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I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Holiday 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 [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 who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the rulebook for more information.

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.
 - o 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:
 - o 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.
 - o 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.
 - o 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 the information sheet [HERE](#) or email 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:

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeusa
- **Skate United:** For any Skate United (S.U.) Athlete, please have them register for their appropriate level under the "standard" option. Once the registration is complete, the following form must be submitted to the competition chair via email at competition@borderblades.org
 - [Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.](#)
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at competition@borderblades.org
 - [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate	6.0	\$120	\$30
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary - Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$120	\$30
Athlete Development	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 - 8)	6.0	\$120	\$30
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 - 9)	6.0	\$120	\$30
Spins Challenge (Level 1 - 6) ***all levels will compete on half ice	6.0	\$120	\$30
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior)	CJS	\$120	\$30
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior)	CJS	\$120	\$30
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior)	CJS	\$120	\$30
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior)	CJS	\$120	\$30
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior)	CJS	\$120	\$30
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$120	\$30
Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$120	\$30
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75	\$30
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$75	\$30
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$75	\$30
Aspire 1-4 Showcase: Lyrical Pop	6.0	\$75	\$30
Aspire 1-4 Showcase: Character Performance	6.0	\$75	\$30

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

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 received, 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 or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline.

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 [in](#) Members Only, click the blue "COACH" button. 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

COMPETITION REGISTRATION: All entries must be submitted online at www.borderblades.org/classic no later than **11:59pm on October 24th, 2025.**

Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. For **Compete USA entries**, the first event is \$75 second event is \$30. For **U.S. Figure Skating entries**, the first event is \$120, and each additional event is \$30. Contested credit cards will be issued a \$35 fee. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Referee and the Competition Committee. Late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee.

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, Border Blades FSC and ICON Sports Center 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: The competition will be held at ICON Sports Center, Rydell Rink, 1060 47th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND 58201.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

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 under 11 years old 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 in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

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. The schedule will be posted on the Entryeze website.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be available at the ICON Sports Center. A maximum of 25 skaters will be allowed on the ice during any one session. Practice ice will be available for purchase on the Entryeze website after the competition schedule is posted. No music will be allowed during practice ice.

MUSIC SUBMISSION: Music Submission deadline is November 7th, 2025

The official competition music for all Free skate, short program and artistic events must be uploaded to the Entryeze website. Your 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:

1. File Format: MP3
2. Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher
3. Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
4. 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 have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside 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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN: The Holiday Classic competition is scheduled for November 21 & 22, 2025. Registration will be at the entrance of the ICON Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave S, Grand Forks, ND 58201 and will be open a half hour before practice ice or one hour before the first event, whichever is earlier and run through the last event of the day. Please register promptly upon arrival.

AWARDS: All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and ribbons to 4th place. ALL awards will be given out at the awards table after event results are posted.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.

CONTACT INFO:

Competition Website: www.borderblades.org/classic

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Adam Helgeson	competition@borderblades.org
Chief Referee:	Carla Golubski	carlagolubski@hotmail.com
Practice Ice Chair:	Joelle Ruthig	competition@borderblades.org