



SKATE YOUR HEART OUT – 2026

Compete USA Competition



Sponsored by

The Skating Association of Maine
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The nineteenth annual Compete USA Competition, “Skate Your Heart Out”, sponsored by the Skating Association of Maine will be held at the Thomas College Ice Vault, 203 Whitten Road, Hallowell, Maine on **Monday, February 16, 2026**, from approximately **9:00am – 4:00pm** – time subject to change. The arena measures 200’x 85’ with rounded corners.

ELIGIBILITY and TEST REQUIREMENTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current members of either Learn to Skate USA and/ or those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating (including Aspire). Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must also be a current registered member of Learn to Skate USA or a full member of U.S. Figure Skating.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All **Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, & Adult 1-6** skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher, and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including skating skills or individual dances.

ENTRIES AND FEES

Registration deadline is **Monday, January 26, 2026**.

All registrations and payments are to be done through Entryeeze, an online registration site. A link to the registration can be found on the Skating Association of Maine website (www.maineskaters.com). Entry fees are per person, in U.S. dollars. The first individual event is \$55.00, each additional individual event is \$20.00, and the team event is \$12 per skater. NO refunds after closing date unless event is canceled. Late entries will be accepted only if time allows, at the discretion of the organizing committee. **Late Fee: Add \$25.**

AWARDS

There will be no more than 6 skaters in each event. Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to first, second, and third places. ALL other places will receive ribbons. Award ceremonies will be appropriately placed throughout the competition schedule.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Schedules will be posted on the Skating Association of Maine website (www.maineskaters.com) and the Entryeeze event page no later than Wednesday, February 11, 2026. Information regarding groups and skating times will be e-mailed prior to the beginning of the competition.

PRACTICE ICE

Times will be announced at a later date. Practice ice information will be posted on the Entryeeze competition website after the close of entries. Practice ice will be available for purchase through the Entryeeze competition website on a first-come first-served basis.



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EVENTS OFFERED

Click [HERE](#) to view the overall program requirements for the current season.

This competition will use program requirements for the 2025-2026 (Jan 1 – June 30) season.

Compete USA Events	Judging	Web Link to Requirements
Elements Events (no music):		
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	SPS – BASIC 6 Elements
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Elements	6.0	ADULT 1-6 Elements
Program / Free Skate Events (with music):		
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program	6.0	SPS - BASIC 6 Program
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Pre & Preliminary Plus)	6.0	EXCEL Free Skate
Aspire 1-4 Program ***	6.0	ASPIRE Program
Well-Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Pre & Preliminary)	6.0	WELL-BALANCED Free Skate
Adult 1 – 6 Free Skate	6.0	ADULT 1-6 Free Skate
Adult Free Skate (Beginner thru Bronze)	6.0	ADULT BEG - BRONZE Free Skate
Additional Events:***		
Athlete Dev. - Compulsory Challenge (Levels 1-4)	6.0	ATHLETE DEV. Compulsory Moves
Athlete Dev. - Jump Challenge (Levels 1-4)	6.0	ATHLETE DEV. Jump Challenge
Athlete Dev. - Spin Challenge (Levels 1-4)	6.0	ATHLETE DEV. Spin Challenge
Team Compulsory Elements (All Levels)	6.0	TEAM Elements
Showcase – Lyrical Pop & Character Performance (Solos and Duet/Trios - Levels SPS thru Preliminary, Adult 1 thru Adult Pre-Bronze, plus Adult Bronze) +++	6.0	SHOWCASE

*** *These events will be divided by age (i.e. Adults will not compete against skaters under 18.)*

+++ *Showcase events will be divided by appropriate age and level groupings. Levels may be combined based on number of entries. Adult Bronze Showcase WILL be offered despite not being listed on the chart.*

MUSIC

Music for all free skating programs and showcase programs must be uploaded through Entryeeze. It is also recommended that the coach or skater bring along an extra copy of music as a back-up. U.S. Figure Skating’s music policy can be found at: [U.S. Figure Skating Music Policy.pdf](#)

ELIGIBILITY FOR COACHES/INSTRUCTORS

To be credentialed at a Compete USA event, coaches/instructors are required to be:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor compliant OR
- U.S. Figure Skating coach compliant

CONTACTS

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