</u> that will include a team roster for individual/duet-trio showcase events, a cut list, and a team maneuvers roster.

 Download the form from the link and submit the excel saved version. DO NOT FILL OUT THE LINK AND SHARE.

- The team registration form should be completed and sent to <u>alunin@psmicehouse.com</u> within <u>48 hours after the close of registration</u>. The rosters will be matched with EMS information.
- There will be no changes accepted to the team rosters after the close of registration/worksheet submission.
- Make sure you roster any individuals that might serve as substitutes for any skater who finds
 out after registration closes and rosters are submitted that they will miss an individual or
 team event. If they are not listed on the team registration form, they cannot be a substitute.

REQUESTS FOR WITHDRAWALS, SUBSTITUTIONS, & EVENT CHANGES: Requests for withdrawals, substitutions, and event changes (due to incorrect level registration) should be directed to the LOC and will be administered at their discretion.

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, 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 <u>productsupport@usfigureskating.org</u>

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone, and it must be immediately available on the side of the rink 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.

<u>REFUND POLICY:</u> 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. Online process fees and administrative fees are non-refundable.

If a skater withdraws from the competition and the team initiates a substitution in their place, the withdrawn skater will be refunded (minus any late, processing, and/or administrative fees) once the substitute skater has paid for the event(s). Note that refunds will only be available for events that have a substitute put in their place. Otherwise, the above-mentioned refund policy will be used.

<u>LIABILITY</u>: 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" three rinks 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 250 spectators and there is ample parking. Admission to 2026 Midwestern & Pacific Coast Sectional Final for all is free.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

GENERAL LOCKER ROOMS: 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 Minor 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 and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe page). Locker Room signage can also be found on the SkateSafe® page under "Resources".

TEAM LOCKER ROOMS: The designated team Coach, Team Manager, one additional Team Service Personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. The Coach, Team Manager, and Team Service Personnel should remove themselves from the Locker Room while any Minor Athletes are actively changing or undressing. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room Monitor. If there are concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing Area is strictly prohibited. Any violation of the Locker Room policy should be reported to U.S. Figure Skating using this reporting form.

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.

<u>OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:</u> The official website for the 2026 Midwestern & Pacific Coast Sectional High School Final competition is <u>Fort Wayne ISC | Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club</u> 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 will be accessible online via a live results link from U.S. Figure Skating (6.0).

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.

It is each participating team's responsibility to review the competition schedule for accuracy within 72 hours of receipt and notify the competition chair of any errors.

The LOC/club/team reserves the right to cancel single entry events based on ice time constraints. If a single-entry event is canceled, the skater will have the option to skate up one level or receive a full refund. Online processing fees and administrative fees are non-refundable.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice Ice (UPI) sessions will be available throughout the day. All registered skaters will be able to select 2 UPI sessions per event. Middle (Rink 2) of the facility designated for the UPI sessions only.

<u>Pre-Purchase</u>: Practice ice credits may be purchased after participants complete their event registration, via the EMS Competition Portal. Skaters who purchase credits during the prepurchase 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: 12/10/2026 at 3:00 PM ET
Close: 02/28/2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Maximum credits per registered event: UPI - 2

• Cost per credit: \$20

<u>Pre-Purchase Selection</u>: 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. <u>Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document</u>

Open: 03/16/2026 at 3:00 PM ET
 Close: 03/29/2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Maximum sessions per registered event: UPI - 2

• Cost per session: \$25

REFUND POLICY: Practice Ice (UPI) fees will not be refunded after pre-purchase deadline. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

ONSITE CHECK-IN: Check-in will open on Friday 03/27/2026, 30 minutes before the first scheduled practice ice. Check-In will be 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.

<u>AWARDS:</u> Medals will be awarded to places 1st through 4th in each individual event. Team trophies will be awarded for team maneuvers in lieu of individual medals.

Team trophies will be awarded to places 1st through 4th Places. Points are awarded to all skaters who compete. Points will be calculated using the scoring system outlined in the 2025-2026 High School Skating Handbook.

TEAM POINTS: Points are awarded to all skaters who compete. Junior and Senior Well-Balanced Free Skate events and International Shadow Pattern Dance. Pattern Dance earn two additional points per placement. Points earned by skaters will be added toward each team's point total.

Team points will be calculated to determine the overall placement of each team participating in the competition.

# of Skaters	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1 st	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	10	8	6	6	6
2 nd	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	6	4	4	
3 rd	10	9	8	8	8	8	8	6	4	2		
4 th	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	4	2			
5 th	8	7	6	5	4	4	4	2				
6 th	7	6	5	4	3	2	2					
7 th	6	5	4	3	2	1						
8 th	5	4	3	2	1							
9 th	4	3	2	1								
10 th	3	2	1									
11 th	2	1										
12 th	1											

Ties: In the case of a tie, skaters will share available points. For example, competitors tied for 1st place in a group of ten will each earn 11 points (12 points for first plus the 10 points for second).

Withdrawals: The number of athletes in an event will be based on competitors who actually

skate at the competition.

<u>VOLUNTEER INFO:</u> If you are interested to volunteer, please email Competition Chair alunin@psmicehouse.com

<u>VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:</u> Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include LOC leadership, locker room monitors and <u>emergency</u> medical providers.

<u>PHOTO/VIDEO</u>: 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.

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.

<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>: Fort Wayne International Airport recognized as "the nation's friendliest airport" by USA Today, <u>Fort Wayne International Airport</u> (FWA) offers daily non-stop flights on four different airlines. Airport approximately 25 minutes from the PSM Icehouse.

Exclusive discounts through the <u>Fort Wayne Savings Pass</u>, offers deals at select restaurants, attractions, and experiences throughout the city.

General Fort Wayne information from VisitFortWayne.com

MERCHANDISE PRE-ORDER:

You can pre-order official apparel on the webstore https://shop.finedesigns.com/midland/midwesternsecskating/



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**

<u>Book Your Room - 2026 Midwest Pacific Coast Sectional High School Final - PSM Ice House | EventConnect</u>

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: Fort Wayne ISC | Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition/Practice Ice Chair:	Alena Lunin	alunin@psmicehouse.com
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Competition Co-Chair	Theresa Overy	dovery6@hotmail.com
Vendor Chair	Monica McClure	president@fortwayneisc.org