

## 2022 Colonial Adult Challenge

Hosted by Colonial Figure Skating Club, Inc.

# June 5, 2022 Nashoba Valley Olympia Boxborough, MA

REGISTRATION OPENS: April 1, 2022 EARLY BIRD DEADLINE: April 15, 2022

ENTRY DEADLINE: April 29, 2022

The Colonial Adult Challenge will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</u>, as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating <u>website</u>.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are 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. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.



#### **COVID-19 INFORMATION**

The information below is subject to change depending on the circumstances at the time. We will be following all USFS, state, local and facility guidelines. Follow the event website (<a href="https://www.colonialfsc.com/2022colonialclassic">https://www.colonialfsc.com/2022colonialclassic</a>) for all current COVID-19 policies or any changes.

- MASK POLICY Properly worn masks are required to be worn indoors by ALL persons (including fully vaccinated persons) attending any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event or activity despite local, state, or facility policies.
  - Athletes may remove their masks ONLY when on the ice during their practice session and when competing on the ice. NOTE: This is subject to change at any time.
- SPECTATORS: The number of spectators is subject to change based on the current state and local guidelines.

#### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL**

**Test Level**: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Note, "skating up" is at the discretion of LOC and athletes may not skate down in any event.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Skaters entering The 2022 Colonial Adult Challenge must be at least 18 years of age by the close of entries on April 29. 2022.

Unless there are fewer than two young adult entries in any given event, young adults ages 18-20 will skate in their own group. All skaters entering free skate events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

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

Age classes for all solo free dance and solo pattern dance events:

- Young Adult/Class I: 18 years through 35 years
- Class II/III: 36 years through 55 years
- Class IV/V: 56 years and older

All 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.



#### COMPETITION REGISTRATION

Entry deadline: April 29, 2022

#### **EMS REGISTRATION**

Entries will be accepted via <u>EMS Competition Portal</u> with <u>credit card only</u>. Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Early Bird Deadline: 04/15/2022 at 11:59 pm ET Registration Deadline: 04/29/2022 at 11:59 EST

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

- 1. Go to <a href="https://m.usfiaureskatina.org">https://m.usfiaureskatina.org</a>
- 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 "COMPETITION NAME" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact <a href="mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org">productsupport@usfigureskating.org</a>.

#### **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 (<u>click here for HOW TO</u>). This can be done by choosing the "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the <u>Members Only</u> login page.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.



#### **FACILITIES**

The competition will be held at Nashoba Valley Olympia Ice Arena, located on Route 111 in Boxborough, MA. The Nashoba Valley Olympia has handicap access ramps at our main entrance and inside Olympia III.

Rink dimensions are as follows:

• Olympia I: ice surface is 186 x 87

• Olympia II: ice surface is 183 x 84

• Olympia III: ice surface is 184 x 82 with round corners

#### EMS MUSIC UPLOAD

**DEADLINE: MAY 20, 2022** 

ANY MUSIC RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL INCUR A \$20 LATE FEE

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to <u>EMS Competition</u> <u>Portal</u> no later than **May 20, 2022 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$20 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: <u>CLICK HERE</u> If you need assistance, email <u>productsupport@usfigureskating.org</u>

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
  - o 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.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD or digital copy (if you are accepting digital back up such as on a phone or memory stick) as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.



#### EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) - IJS

**DEADLINE: May 20, 2022** 

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Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in <u>EMS Competition Portal</u> no later than **May 20, 2022 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$20 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 <u>productsupport@usfigureskating.org</u>

#### LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Colonial Figure Skating Club and Nashoba Valley Olympia 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.

#### **ONSITE CHECK-IN**

Check-in will open on Sunday March 27, 2022 two hours prior to competition start.

#### 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 SafeSport Handbook (both found on the <u>U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport</u> page). **Locker room availability is subject to change based on COVID-19 protocols.** 

#### PRACTICE ICE

Unofficial practice ice (UPI) is not included in your entry fee and can only be purchased through the EMS Skater Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the Main Page of your skater portal. We will offer a pre-purchase window (with session selection), along with open sales. Information regarding practice ice will also be emailed out to all competitors and posted on the event website.

Practice Ice Resources for Skaters: Pre-Purchase and Selection | Open Sales



#### PHOTO/VIDEO

All photography and recording are restricted to hand-held battery-operated equipment, without monopod or tripod. Photography or recording for any commercial purpose is strictly prohibited. **To ensure safety of participants, flash photography is not permitted at any time.** 

Note, <u>per U.S. Figure Skating policy</u>, photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

#### **AWARDS**

Awards provided for 1st – 4th place in all categories and will be presented off ice and will be picked up at the awards table approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of their event.

#### OFFICIAL NOTICES

A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition. Official competition notices will be published on our website: <a href="https://www.colonialfsc.com/adultchallenge">https://www.colonialfsc.com/adultchallenge</a>. In addition, participants, coaches or entrants may receive email communications from the competition committee.

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 1 hour prior to the scheduled time of their event.

#### **TEST CREDIT**

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit in the Freeskate event may request their test credit forms at registration. Test Credit Packets can be picked up at the registration desk, and all forms must be completed prior to the end of the competition and will not be accepted after the close of the competition. Test credit packages are \$25.00 and payable via check to the Colonial Figure Skating Club. **Packets will not be mailed.** 

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

With EMS, a coach must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "My Coaches." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the skater's registration confirmation email. Note, there is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources (\*include links in your announcement):

- My Competitions
- My Skaters
- Coach Schedule



#### <u>Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):</u>

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure 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. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from 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 <u>Professional Skaters</u> <u>Association (PSA)</u>.

#### 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 <u>OR</u> 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)
- \* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

  www.usfsaonline.org Person Icda or Account Member Profile Compliance

#### Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the Coach Compliance page.



#### **VOLUNTEER INFO**

If you would like to volunteer at the competition, please reach out to the competition chair at adultchallenge@colonialfsc.com

#### **VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE**

Reminder: compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events include key LOC members, locker room monitors and <u>ALL</u> medical event personnel. To be considered compliant, an approved volunteer serving in one of these positions must:

- 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
- ✓ 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 \*
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#### **CONTACT INFO**

Competition website: <a href="https://www.colonialfsc.com/adultchallenge">https://www.colonialfsc.com/adultchallenge</a>
For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Suzie Weaver and Sandra Drewniak	adultchallenge@colonilafsc.com	
Director of Events:	Heather Plotkin	events@colonialfsc.com	
Chief Referee:	Ann Buckley	adbuckley@comcast.net	

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hotel information can be found on our website.

Airport information – The Boston area is serviced by Logan International Airport in Boston, MA as well as Manchester-Boston Regional Airport in Manchester, NH

Tentative schedule - Will be available on the EMS approximately 2 weeks prior to the competition



### **SECTION 2: Events Offered and Entry Fees**

#### SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.

SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> + EVENT
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$125	\$75	\$50
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$110	\$75	\$50
PAIRS	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> + EVENT
Adult Pairs Free Skate	IJS	\$125	\$75	\$50
PARTNERED ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> + EVENT
Adult Free Dance	6.0	\$110	\$75	\$50
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> + EVENT
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters	6.0	\$110	\$75	\$50
Jr/Sr)				
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters	6.0	\$110	\$75	\$50
Jr/Sr)				
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters	6.0	\$110	\$75	\$50
Jr/Sr)				
SHOWCASE - <u>NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION</u> **	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> + EVENT
Individual Entertainment (Adult)	6.0	\$110	\$75	\$50
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> EVENT
Adult Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$110	\$75	\$50

