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## 2nd Annual Paradise Coast Classic

Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>- Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Deadline:** April 27, 2024

**Late Deadline:** May 4, 2024

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**Host Club:** Florida Everblades Figure Skating Club

**Host Location:** Hertz Arena, 11000 Everblades Parkway, Estero, Florida 33928



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## I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Paradise Coast 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:

The 2024 Paradise Coast Classic is designated as a Solo Dance Series competition. Skaters must register to participate in the Solo Dance Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded.

- [Solo Dance Series](#)

## II. ELIGIBILITY

### Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced 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.
  - 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:
  - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application 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.
  - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application 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 Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.
  - If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application 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 Well-Balanced 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 Well-Balanced 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).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to information sheet [HERE](#) or email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

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

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

### **EVENTS OFFERED:**

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](https://usfigureskating.org/Skate-Compete-Program-Requirements)

**\*\*NOTE:** All events include video as detailed under Photo/Video

\*Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Intermediate)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Excel Free Skate (Plus Events and Novice – Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Well Balanced Short Program (Open Juvenile- Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary- Pre-Juvenile)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Well Balanced Free Skate (Open Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$150	\$120
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$120	\$90
<b>PARTNERED ICE DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Pattern Dance	IJS	\$150	\$120
Rhythm Dance	IJS	\$90	\$75
Free Dance	IJS	\$90	\$75
<b>PARTNERED ICE DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Adult Pattern Dance	6.0	\$90	\$60
Adult Free Dance	6.0	\$90	\$60
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Compulsory Moves (Pre-Preliminary –Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Excel Compulsory Moves (Pre-Preliminary – 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-Pre. –Senior)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Skating Skills (Pre-Pre. –Gold)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Partnered Moves Challenge (Bronze – Gold)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Adult Skating Skills (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$120	\$90
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance (Pre-Preliminary– Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$120	\$90

Choreographic Artistry (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Lyrical Pop (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Character Performance (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Comedic Impressions (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Duets/Trios (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$120	\$90
Theme Event	6.0	\$120	\$90
Inflatables	6.0	\$120	\$90
<b>SOLO DANCE (participating in series)</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$150	\$120
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$150	\$120
Shadow Dance	IJS	\$150	\$120
<b>SOLO DANCE (Not part of series)</b>			
Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$90	\$60
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$90	\$60
Adult Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$90	\$60
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$60
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$60
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$60
Adult Free Skate (Beginner – High Beginner)	6.0	\$90	\$60
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$90	\$60
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$90	\$60
Adult 1-6, Beginner – High Beginner Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$90	\$60
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0	\$90	\$60
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$90	\$60
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$90	\$60
<b>ADAPTIVE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Special Olympics Badges	6.0	\$90	\$60
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Dance	6.0	\$90	\$60
Skate United Badges	6.0	\$90	\$60

### 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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

### 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 [HERE](#). 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.

## III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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:** 04/27/2024 at 11:59 ET

**Late Registration Deadline:** 05/04/2024 at 11:59 ET + \$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](http://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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then “Competition Registration”
4. Choose “PARADISE COAST CLASSIC” from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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:**

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 single event) 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 onsite and will not be available after the last IJS event has ended and the competition has ended. Take a picture of all documents for safe keeping. A fee of \$30 will be charged.

#### **CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK**

Critiques will be offered to Partnered Dance Events Only, at the conclusion of ALL Partnered Dance Events. \$75 per team. Please email [fefsc@fefsc.org](mailto:fefsc@fefsc.org) by April 27, 2024 for payment instructions, and to be added to schedule.

#### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **MAY 20, 2024 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 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: 05/20/2024 at 11:59PM ET \*(or be subject to a \$25 Late Fee)**

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

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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 **MAY 20,2024 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 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®, 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.

## **IV. COMPETITION DETAILS**

### **FACILITIES:**

All events will be held at Hertz Arena 11000 Everblades Pkwy, Estero, FL 33928. It is located at exit #123 off Interstate 75. Hertz Arena is conveniently located next to the Miromar Outlet Mall. Beautiful beaches, upscale shopping, and restaurants are only minutes away. Naples is located 13 miles south. Hertz Arena, the proud home of the Florida Everblades Hockey Team, has two full size recreational rinks which measure 185 ft X 85 ft. The facility also hosts a Pro Shop, as well as a snack bar. (We do not yet know if the snack shop will be open.)

### **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. [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

### **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:

Our official website is: <http://fefsc.org/paradise> The link for IJS/Schedule and live scoring will be posted on our webpage. An official bulletin board will be maintained near the registration desk at Hertz Arena. 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.

### 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:

Sales: We will sell practice ice sessions in advance (pre-purchase during registration window, click practice ice button on EMS Competition Portal after you have completed registration). After the schedule of competition is published, skaters can select “pre purchased sessions”. After selection window closes, we will open additional open practice ice sales. All practice ice will be available for purchase online only through the EMS Competition Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the competition information page of your EMS Competition Portal. Athletes will be notified about the practice ice selection starting/ending times and additional practice ice sales openings via email. All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice through EMS on their mobile devices/computers and sales will remain live through the competition \*depending on ice availability.

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

**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. Props are NOT allowed on practice ice sessions. Maximum of two Practice Ice sessions may be requested per skater per eligible event. Any questions, contact [ProductSupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:ProductSupport@usfigureskating.org).

### **PRICING:**

- Pre-Purchase practice ice fee (1/event) \$25.00 Deadline April 27, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET.
- Open Sales practice ice fee (unlimited) \$30.00 Practice Ice is 20 min in length. Music will NOT be played. practice ice MAY be offered each day of competition but is not guaranteed to be on the day of your event.

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**ONSITE CHECK-IN:** Check-in will open at the start of competition. (1 hour prior to first event and run through last event on the last day)

**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.

**NOTE:** Compete USA events should have no more than six competitors in a group, and all six should receive an award. In the Solo Dance combined event, and Partnered Dance combined event, medals will be awarded only for the final combined placement.

**VOLUNTEER INFO:**

Volunteer signups will be linked from our competition page <http://fefsc.org/paradise>

**VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:**

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include key LOC members, locker room monitors and ALL medical event personnel. Click here for volunteer compliance information.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:**

Professional video and live streaming of the events will be provided by Gabriele Photo during the competition. Video is included with entry fees and will be emailed to skaters with the email address used at sign-up. Each competitor will receive all their event Videos free of charge via emailed download link within 2 weeks of the competition's conclusion. Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Lodging/Hotels**

Our organization has teamed up with a local non-profit, Lee County Sports Housing, to offer discounted hotel accommodation for this event.

A team of local reservation specialists will share their knowledge of each property's amenities, also the best beaches, attractions, shopping, and restaurants. Reservation specialists are available Monday through Friday, 9AM – 5PM Eastern Time by calling 239-541-1800.

Discounted rates are only available by calling the above number or reserving DIRECTLY through the event's housing website link: <https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=74417>

**Airport information:**

Southwest Florida International Airport (10 minutes away)

**Vendors:**

Please check our website to see our fabulous vendors. <http://fefsc.org/paradisevendors>

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

<http://fefsc.org/paradise>

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Michelle Creech	michellec@fefsc.org
Chief Referee:	Bonnie Boaz	Bonnie.boaz2411@gmail.com
Chief Dance Referee	Mary Anne McGivern	mamcgivern@gme.com
Practice Ice Chair:	Marcia Eckloff	paradisechair@fefsc.org