



**PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SUNSHINE STATE GAMES  
FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**MAY 14-17, 2026**

**LOCATION: Advent Health Center Ice  
3173 Cypress Ridge Blvd,  
Wesley Chapel, FL 33544**

**ENTRY DEADLINE: ONLINE REGISTRATION BY APRIL 17, 2026**

**REGISTRATION: [WWW.ENTRYEEZE.COM](http://WWW.ENTRYEEZE.COM)  
AND INFORMATION**

**SANCTIONED BY U.S FIGURE SKATING**



**And  
Sunshine State Figure Skating Club**

The Sunshine State Games Figure Skating Championships is a qualifying competition for the 2026 State Games of America Championships (SGA). Skaters placing first, second or third in an event at the Sunshine State Games competition qualify to compete at the State Games of America being held July 29-August 2, 2026 in State College, PA. For more details visit [www.stategamesofamerica.com](http://www.stategamesofamerica.com).

These events will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the 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 that is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.*

## **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL**

**Eligibility:** All skaters must have a Florida affiliation in one or more of the following ways: reside in the State of Florida, attend school in Florida, be a member of a Florida Figure Skating Club or have their primary training location in Florida. All participants will be expected to abide by the Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and the Code of Conduct (GR 1.02), as set forth in the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

**Test level:** Entrants may not have competed in a qualifying competition at a level higher than the level at which they register to compete at the Sunshine State Games. For example, competitors who register to compete at the Intermediate Women or Men level may not have competed at the Novice level or higher at any qualifying competition prior to the 2026 Sunshine State Games.

Skaters registering to compete at the Pre-Juvenile level or lower may not have competed in a qualifying competition.

Skaters may only enter **ONE** level per type of event. For example, skaters cannot enter both the Juvenile AND Intermediate Free Skate events. However, a skater may enter the Juvenile Free Skate event and also the Intermediate Short Program event. Furthermore, skaters cannot enter both standard track free skate events and Excel Free Skate events, as Excel events are considered to be free skate events.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Singles free skate events (Well-balanced/Championship track) have the following requirements: (age is determined by the entry deadline):

- Preliminary, Pre Juvenile and Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger
- Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older (Last year to be offered in SSG)
- Intermediate must be under the age of 18
- Adults must be 21 years or older

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Singles Free skate events (Excel) have the following requirements: (age is determined by the entry deadline):

- Preliminary and Pre Juvenile Girls – Minimum of 9 years of age;
- Preliminary and Pre Juvenile Boys – Minimum of 9 years of age.

### **Age restrictions/requirements: Showcase**

Please see the Showcase Handbook for age requirements to qualify for National Showcase:  
[file:///C:/Users/bonni/Downloads/2025-2026 Showcase Handbook v1.3.pdf](file:///C:/Users/bonni/Downloads/2025-2026%20Showcase%20Handbook%20v1.3.pdf)

### **REGISTRATION / ENTRY INFORMATION:**

Registration for this year's events will be done online through **Entryeeze**. A link to the registration can be found on the Sunshine State Games website, [www.sunshinestategames.com](http://www.sunshinestategames.com).

The entry deadline for this year's competition is midnight on Friday April 17, 2026. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the competition manager and chief referee and will be subject to a **\$ 50.00 late fee**. Any change to an event AFTER the schedule has been published WILL result in a **\$30.00 fee** for each event changed.

<b><u>EVENT CATEGORY</u></b>	<b><u>PRICE</u></b>
1 <sup>ST</sup> IJS event	\$ 150.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> IJS event	\$ 90.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> 6.0 event (if 1 <sup>st</sup> event is IJS)	\$60.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> CJS event Showcase (if 1 <sup>st</sup> event is IJS)	\$90.00
1 <sup>st</sup> 6.0 event	\$ 110.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> 6.0 event	\$ 60.00
1 <sup>st</sup> CJS event (if no FS event)	\$110.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> CJS event (if 1 <sup>st</sup> event is 6.0)	\$60.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Compete USA event	\$ 95.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Compete USA event	\$ 50.00
Any additional non-IJS/CJS events regardless	\$50.00

**Refund Policy:** There will be NO REFUNDS unless an event/division is cancelled, or a participant is found to be ineligible because of failure to meet residency or age requirements. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

**Schedule:** A schedule will be posted on the State Games website and on **Entryeeze** after registration has closed. Participants will be notified when the schedule has been posted.

**Rink Description:** The Facility has five ice surfaces: Three 85' x 200' NHL regulation size, one Olympic size rink and a mini rink. The snack shop, restaurant and pro shop will be open during the competition.

### **Practice Ice:**

Practice ice registration will be announced on the Sunshine State Games website [www.sunshinestategames.com](http://www.sunshinestategames.com) after the close of entries and will be available for purchase on [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com) website.

Each skater will be eligible to purchase one (1) practice ice sessions per event entered when they register. Additional practice ice may become available after the initial practice ice registration and after the schedule is posted.

Practice Ice will be \$ 20.00 per 20 minute practice sessions.

Do **not** call the Advent Health Center Ice for practice ice sessions during the dates of the competition.

### **Awards:**

1. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place finishers in each event. Ribbons will be awarded to 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> place in the Compete USA events. There will not be a presentation of awards. Medals and ribbons can be picked up at the registration desk once the results are posted.
2. The Dorothy Dodson Award, named after veteran Figure Skating Judge, Dorothy Dodson, Recognizes the skater with the highest combined score in the Intermediate Ladies Free Skate and

Short Program event, This Award will be presented at the end of competition.

3. The Elizabeth “Betty” Stark Award, named after veteran Figure Skating Judge, Elizabeth “Betty” Stark recognizes the Juvenile Girl with the highest points in the Juvenile Girls Free Skate program. This award will be presented at the end of the competition

### **Judging System:**

**The IJS Scoring System** will be used for the following events:

- All Singles Short Programs events.
- Well Balanced Free Skate Program: Preliminary and above events.
- Adult Free Skate: Bronze and above levels.
- Excel Series: All Excel Plus Events and Excel Preliminary and above events.

All competitors skating in these events must submit a Planned Program Content form online using the **Entryeeze** website for the Sunshine State Games. The deadline for submitting PPC’s is midnight, **May 10, 2026.**

**The CJS Scoring System** will be used for the following events:

- Showcase – Preliminary and above.

The **6.0 Majority Judging System** will be used for all other events. This will be the last year for 6.0 judging.

**Music: Music:** Online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can log out of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the “Competition” tab and then selecting “My Music.” Music file specifications are listed on the EntryEeze site. Files must be in MP3 format and M4A is no longer accepted. Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. Be careful, for example, not to mix up your short program and your free skate program. **The deadline for uploading music is Friday May 8, 2026.** After that date there will be a late fee of **\$30.00.**

**\* Backup Music at Event**

In addition to submitting the music online, all competitors/teams must also have at least one [1] backup copy of their competition music. AT RINKSIDE, during the actual competition event. Backup should be on a phone or digital device. Volume to maximum and in airplane mode.

**U.S. Figure Skating IJS Protocols for Test Credit:** In accordance with Rules TR 3.00, 4.01, and 4.02 and Technical Notification 281, athletes may receive credit for meeting minimum scores at any competition held under the International Judging System (IJS). The athlete must “skate up” to the event they are seeking test credit for, in addition to having already passed any prerequisites prior to the competition. Eligible events at the 2025 Florida State Games include: Single Free Skate: Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, Adult Silver through Adult Masters Junior/Senior. Excel Free Skate: Juvenile through Senior. Skaters requesting Test Credit will need to speak with the Registration desk about the process for obtaining a Test Credit Packet from the Accounting Staff. Forms must be completed and submitted prior to the end of the competition. No test credit forms will be mailed or processed after the close of the competition. The test credit fee will be \$20.00.

**Liability:** U.S. Figure Skating, Advent Health Center Ice and Florida Sports Foundation 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.

### **Locker Rooms and Changing Areas:**

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available during this competition. All athletes will be expected to arrive at the rink ready to compete (costumes, hair, make-up, etc.). Athletes will be provided with a ready area to put skates on but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:**

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the following requirements:

#### Coaching U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training\*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2022-2023 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

#### Coaching Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training\* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18)

\*SafeSport training is available through [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons.

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential. There will be no exceptions to this policy.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at your competition, a background check and SafeSport Training is not required. Instead, the coach must submit a letter from their Federation stating they are a member in good standing.

## **2026 SUNSHINE STATE GAMES EVENTS**

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here:

<https://usfigureskating.org/sports/2025/8/12/competition-program-requirements.aspx>

<b>SINGLES – IJS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<i>Excel Free Skate (Preliminary – Senior)</i>	IJS
<i>Well Balanced Free Skate ( Preliminary - Senior)</i>	IJS
<i>Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)</i>	IJS
<i>Adult Free Skate (Adult Bronze – Masters Jr/Sr)</i>	IJS
<b>SINGLES – 6.0</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<i>Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre Preliminary)</i>	6.0
<i>Excel Free Skate (Pre Preliminary)</i>	6.0
<i>Adult Free Skate Beginner, High Beginner and Pre-Bronze and (Adult 1-6)</i>	6.0
<b>SPECIALITY EVENTS</b>	
<b>ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<i>Spins Challenge Levels 1-6</i>	6.0
<i>Jump Challenge Levels 1-9</i>	6.0
<i>Compulsory Moves Levels 1-8</i>	6.0
<b>Basic Skills-Compete USA</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<i>Basic Skills Elements(No Music) Snowplow Sam-Basic 6</i>	6.0
<i>Basic Skills Program (with Music) Snowplow Sam-Basic 6</i>	6.0
<i>Aspire Program 1-4</i>	6.0
<b>SOLO PATTERN DANCE – NON QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<i>Solo Pattern Dance Preliminary – Gold</i>	6.0
<b>SHOWCASE (Preliminary-Senior; Adult: Pre Bronze -Masters and Young Adult)</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<i>Emotional Showcase</i>	CJS
<i>Choreographic Artistry</i>	CJS
<i>Lyrical Pop</i>	CJS
<i>Character Performance</i>	CJS
<i>Comedic Impressions</i>	CJS
<b>SHOWCASE (Aspire &amp; Pre Preliminary)</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<i>Emotional Showcase</i>	6.0
<i>Choreographic Artistry</i>	6.0
<i>Lyrical Pop</i>	6.0
<i>Character Performance</i>	6.0
<i>Comedic Impressions</i>	6.0

### **OTHER POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:**

United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA) 2026- 2027 rules will be used as guidelines for judging all events, unless otherwise stated. Junior Women and Men Short Programs will follow the 2025-2026 or the 2026-2027 requirements.

1. This competition will be sanctioned by US Figure Skating, although membership in US Figure Skating is not required to enter the Florida State Games.
2. Skaters may compete at the highest level passed or one level higher. Skaters may compete in only one short program level and only one free skate level. Skaters competing in Excel free skate events may not compete in the equivalent well- balanced program event. Skaters are also responsible for verifying age, residency and test level, if challenged.
3. The Competition Committee reserves the right to combine events. Girls and boys may compete against each other at the Pre-Juvenile level and lower if only one eligible competitor enters one of the events.

## **VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE**

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U. S. Figure Skating sanctioned events include key LOC members, and ALL 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\*

The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional

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\*

\*Accessible via the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website

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