



19th Annual Labor Day Invitational
September 3-September 5, 2021
Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating
Hosted by: The Florida Everblades Figure Skating Club

The 19th Annual Labor Day Invitational will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of 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, 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:

- **All attendees who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are NOT required to wear face coverings. All attendees who are NOT fully vaccinated are required to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth and secured under their chin while in Hertz Arena (exception: skaters may remove when on the ice).** This is not only for your protection, but for the protection of others and is applied to all attendees.
- **Social distancing must be maintained at all times.** The CDC recommends a distance of 6 feet and separate pathways will be established within the venue minimizing crossover and contamination.
- **Chaperones/Coaches:** Due to Covid-19 regulations TWO chaperones per athlete are allowed inside of the venue regardless of age of athlete. TWO coaches per skater are allowed to attend. ***The number of chaperones permitted may be increased if changes in the status of Covid-19 allow.***
- **U.S. Figure Skating Waivers are a requirement for ALL athletes.** The online waivers must be completed via [Members Only](#) prior to the competition, instruction [here](#).
- **Pre-Event Communication:** Communication channel will be established to inform skaters and coaches about the competition environment, including current Covid-19 restrictions, venue maps, safety plans or any other information via email.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test Level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger
Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older
Intermediate must be under the age of 18
Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

IF OFFERING ADULT EVENTS:

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment 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/II: 18 years through 45 years
- Class III/IV/V: 46 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. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through adult bronze free skate events (based on the [Adult Competition Series rules](#)), and all levels of compulsory moves, solo dance, solo free dance, jumps, spins and dramatic/light entertainment events. Men and ladies will not be combined in adult silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION/HEALTH CHECK:

Registration will open Friday, September 3, 2021 and will be open one hour before the first event and run

through the last event of the last day. The registration table will be in the lobby of the main arena concourse. You must register immediately upon entrance into the venue. Please be prepared to have a health check at the Registration table. It will include temperature measuring from exposed forehead and responding to survey questions. Dated stickers will be placed visibly on attendee for passing the health check. Health check will be conducted daily and temperature check upon every entry. Please do not arrive sooner than one hour prior to your event start time.

EMS REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Registration Deadline: 08/01/2021 at 11:59PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 08/06/2021 at 11:59PM ET + \$50 Late Fee

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.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 "Labor Day 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 "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the [Members Only](#) 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.**

Mandatory Athletes:

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, 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 SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email safesport@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline of 08/01/2021 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals, online processing fees are not refundable. Contested credit card charges will be issued a \$35 fee.

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 Hertz Arena, 11000 Everblades Pkwy, Estero, FL 33928. Ice surfaces measure 185'x85'. The facility hosts a snack bar and Pro Shop. Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, the facility will not offer locker rooms. Upscale shopping and restaurants all within minutes of the rink.

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: 08/20/2021 at 11:59 pm ET *LATE FEE IS \$25

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **08/20/2021 at 11:59pm ET**. 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 does not 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: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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
 - 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) – IF IJS:

DEADLINE: 08/20/2021 at 11:59 pm ET *LATE FEE \$25

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **08/20/2021 at 11:59pm ET**. 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 does not 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.

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

LATE FEES: Please follow all entry and upload deadlines as late fees will be strictly enforced and automatically added to participants accounts. Uncleared accounts will restrict skater from participating in event.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Florida Everblades Figure Skating Club and Hertz 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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN: Check-in will open Friday, September 3, 2021 and will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the last day.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms are currently unavailable at this facility. This may change pending the Covid-19 regulations. Participants will be notified about current situation prior to the event.

If locker rooms are opened up prior to event, all 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.S. Figure Skating SafeSport](#) page). Any use of electronic devices or smart phones must be avoided and absolutely no photo/videography is allowed inside locker rooms.

EMS PRACTICE ICE:

Pre-Purchase Sales: Advance purchase of practice ice sessions will be available when Registration opens on EMS. The deadline to pre-purchase practice ice sessions/credits is 8/1/2021 at 11:59p.m.

Practice Ice Selection: Athletes will be notified via email of practice ice selection starting/ending dates.

Open Practice Ice Sales: Athletes will be notified via email of possible additional practice ice sales.

Sales: All practice ice will be available for purchase online only through the EMS Skater Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the competition information page of your EMS Skater Portal. Athletes will be notified about the practice ice selection starting/ending times and possible additional practice ice sales openings via email. All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice through EMS on their mobile devices/computers.

Unofficial Practice Ice: Please note that all practice ice is Unofficial Practice Ice and NO music will be played during sessions.

Earbuds/headphones: Earbuds and wireless headphones or any other music devices will not be allowed on practice ice sessions or warmups associated with any events in this competition.

PRICING:

Pre-Purchase Practice Ice Fee: \$25.00 per 20 minute session.

Open Sales Practice Ice Fee: \$30.00 per 20 minute session.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Gabriele Photo: Professional video of the events will be provided during the competition. Video is included with entry fees and will be emailed to skaters with the email address used at sign-up. Videos will be emailed within one week of competition end.

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

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners in each group in each event. Skaters may collect their medal in the registration area anytime following the posting of results of their event.

First through Third Place Trophies will be awarded for IJS events, **Juvenile through Senior**, to the skaters who earn the top 3 points with their combined Short and Free Skate program scores. Short and Free Skate programs must be skated at the same level to be considered for points. There must be 5 or more skaters at a level for trophies to be awarded.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the Hertz Arena Concourse area. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT: Test credit will be available at this competition. If interested, you will find 'Test Credit' as an event during the registration process. Choose the 'event' (as you would with a singles event, for instance) and the fee will be added to your cart. Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at the Registration Desk. This MUST be requested on-site, and will not be available after the last IJS event has ended and the competition has concluded. Take a picture of all documents for safe-keeping. Review the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) here. A nominal fee of \$20.00 will be charged.

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. Athletes are limited to one coach to be with the skater at each specific event.

Coach Information:

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

- [Coach Schedule](#)

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ 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. *
 - 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 [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

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 OR 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. *
 - 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.
- ✓ 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 Icon  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: The Florida Everblades FSC requires members to volunteer a mandatory 10 hours per membership year. Sign up Genius will be posted on the club website as soon as the schedule has been finalized.

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact:

Competition Chair Kristy Russo

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Competition Co-Chair Michelle Creech

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Official hotel accommodations will be offered with special rates. There will be a link available on our club website fefsc.org
- Airport information: Southwest Florida International Airport (10 minutes away)
- fefsc.org
- Vendors will be available.

SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS			
SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Beginner-Juvenile)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Excel Free Skate (Plus events and Intermediate-Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Well Balanced Short Program (2021-2022) (Open Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Well Balanced Free Skate (2021-2022) (No Test-Preliminary)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Well Balanced Free Skate (2021-2022) (Pre-Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Adult Free Skate (Beginner-Bronze)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Adult Free Skate (Silver-Masters)	IJS	\$150	\$120
PARTNERED ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT
Pattern Dance (2021-2022) (Pre-Juvenile-Novice)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Rhythm Dance (2021-2022) (Junior-Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Free Dance (2021-2022) (Pre-Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Adult Pattern Dance (All Levels)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Adult Free Dance (All Levels)	IJS	\$150	\$120
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT
Compulsory Moves (No Test-Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner-Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Jumps Challenge (Beginner-Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner-Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Spins Challenge (Beginner-Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner-Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Step Sequence (Pre-Prelim-Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze-Masters Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$90
SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION**	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT
Individual Entertainment (No Test-Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$120	\$90

Duets (No Test-Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$120	\$90
SOLO DANCE (not participating in series)	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (Preliminary-International)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Solo Rhythm & Free Dance (Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Adult Solo Pattern Dance (Preliminary-Gold)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Adult Solo Free Dance (Bronze-Gold)	6.0	\$120	\$90
COMPETE USA EVENTS			
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Excel Compulsory Moves	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	Compete USA	\$90	\$60
Compete USA Manual			