



**Skate Milwaukee 2021  
Announcement  
Wisconsin Figure Skating Club  
July 7 – 11, 2021**

**Skate Milwaukee 2021** 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 are always required to properly wear face coverings over their nose and mouth and secured under their chin while in a facility (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/Spectators: Each skater will be allowed only one chaperone.

**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

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.

## **COMPETITION REGISTRATION:**

### **EMS REGISTRATION:**

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

**Registration Deadline: 06/07/2021 at 11:59PM Eastern Time**

**Late Registration Deadline: 06/14/2021 at 11:59PM Eastern Time + \$50 Late Fee**

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org/ems>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating 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 "SKATE MILWAUKEE" from the list of competitions.

If you need assistance completing your registration, contact  
[productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

### **EMS SKATER PORTAL:**

Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Skater Portal for this competition. This is where you will manage [music](#) and [PPC](#) upload as well as purchase practice ice, view the competition schedule (once available) and update coach information. To access your skater portal, click the **BLUE** Event Management System button on the [Members Only](#) landing page then select the competition name from options at the bottom of the screen.

### **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. This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page. [Instructions for creating non-member account](#).

### **PARTNERED EVENTS – PAIRS:**

Only one partner needs to 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](mailto:safesport@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

### **REFUND POLICY:**

Entry fees will not be refunded unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice

or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available in the EMS Skater portal.

**SCHEDULE:**

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available via EMS as soon as possible after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

**FACILITIES:** **\*\*\*NEW LOCATION\*\*\*** The competition will be held at the [Pettit National Ice Center](#), 500 S. 84<sup>th</sup> St., Milwaukee, WI 53214, which has two ice surfaces 200 x 100 feet that will be used throughout the competition and for practice ice. No admission fees will be charged.

**MUSIC:**

**EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:**

All competition music is required to be uploaded to EMS no later than **June 28, 2021 11:59pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$30 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.

**EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO:** [CLICK HERE](#)  
*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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 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.

Competitors in events that require music are required to upload their music and enter copyright information to EMS no later than **June 28, 2021 11:59 ET**. After these dates, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$30 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 for any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential on site.

### **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT FORMS:**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to enter their PPC into EMS no later than **June 28, 2021 11:59 ET**. After these dates, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$30 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 for any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential on site.

### **EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)**

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, Wisconsin FSC and Pettit National Ice 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.

**ONSITE CHECK-IN:** Registration will be open one to two hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the lobby of the Pettit Center. Please register promptly upon arrival.

**LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:** Locker rooms and changing areas will NOT be available for use. No changing will be permitted in the restrooms. Please arrive at the arena dressed and ready to skate.

### **PRACTICE ICE:**

All practice ice will be available for purchase online through the EMS Skater Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the [Competition Information](#) page of your skater portal.

[Pre Purchase](#) | [Session Selection](#) | [Open Sales](#)

### **AWARDS:**

Medals will be presented to all first, second, third, and fourth place finishers in each flight. There will be no final rounds.

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES:**

Posting of schedules and announcements will occur within the EMS portal and transmitted electronically to skaters and coaches. Results will be posted on line via IJS Live Scoring.

### **VIDEO:**

In addition to **Live-Scoring** being used, **Live Streaming** and a **Personal Video** for each skater are included in the registration fee.

### **TEST CREDIT:**

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. A \$25 fee will be charged for the test credit report payable upon submitting the request form to registration.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:**

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must be included within a skater's registration or updated through [My Coaches](#), their EMS Skater Portal.

All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database. The compliance tab within EMS lists ALL individuals who were declared by skaters at the time of registration or through their EMS Skater Portals (also allows access to skater schedule, music/PPC preview etc.). The compliance requirements are tied to our database and are updated daily. Further, if a coach is non-compliant, they will receive system generated emails through the start of the competition. Click [here](#) for additional information

### **EMS Coach Resources :**

- [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 \(PSA\)](#).

\* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

[www.usfsaonline.org](http://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.

### **CONTACT INFO:**

If you have questions, please contact

**Competition Chair: Diane Blacher**  
**Registrar: Diane Blacher**  
**Contact Diane Blacher at 414-573-4018**  
**Via email at [dianeblacher@gmail.com](mailto:dianeblacher@gmail.com)**  
**or [SkateMilwaukee@wifsc.com](mailto:SkateMilwaukee@wifsc.com)**

**HOTEL:**

Skate Milwaukee has a courtesy block of rooms at the **Hampton Inn and Suites, Milwaukee West, 8201 W. Greenfield Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin 53214**. Please see attached link: <http://group.hamptoninn.com/hnh55>

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

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

<b>U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS</b>				
<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>IJS/6.0</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a>	6.0	\$140	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Well Balanced Short Program</a> Juvenile Only	IJS	\$155	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate</a> Preliminary and Below	6.0	\$140	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate</a> Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile and Open Juvenile	IJS	\$155	\$55	\$55
Combined – <a href="#">SP</a> & <a href="#">FS</a> Intermediate - Senior	IJS	\$200	\$55	\$55
<b>PAIRS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
<a href="#">Short Program</a> (Novice-Senior)	IJS	\$155	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Free Skate</a> (Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$155	\$55	\$55
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
<a href="#">Compulsory Moves</a> (No Test-Senior)	6.0	\$65	\$55	\$45
<a href="#">Excel Compulsory Moves</a> (Excel Beg.-Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$65	\$55	\$45
<a href="#">Jumps Challenge</a> (Beginner-Senior)	6.0	\$65	\$55	\$45
<a href="#">Spins Challenge</a> (Beginner-Senior)	6.0	\$65	\$55	\$45