

GENESEE FIGURE SKATING CLUB



23rd Genesee Biennial Invitational

March 31, April 1 -2, 2023



Hosted by the Genesee Figure Skating Club, Rochester NY

Polisseni Arena at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)

200 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623

Sanctioned by USFS

Entry Deadline: March 3, 2023

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I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 23rd Genesee Biennial Invitational will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and 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, Learn to Skate USA member, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#). The competition will comply with any NY state, Monroe County, or RIT covid policies in effect at the time of the event.

SERIES INFORMATION:

The 23rd Genesee Biennial Invitational has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as a participant in the 2023 National Excel Series. Singles Excel events Beginner to Senior will be held. The 2023 Excel National Final and Festival will be held July 13-16, 2023 in Austin, TX.

Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings.

[Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Series Information](#)

EVENTS OFFERED:

Program requirements for the current season can be found here:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/program-requirements>

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate Plus, and Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$110
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$110
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$110
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Preliminary)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$150	\$110
Adult Free Skate (Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Bronze, & Bronze)	6.0	\$100	\$60
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60

Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Moves in the Field (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Adult Moves in the Field (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$100	\$60
SHOWCASE (Note: events may be combined depending on entries)	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$60
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$100	\$60

COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$60	\$30
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$60	\$30
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$60	\$30
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$60	\$30
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$60	\$30
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$60	\$30
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$60	\$30

II. ELIGIBILITY

COMPETITION LEVEL – RELATIONSHIP TO TEST LEVEL:

Singles free skate test levels are a minimum requirement to compete in an event at that level.

Skaters may skate up. For example, a skater must pass their juvenile free skate test to compete in juvenile levels or may “skate up” in intermediate levels.

Completion of an EMS Series Application at a particular level in the National Qualifying Series (NQS) and/or the Excel National Series will set the athlete’s “competitive floor” for future events.

Competitive Floor = lowest event level in which an athlete can compete.

If an athlete has participated in both series (NQS and Excel) at different levels, they may choose the lowest level for their floor.

Eligibility Details for Singles Skating Events: As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a competitive floor (i.e., the lowest level in which they can compete). The competitive floor is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Example #1, if an athlete passed their Junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either Novice or Junior in Excel or Well-Balanced events. The Novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the Junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.

Example #2, if an athlete passed their Juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete Pre-Preliminary – Intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to the information sheet [HERE](#).

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#). All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Coaches 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 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:

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

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:

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% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: 3/3/2023 at 11:59 pm ET

Late Registration Deadline: 3/10/2023 at 11:59 pm ET+ \$25 Late Fee

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 "**Genesee Biennial Invitational**" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

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:

Test credit may be obtained for a \$15 fee. It must be requested prior to the start of the competition through the EMS competition portal. You may retrieve your test credit paperwork at the registration desk within one hour after awards have been delivered for the event.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to the EMS Competition Portal no later than **3/17/2023 11:59 pm ET**.

<https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/32241>

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: 3/17/2023 11:59 pm ET *\$25 LATE FEE for uploads after this date

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 rink side 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.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **3/17/2023 11:59 pm ET**.

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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.

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EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

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REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, the Genesee Figure Skating Club, the Rochester Institute of Technology and Polisseni 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:

Gene Polisseni Center

Rochester Institute of Technology

200 Lomb Memorial Drive

Rochester, NY 14623

<https://www.rit.edu/fa/arenas/gene-polisseni-center/about-facility>

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

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](#).

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

All official updates will be posted on the Genesee FSC website: www.geneseefsc.com. Look for the Invitational Tab. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the Genesee FSC website frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

RESULTS:

Results will be available only online via a link on the Genesee FSC club website.

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:

Practice Ice credits will be available for pre-purchase through EMS until 3/3/2023. Practice Ice open sales will begin through EMS when the schedule becomes available. On-site sales will be available at the time of the competition, pending ice availability.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Onsite check-in will open one hour before the first event of the day and will be located the lobby of the competition arena, the Gene Polisseni Center. Skaters should arrive an hour prior to their scheduled start time, and be prepared to compete 30 minutes prior to their scheduled time.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Ribbons will be awarded for 4th and 5th place. Scheduled awards ceremonies will take place throughout the day with times posted at the registration table.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**Official Hotel:**

Home2 Suites by Hilton Rochester Henrietta, NY
999 Jefferson Road Rochester, New York 14623 USA

A limited number of rooms are available at the special group rate.

[Home2Suites Genesee Invitational Link](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please consult competition website www.geneseefsc.com

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For specific questions and information not available on the website or via email, please contact:

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