



Southern Indiana Ice Classic 2026

September 18-20

Hosted by

The Greater Evansville Figure Skating Club

Sanction #36998

Swonder Ice Arena/ Evansville, Indiana

EMS Deadline: August 16, 2026 @ 11:59pm EST

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Southern Indiana Ice Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or [current Compete USA handbook](#) 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 a U.S. Figure Skating member club, (if offering Compete USA events) Learn to Skate USA® member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

SERIES INFORMATION

This competition will be a part of the *Indiana Championship Series*. The Series is open to all Indiana residents and members of Indiana Figure Skating Clubs. More information can be found on the Indiana Figure Skating Council [website](#). Series standings information is available [here](#).

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel & Championship 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.
 - o 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:
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series registration 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 registration 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 Championship Track and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.
 - o If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series registration 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 Championship Track 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 Championship Track 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).

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults & Ice Dance):

- 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
- **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 compete@gefsc.com

- [Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.](#)
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must send their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at compete@gefsc.com.
- [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	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate	IJS	\$155	\$75
Championship Track Short Program	IJS	\$155	\$75
Championship Track Free Skate	IJS	\$155	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$155	\$75
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	CJS	\$135	\$65
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 – 8)	CJS	\$135	\$65
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	CJS	\$135	\$65
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	CJS	\$135	\$65
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135	\$65
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135	\$65
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135	\$65
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135	\$65
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135	\$65
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135	\$65
Theme Event	CJS	\$135	\$65
Inflatables	CJS	\$135	\$65
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$135	\$65
Adaptive Individual Showcase	CJS	\$135	\$65
Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	CJS	\$135	\$65
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	IJS	\$155	\$75
Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$155	\$75
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$155	\$75
Adult Solo Free Dance	IJS	\$155	\$75

COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$100	\$65
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$135	\$65
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$135	\$65
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements (½ Ice)	CJS	\$100	\$65
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	CJS	\$135	\$65
Compete USA – Showcase	CJS	\$135	\$65
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	CJS	\$135	\$65
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program & Dance	CJS	\$135	\$65
Skate United <i>*see statement above</i>	CJS	\$135	\$65
HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MANEUVERS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	
Level A Team Maneuvers	CJS	\$135	
Level B Team Maneuvers	CJS	\$135	

Beginning 7/1/26, CJS will replace all previously designated 6.0 events.

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 compete@gefsc.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 in [Members Only](#), click the blue “COACH” button. 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.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team’s registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via “[My Coaches](#)” or “Team Personnel.” All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included in the 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 (not SYS or TOI):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

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 about parental consent.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Singles and Partnered events only):

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% Processing Fee.

Registration Deadline: 8/16/2026 at 11:59pm EST*

Late Registration Deadline: 8/19/2026 at 11:59pm EST + \$50 Late Fee*

*The host club 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 “**Southern Indiana Ice Classic**” 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:

Any skater wishing to receive test credit must request a test credit package via email at compete@gefsc.com prior to September 17. No requests will be honored after this date. Completed test credit forms must then be picked up at the registration table prior to the end of the competition.

Any athlete seeking IJS Test Credit is responsible for all steps outlined in the “For Athletes” section of the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) document. This includes submitting your Test Credit Packet and coach statement to your club for official processing within the permissible timeline.

CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK

More information regarding critiques will be available at a later date.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **August 23 at 11:59pm EST**. 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.

DEADLINE: August 23 at 11:59pm EST

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 rinkside 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, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) UPLOAD : Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **August 23 at 11:59pm EST**. 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.

DEADLINE: August 23 at 11:59pm EST

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 cancelled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Greater Evansville Figure Skating Club, GEFSC Aspire, GEFSC Learn to Skate & Swonder Ice Arena 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:

Swonder Ice Arena
209 N. Boeke Rd.
Evansville, IN 47711; www.skateswonder.com

The competition will be held at Swonder Ice Arena, which consists of 2 oval shaped sheets of ice, both measuring approximately 85' x 200' with slightly rounded corners. The rink does not allow outside food to be brought into the building excluding athlete water bottles.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

GENERAL LOCKER ROOMS:

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only and 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](#).

TEAM LOCKER ROOMS:

The designated team coach, team manager, team service personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. The team coach, team manager, and team service personnel must remove themselves from the Locker Room/Changing Area while any Minor Athlete(s) are actively changing or undressing. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room/Changing Area 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 this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

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 who are at least 8 years of age 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 of the competition is www.gefsc.com. Official notices will be sent via email through EMS. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check their EMS account frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

USFS Results Link:

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:

All practice ice (UPI) sessions are 20 minutes in duration. There are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used. Music will not be played on practice ice. Sessions will be available before & throughout the competition appointed by level and discipline.

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: Once registration opens.
- Close: August 20 at 11:59pm EST
- Maximum credits per registered event:
 - UPI - #1
- 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: Once schedule is available.
- Close: September 8 at 11:59pm EST

Open Sales: Practice Ice sessions will be available after the schedule has been published. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them until September 17 at 11:59pm EST. After this deadline all UPI purchases will have to be made in person at the registration table.

- [Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document](#)
- Open: Following the close of the pre-purchase window.
- Close: Available through the end of the competition.
- Cost per session: \$25

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open 30 minutes before the practice ice each day. The registration table will be located in the front lobby. Skaters should initially check in at registration at least one hour before their event.

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:

All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to 1st through 4th place finishers of all events. Ribbons will be given to all other finishers & Compete USA competitors. Awards will be presented immediately following the online posting of the results for each event. Skaters should promptly report to the awards area in competition attire after results have been posted.

TEAM TROPHY:

A team trophy will be awarded to the club, excluding GEFSC, that accumulates the most team points.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

We welcome your help! Please check our volunteer tab at www.gefsc.com.

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.

The official photographer & videographer of the Southern Indiana Ice Classic is 828 Studios. They will be recording all full ice events and photographing all events. The videography service is included in the cost of the registration. Performance videos will be shared without music. Photographs will be available for an additional charge. Handheld personal video equipment is not permitted. No video equipment may be plugged into the rink outlets.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

-The official hotel for the competition will be the Springhill Suites by Marriott Newburgh located at 9820 Point View Dr. Newburgh, IN 47630. Please see our website for the booking link or call 812-518-4450 to access a limited number of rooms for a group negotiated rate of \$139 plus tax. The reservation deadline for a special rate is September 1.

[Marriott Competitor Group Reservations](#)

-The Evansville airport is located 3 miles North of the city center. FAA code is EVV.

-Merchandise will be available for pre-order through August 31. Information & link will be sent via email. All merch will be distributed at the competition through our pro shop, [Blade & Puck](#). A limited number of sizes will be available on-site.

-Competitors will be able to shop a variety of vendors in the lobby area during the competition.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: www.gefsc.com

If you have questions, please contact the competition chair at compete@gefsc.com.

GEFSC Competition Chair:	Name: Kelli Mann
GEFSC Operations Mgr:	Name: Becca Hatch-Purnell; Opsmanagergefsc@gmail.com
Chief Referee:	Name: Kristin Gardner