





2019 Qualifying Competition Season General Announcement

I. Overview

The U.S. Figure Skating qualifying season consists of 13 competitions. For the 2019 qualifying season, these include nine regional championships, three sectional championships and the U.S. Figure Skating Championships (for juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior levels). All events are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and conducted according to the most current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, 2018-2019 edition, with changes and clarifications as posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website and in this announcement. Compliance with these rules as updated or amended is the responsibility of the participants. U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions to the international judging system (IJS) made by the ISU for senior events and by U.S. Figure Skating to junior events and below.

The competitions are only open to competitors who (1) Are current members of U.S. Figure Skating (2) Meet the eligibility requirements according to U.S. Figure Skating Rule 2211 (3) Meet all age and test requirements pertaining to the event to be entered and (4) Meet the citizen and residency requirements as stated in Rules 2230-2243 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Consult the rulebook to ensure you complete the necessary requirements.

Coaches at U.S. Figure Skating Qualifying Competitions

To be a credentialed coach at a U.S. Figure Skating qualifying level competition, a professional coach or choreographer must meet the following requirements:

- Be declared by a skater at the time of registration or through their Event Management System (EMS) Portal
- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating AND the Professional Skater's Association
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2018-19 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

*SafeSport training is available through www.usfsaonline.org for full members of U.S. Figure Skating. There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

Each local organizing committee (LOC) will be provided access via U.S. Figure Skating's Event Management System (EMS) to verify coach compliance. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. Coaches who are NOT compliant at time of check-in will need to show proof of any/all missing compliance items prior to being accredited. **If a coach cannot provide the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions.**

Pairs and Dance Teams

All pairs and dance teams will begin their qualifying season at their respective sectional championships (unless they have been notified of a bye advancing them directly to the U.S. Championships). Only one member of the team will register for the season and thus have access to the EMS Skater Portal (the registration will not show on the member's profile who did not register).

Determining a Skater's Competitive Region

Region of entry will be determined in accordance with rule 2410. Singles skaters not also entering a partnered event must compete at the regional championship held in the region in which their home club is located. This applies to ALL levels.

Pairs and ice dance couples with different home clubs may choose to compete in the sectional championships of either partner's home club. Skaters entering a singles event in addition to a partnered event must enter a regional championship of either their home club region or the home club region of their partner within the section they chose for their partnered event. *If a single skaters is competing in the home club region of their partner, email events@usfigureskating.org.

Qualifying Events – 2019 Season

a. Regional Competitions

2019 South Atlantic Regional	Coral Springs, Fla.	Oct. 3-7, 2018	SRegionals.com
2019 Upper Great Lakes Regional	Peoria, Ill.	Oct. 3-7, 2018	UGLregionals.com
2019 Northwest Pacific Regional	Sherwood, Ore.	Oct. 3-7, 2018	NWPregionals.com
2019 New England Regional	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10-14, 2018	NRegionals.com
2019 Southwestern Regional	Plano, Texas	Oct. 10-14, 2018	SWregionals.com
2019 Central Pacific Regional	Vacaville, Calif.	Oct. 10-14, 2018	CRegionals.com
2019 North Atlantic Regional	Lake Placid, N.Y.	Oct. 17-21, 2018	NRegionals.com
2019 Eastern Great Lakes Regional	Ann Arbor, Mich.	Oct. 17-21, 2018	EGLregionals.com
2019 Southwest Pacific Regional	Anaheim, Calif.	Oct. 17-21, 2018	SWPregionals.com

b. Sectional Competitions

2019 Eastern Sectional	Wake Forest, N.C.	Nov. 13-17, 2018	EasternSectionals.com
2019 Midwestern Sectional	Fort. Wayne, Ind.	Nov. 13-17, 2018	MidwesternSectionals.com
2019 Pacific Coast Sectional	Salt Lake City, Utah	Nov. 13-17, 2018	PacificCoastSectionals.com

c. U.S. Figure Skating Championships

2019 U.S. Figure Skating Championships
Detroit, MI - Jan. 19-27, 2019
www.2019USChampionships.com

II. Registration

U.S. Figure Skating Members Only - Contact Information

Prior to registering, please make sure the contact information listed in your Members Only profile is correct and up to date. Competitions will use the primary email address listed in your profile as the main form of communication with you leading up to and during the event. If you need assistance with access to www.usfsaonline.org, please email membersonly@usfigureskating.org with your full name, member number and date of birth.

To view your profile, log on to Members Only at www.usfsaonline.org using your member number and password. Then, choose Member Profile from the Account tab at the top right. You can edit the information that appears here by clicking Edit Profile at the bottom of the page.

Register Online

All skaters are required to register online via the U.S. Figure Skating Event Management System (EMS) no later than September 1, 2018.

1. Log on to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Select the blue EMS button



3. Choose **COMPETITION REGISTRATION** from the right-hand menu
4. Under Qualifying Competitions click **REGISTER NOW**
 - a. If registering for both singles and pairs/dance, U.S. Figure Skating requires two separate registrations (the user is unable to register for both events at once)
5. Complete registration and payment.

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH REGISTRATION OR THE EVENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM,
EMAIL: PRODUCTSUPPORT@USFIGURESKATING.ORG**

Deadlines

A. Registration

Since the EMS servers are located on the east coast, ALL registrations are due by 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time on September 1. Please see the below chart for your time conversion. No late registrations will be accepted.

All age and test requirements must be met by September 1. Provisional entries based on passing a test after the closing date of entries will not be accepted. Please refer to U.S. Figure Skating Rules 2420 – 2423 for further testing information and guidelines.

Skaters entering a singles event in addition to a partnered event must enter a regional championship of either their home club region or the home club region of their partner within the section they have chosen for the partnered event.

REGISTRATION OPENS
Sunday, July 15, 2018 at 5:00 pm ET

REGISTRATION CLOSES
Saturday, September 1, 2018 at 11:59pm ET

Eastern Time: 11:59 pm
Central Time: 10:59 pm
Mountain Time: 9:59 pm
Pacific Time: 8:59 pm

Questions about Registration? Email ProductSupport@usfigureskating.org

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES!

B. Music Upload & Planned Program Content

All skaters entering the 2019 qualifying competition season are required to upload their competition music, and submit their planned program content prior to their respective competition deadlines (see competition websites for specific dates). All music and PPC submissions must be made via the EMS Skater Portal. Directions for music upload are available on the competition website. All skaters are reminded to bring a backup CD on-site in case of technical difficulties.

C. Confirming your coaches

All skaters attending a qualifying event are required to list any attending coaches in the “**My Coaches**” tab of their Skater Portal. By listing a coach in this portal, you allow a coach to receive their event credential and grant them access to view your event schedule, as well as your music and planned program submission status.

Entry Fees

All competitors entering the 2019 qualifying competition season must submit payment of the \$175 entry fee, plus administration fee to U.S. Figure Skating. All competitors wishing to compete in the qualifying season, including those who anticipate receiving a bye, must enter by the September 1 deadline.

2019 Qualifying Competition Season Entry Fees

ENTRY FEE	LEVEL/DISCIPLINE
\$175/athlete	SINGLES: Juvenile/Intermediate/Novice/Junior/Senior (first competition at regional championships)
\$175/team	PAIRS/DANCE: Juvenile/Intermediate/Novice/Junior/Senior (first competition at sectional championships)
\$10/entry	Administration Fee

Sectional Championships Qualifying Entry Fees

Singles skaters advancing from the regional championships to the sectional championships will incur **an additional \$175 entry fee and \$10 administration fee**. Competitors will receive an e-mail from U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters outlining the payment process after their respective regional championships have concluded. Skaters receiving byes or who advance per the four or fewer rule will

NOT incur any additional entry or administrative fees.

Your registration is not considered valid until all appropriate entry and administrative fees are paid.

Entry Fee Payment

Online payment via credit card is the ONLY accepted form of payment for the qualifying season.

Withdrawal

All withdrawals are considered final. Refunds are not given for any reason. A skater may not re-enter even if the withdrawal occurs prior to the entry deadline on September 1, 2018.

If you need to withdraw, you must send an e-mail to events@usfigureskating.org with your name, U.S. Figure Skating membership number, event in which you were entered (i.e. Junior Ladies) and the competition from which you wish to withdraw.

III. Advancement to Sectional & U.S. Championships

Qualifying for Sectional Championships

Four skaters from each regional, in each event, shall be permitted to advance to the respective sectional competition. However, additional skaters may be invited to participate as according to U.S. Figure Skating rules 2472-73. The number of skaters advancing to sectionals from each region will be posted on the sectional websites once all entry numbers and byes have been processed.

Qualifying for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships

The four best-placed competitors in senior, junior, novice, intermediate, and juvenile events in each section will be permitted to enter the same event at the U.S. Championships. However, additional skaters may be invited to participate as according to Rules 2511-19. The number of skaters advancing to the U.S. Championships from each sectional event will be posted on the sectional website once all entries and byes have been processed.

All athletes who qualify for the U.S. Championships will be contacted via e-mail at the conclusion of all sectional events. There are no additional fees (entry or administration) associated with advancement to the Championships. Skaters will need to reconfirm their music and planned program content (PPC) in their EMS Skater Portal.

Byes

All competitors, inclusive of those expecting to receive a bye, must register for the qualifying season by the September 1 deadline. Byes will be awarded based on criteria from Rules 2451 – 2474 for the Sectional Championships, and Rules 2511 – 2519 for the U.S. Championships. All skaters granted a bye will be notified via e-mail by headquarters staff and have their entry advanced to the appropriate competition.

Alternates

Rule 2480: skaters placing fifth and sixth (unless there are fill-ins) in qualifying competitions will be designated as first and second alternates for their region/section. There will be no formal notification for first and second alternates. However these competitors are required to review the event announcement as they may be selected to compete up to 24 hours before their competition event. If an alternate becomes eligible to compete, they will be contacted by U.S. Figure Skating via email. Alternate competitors DO NOT need to complete any forms unless contacted by U.S. Figure Skating.

IV. Technical Details

Conduct of Events

For the 2019 season, all events and levels at all qualifying competitions (regional, sectional, U.S. Championships) will be conducted in accordance with the international judging system (IJS). Check the U.S. Figure Skating website for technical and/or rules updates at http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp.

Age and Test Qualifications

All age and test requirements can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook starting with Rule 4200 (Senior Singles). Age requirements must be met by September 1, 2018. Test requirements must be met prior to your registration.

- **NEW FOR 2019**
 - 4240 Juvenile Singles – 12 years of age or younger for girls and 13 years of age or younger for boys

Technical Elements

The well-balanced program charts for all levels and disciplines are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website at www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84109. As referenced earlier in this announcement, U.S. Figure Skating will incorporate all changes made by the ISU with regard to well-balanced programs. Please refer to this web site often for continuous updates.

Seeding and Qualifying Rounds at Regional Championships

A skater who is added to an event due to unforeseen circumstances will be added to one of the groups (which group will be at the discretion of the chief referee) up to 24 hours before the start of the first qualifying group in that event. No reseeding or reassignments between groups will be made after the competitors are notified of their qualifying groups. Posting of the start order will be on the LOC website or the arena. The official schedule of events will be posted at the competition.

V. Additional Information

Liability

U.S. Figure Skating, the host club(s) and/or interclub association, the organizing committee, and the ice arenas being utilized for these events accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships (U.S. Figure Skating Rule 1600).

Anti-Doping

Anti-doping tests will be conducted at the 2019 Prudential U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held in Detroit, Michigan, Jan. 19-27, 2019. Anti-Doping testing will be conducted in the Senior-level events only and consist of the top four place-winners plus one random selection for each discipline. If selected, testing is mandatory.

Contacts

Competitions Committee

Hal Marron, Chair

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U.S. Figure Skating Events Department

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Event Management System/Product Support

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2019 NORTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2019 North Atlantic Regional Figure Skating Championships will be held in Lake Placid, NY from October 18-21, 2018. These championships are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and hosted by the SC of Lake Placid.

COMPETITION WEBSITE: WWW.NAREGIONALS.COM

The official competition website will contain all pertinent and up-to-date information regarding the event. All information on the competition website supersedes any previous information, including information outlined in this announcement.

REGISTRATION

1. Login to Members Only using your member number and password at www.usfsaonline.org.
2. Click the blue EMS button.
3. Choose Competition Registration from the right hand menu.
4. Select "2019 North Atlantic Regional Figure Skating Championships".

ARENAS

Competition & Practice Arena

Olympic Center

2634 Main Street

Lake Placid, NY 12946

www.whitefacelakeplacid.com

www.lakeplacidskating.com

HOTEL & TRANSPORTATION

Hotel Information

Please make your reservations early to guarantee you have the necessary room(s). Fall foliage in Lake Placid is a busy time for tourism, so we recommend making your hotel reservations as soon as possible.

Lake Placid offers a number of housing options for competitors and coaches in many different price ranges from bed and breakfasts to full service hotels to vacation rentals. Please visit www.lakeplacid.com for information regarding accommodation options.

There are also many vacation rentals available through www.adkbyowner.com, www.airbnb.com and www.vrbo.com.

The Hampton Inn is offering a limited room block -

Hampton Inn, Lake Placid

\$149/night Wednesday & Thursday nights; \$219 Friday & Saturday nights

1-800-HAMPTON – group code NAF

Transportation Information

The Saranac Lake Airport is closest to Lake Placid. It is approximately 15 miles from the rink. Cape Air is the only airport servicing that airport.

Albany International Airport and Burlington International Airport are both approximately 2.5 hours from Lake Placid. All major airlines are represented between the two airports. Rental car agencies are located at both airports.

EVENT SCHEDULE

A tentative schedule can be found on the competition www.nareagonals.com. Please note this schedule is tentative and SUBJECT TO CHANGE. An updated competition schedule will be available as soon as possible after the close of entries via the Event Management System (EMS) Portal (skaters and coaches), in addition to the competition website.

PRACTICE ICE

Practice ice will only be sold through the Event Management System (EMS). Purchasing information and directions will be available on the competition website.

OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD

The official bulletin board will be located at the registration desk outside the main doors to the 1980 Rink on the main level of the arena.

CREDENTIALS ***NEW***

All credentials must be picked up at the event registration desk. Skaters will not be able to receive their credential until music and planned program content have been received. Only coaches who are listed in the EMS Skater Profile and are fully compliant within U.S. Figure Skating and SafeSport guidelines will receive a credential. Coaches must show photo ID at the registration desk and must pick up their own credential.

Credentials must be worn at all times at the competition facility and are non-transferable.

EVENT PROGRAM & PRE-ORDERS

Information regarding photo submission for the event program as well as pre-order opportunities will be available on the competition website.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented to athletes in first through fourth place skaters in each event for qualifying rounds and final events. Advancement information will be provided by U.S. Figure Skating headquarters within 48 hours of the event conclusion.

EVENT PHOTO & VIDEO

Event Video

The U.S. Figure Skating Production Team will serve as the official video provider for this event. To pre-order video, visit www.usfigureskatingdigital.com. *Please note that videotaping of the competition, including practice ice, in any form is strictly prohibited per U.S. Figure Skating Policy.

Event Photos

Miracle Moments Photography will be the official photographer.
Contact: onak@orda.org

ADMISSION

Tickets will be required for all non-credentialed individuals.
Ticket information will be made available on the competition website.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Below are key contacts for the event. Please allow up to 48 hours for response.

Local Organizing Committee Chair

Mary-Elizabeth Wightman (marye@orda.org)

Practice Ice Chair

Mary-Elizabeth Wightman (marye@orda.org)

Hotel Accommodations

Lake Placid Visitor's Bureau (www.lakeplacid.com)

Registration/EMS Support

productsupport@usfigureskating.org