



# **COLONIAL CYBER SERIES**

**PRESENTED BY MK | JOHN WILSON BLADES**

**HOSTED VIRTUALLY BY  
THE COLONIAL FIGURE SKATING CLUB, INC**



Hello skaters, coaches, family members and officials!

We want to welcome you to the 2020 Colonial Cyber Series presented by MK | John Wilson Blades. This is a non-sanctioned series event, hosted and run by the Colonial Figure Skating Club. We know that a lot of skaters are not on the ice right now, and have been off the ice for a considerable amount of time. We know that the timing of rinks opening is scattered, and the timing and restrictions are varied depending on your location.

Our goal for this virtual event series is to allow skaters to have a way to to present their programs virtually to a panel of judges, to receive a protocol sheet (for IJS scored levels), to use this information as feedback to help train, and make adjustments with your program so that when the time comes, and competitions are able to be run and the qualifying season is upon us, that the skaters will feel more ready to compete.

Please remember, this is a virtual series, there are a lot of variables that we can not control and are outside the scope and realm of this event. It is not a sanctioned competition, and your scores will not be tracked within the U.S. Figure Skating system. This will be for personal growth and improvement to help you work towards becoming competition ready. Video submissions will be varied in quality, and the officials will be doing their best given the variability of the angles they will be watching, and the different lighting and quality of the videos submitted.

While this event is not sanctioned, the officials will be judging in accordance with the rules and regulations, as set forth in the current [U.S. Figure Skating rulebook](#), as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the [U.S. Figure Skating website](#).

This series will be run monthly, please do not rush to rinks to start practicing to be able to participate in the first or even second event. We want everyone to return to the ice safely, and to not rush back. We will be here when you are ready! Use the series to allow time to practice, and submit when your skater is ready for feedback. We plan to extend the series, and it will all be based on how and when the rinks start to open, and the competitive season starts back up.

Below you will find the details pertaining to the series, the events we will host, video submission guidelines, etc. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Thank you, on behalf of the Colonial Figure Skating Club!

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**ELIGIBILITY:** This series is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook. Skaters representing a foreign association, must refer to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook regarding entry rules.

**FOREIGN SKATERS:** Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this series must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the series. This can be done by choosing the "Non- Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only login page](#).

**SCHEDULE:** The series will be run as a recurring monthly event. Depending on the skating competition season dates and status, we will continue to run the series each month. The planned schedule is as follows, starting with June 30st as the first entry deadline:

SERIES NAME	EMS & VIDEO ENTRY DEADLINE	TECH PANEL/JUDGING
JUNE SERIES	JUNE 30, 2020	July 1-12th
JULY SERIES	JULY 31, 2020	August 1-12th
AUGUST SERIES	AUGUST 31, 2020	September 1-12th
SEPTEMBER SERIES	SEPTEMBER 30, 2020	October 1-12th

**ENTRY FEES:** ALL registration fees are credit card only and include a 3% processing fee paid by the skater.

**Participants may enter as many events as they choose and for which the skater is qualified.**

- For all IJS events (No-Test and above), the cost is \$50.00 per event.

**TEST LEVEL:** Event level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate two levels above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

Skaters entering beginner through pre-juvenile free skate events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group. While every effort is made to have separate events for males and females, the LOC reserves the right to combine males and females, if necessary, as U.S. Figure Skating rules allow.



The series will be open to the following levels:

EVENT	SCORING SYSTEM USED	RESTRICTIONS / REQUIREMENTS
Free Skate No-Test Events Free Skate Pre-Preliminary Events Free Skate Preliminary Events Free Skate Pre-Juvenile Events Free Skate Juvenile Events Free Skate Open Juvenile Events Free Skate Intermediate Events Free Skate Novice Events Free Skate Junior Events Free Skate Senior Events	IJS	<b>Juvenile</b> Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger  <b>Open Juvenile</b> Girls – 13 years older; Boys – 14 years or older  <b>Intermediate</b> Must be under the age of 18
EXCEL Pre-Preliminary Events EXCEL Preliminary Events EXCEL Pre-Juvenile Events EXCEL Juvenile Events EXCEL Juvenile PLUS Events EXCEL Intermediate Events EXCEL Novice Events EXCEL Junior Events EXCEL Senior Events	IJS	
Adult Pre-Bronze Events Adult Bronze Events Adult Silver Events Adult Gold Events Masters Int/Nov Events Masters Jr/Sr Events	IJS	Must be 21 years or older



## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition-registration/>
  - a. For best experience, the Google Chrome browser is recommended
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
  - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click the blue EMS button and "Registration"
4. Choose "Colonial Cyber Series" from the list
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

## VIDEO REQUIREMENTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **PLEASE NAME THE FILE WITH SKATERS FIRST AND LAST NAME AND SKATE EVENT/LEVEL. FOR EXAMPLE: JOHN\_SMITH\_NOVICE\_LADIES\_SP.MOV**
- Video must be high or recognizable resolution, .MOV or .MP4 File Formats only and no more than 900MB. Technical panel will determine any videos that are deemed "unreviewable". If your video file size is larger, please reach out to us, we would rather have a larger file than a lower resolution file that is harder to see.
- Upload the original video, please do not use a video that was sent via txt or other methods as it significantly reduces the file and video resolution.
- Skaters should wear their competition attire or black on black. We don't expect you to go out and purchase a brand new dress or skating attire, but would like to help set the tone that this is a video that will be presented to a panel of judges, and will help the skater to be in a competitive mindset as a practice run for the competition season.
- Video submissions will not contain any editing, splicing and must be recorded from one angle. Any videos that are deemed edited will be automatically disqualified. You will be given one chance to resubmit a video, if found to be edited on the second submission the skater will be disqualified and no refunds given.
- The coach or parent, or the skater if an adult, will sign an affidavit that submissions have not been edited.
- We recommend that the person videoing the program, be standing nearest center ice and can clearly record all corners of the ice. **NOTE: we recommend a test prior to performance to ensure video quality.**
- Some rinks have limitations as to who is allowed in the rink, and on the ice so we know that this may not be achievable. Please do the best you can given the rules and restrictions in place as your individual rink.
- **Please record in landscape mode (not vertical).**
- You will not be judged or scored based on the quality or location of video.
- Videos can be recorded with a phone, tablet, camera or computer.
- **Do your best to make sure the music is loud enough for the officials to hear when they replay the videos during the judging process. We recommend you turn up the music when you record the program being skated on the ice.**
- Make sure the skater's full body is visible at all times during their skating performance.
- Other skaters and coaches can be on the ice when you record your video, you do not have to rent private ice to record and submit your video.



**PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):** Athletes participating in IJS events must submit their PPC via EMS. Click [here](#) for details or email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org) for assistance. Videos will be disqualified from the series if a PPC is not submitted with the video.

**PROTOCOLS:** Protocols will be sent electronically to all IJS level skaters approximately 2 weeks after the close of entries.

**CRITIQUES & LEADERBOARD RECOGNITION:** We will be offering a critique for all skaters in qualifying level events. The critique will be scheduled approximately 2 weeks after the close of entries. For skaters that register for both the short and free skate (long program), we ask that you choose which one you would like your critique for when you submit your video. We have added the question to the video submission form. A leadership board will be posted and maintained on the series page on our club website that will list the skater name (first initial, last name only), skating club, event, and score.

**REFUND POLICY:** Entry fees will not be refunded after each close of entry date unless no competition exists or the event is cancelled. There must be two competitors to hold an event. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Contested credit card charges will require an additional \$25 fee to complete the registration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:** Coaches must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their [EMS Skater Portal](#). All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

#### **U.S. Figure Skating Coaches:**

1. Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
2. Completed background check (green light status)
3. Completed SafeSport Training
4. Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2020 - 2021 Competition Season
5. Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.
6. Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics
7. Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement.

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, Colonial Figure Skating Club, Inc., Nashoba Valley Olympia and Olympus Realty Trust, Inc., 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. By participating at the Colonial Cyber Series, you agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless U.S. Figure Skating, Colonial Figure Skating Club, Inc., Nashoba Valley Olympia, Inc., and Olympus Realty Trust, and all of their directors, officers, agents, insurers, attorneys and employees, from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages or injury, whatsoever, of any kind or nature, that may sustain as a result of you (or your child's) participation.