



2023

**BLACK RIVER FALLS 13th ANNUAL COMPETE
USA COMPETITION**

Saturday, February 18, 2023

8:00am – 8:00pm

**Milt Lunda Memorial Arena
388 Melrose Street (Hwy 54 West)
P.O. Box 853, Black River Falls, WI 54615
90' x 200' rink**



Registration includes a T-Shirt!

Entry Deadline: January 22, 2023

A Registered Wisconsin Compete USA Series Competition

**Compulsory, Freestyle, Spins, and Jumps Events:
Snowplow Sam – Basic Skills – Untested to Preliminary
Compete USA Synchronized Skating**

**For a complete set of rules, application forms, or a link to register online, visit our
website: www.brffsc.com**

**For questions, please contact Jen Bolger @ 715-896-1638 or email
brffsccompetition@gmail.com**

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS:

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Learn to Skate USA program/club or any other Learn to Skate USA program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWFLOW SAM AND LEARN TO SKATE USA SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 6 must skate at highest level passed or one higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including Moves in the Field or Individual Dances. Skaters in other events may skate at the highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

ENTRIES AND FEES:

Online registration is available at www.brffsc.com and will close on January 22, 2023 at 11:59pm.

All paper entries must be postmarked no later than January 22, 2023. An additional \$20 administrative fee will be charged for paper entries. There will be a \$25 fee for returned checks.

Mail checks (payable to BRFFSC) and paper entry forms to:

BRFFSC
P.O. Box 853
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Registrations will be limited to the first 150 individual applications received. Late entries will be accepted only if the limit has not been reached, at the discretion of the organizers, and will be charged a \$15 late fee.

Entry fees are \$50 for the first event and \$25 for each additional event for individuals and \$50 per Synchro team and \$10 per team member. NO refunds after closing date unless the event is canceled by the Black River Falls Figure Skating Club's Competition Committee.

ENTRY FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY and submitted with all fees paid in full.

A free t-shirt will be given to each competitor. Please indicate the skater's size on the registration form. Note: an individual skater who is also competing in the synchro team event will only receive one t-shirt.

AWARDS:

Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds. Medals will be awarded to all places (1st through 6th place). All awards will be given at appropriate times throughout the competition.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Skaters' names and event times along with directions to the arena will be posted on the Black River Falls Figure Skating Club's website (www.brffsc.com) approximately four to five days prior to the competition. An email will be sent when the schedule has been posted.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be available on Friday evening, February 17, 2023 for Synchro teams and for individual events from 6:00-9:00pm and on Saturday morning, February 18, 2023 for individual events from 6:00am-7:40am. Synchro teams will have priority for times on Friday evening. Practice ice will be sold in advance for \$6 per 20 minutes for individuals

or at registration for \$8 per 20 minutes for individuals and in advance for \$50 per 20 minutes for Synchro teams. A maximum of 20 skaters will be allowed on the ice during any one session for individuals.

You may sign up for **NO MORE THAN TWO SESSIONS** on a first-come, first-served basis. Skaters' names and practice times will be posted on the website (www.brffsc.com) approximately four to five days prior to competition.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

As of March 15, 2022, and consistent with updated CDC guidance on mask use, face coverings are no longer required to be worn indoors at U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned events or activity if your community levels are Low or Medium. We do encourage masks to be worn indoors if your community is in the High category based on the [CDC Community Levels by County Map](#) as announced on Feb. 25. Sanctioned activities include competitions (U.S. Figure Skating and Compete USA), exhibitions/performances and test sessions.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:

U.S. Figure Skating strives to provide a safe environment for its members that is free of misconduct and harassment. The association will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment or misconduct of any of its members, including athletes, coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, volunteers or any other persons while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating. All forms of misconduct are unacceptable and in direct conflict with U.S. Figure Skating rules.

II. ELIGIBILITY



ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

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. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be a current registered member of Learn to Skate USA or a full member of U.S. Figure Skating. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event, and all six should receive an award.

ELIGIBILITY AND TEST REQUIREMENTS:

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All **Snowplow Sam** and **Basic 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 moves in the field or individual dances.

For the **Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Excel, Well-Balanced, Adult and Adaptive** levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest badge level or free skate test level passed. Skate United skaters have the option to compete in the standard track or Skate United track; accommodations may be made upon request. Special Olympics events are for skaters with intellectual disabilities. Skate United events are for skaters with physical disabilities. Adaptive events are for skaters with any type of disability. Moves in the field test level will not determine a skater's competitive level. Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher but not both levels in the same event during the same competition. ***For Synchronized Skating eligibility and requirements refer to the Synchronized Skating page.***

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the local organizing committee (LOC) discovers that a skater has been placed in a category below his/her badge or test level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper level, even if it is the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. It is an ethical violation for coaches to sandbag an event.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR COACHES/INSTRUCTORS

When hosting a Compete USA competition, it is important that you verify the compliance of each coach/instructor who plans to coach onsite at the event.

For credentials at a Compete USA event, coaches/instructors are required to have:

- Learn to Skate USA instructor compliant

OR

- U.S. Figure Skating coach compliant

If a coach/instructor attempts to work at your event without the proper credentials, he or she is in violation of U.S. Figure Skating ethics and code of conduct rules and, as such, is subject to disciplinary action.

All officials and adult volunteers attending Compete USA events must also be SafeSport Trained™

TEST LEVEL:

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each

level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.

Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

EVENTS OFFERED:

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

COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0		
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0		
Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)	6.0		
No Test – Preliminary Free Skate (*offer if LTS only)	6.0		
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0		
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0		
Excel Compulsory Moves	6.0		
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	6.0		
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0		

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, Black River Falls Figure Skating Club and Milt Lunda 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.

LOCKROOMS 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 and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

US 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](#).

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REGISTRATION:

The registration desk at the Milt Lunda Memorial Arena will be open during all practice and competition sessions. Competitors should arrive at the arena at least 45 minutes before the scheduled time of their event. All schedules will be posted on an official bulletin board at the Milt Lunda Memorial Arena. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check this board for official schedules and notices.

MUSIC:

Skaters should do an MP3 upload via Entryze but skater should always bring a backup. CD's should be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered, length of music (not skating time), must contain only one track, and should be recorded on CD-R media (no CD-RW's due to compatibility problems). Competition music is to be turned in at the time of registration. CD's will be returned to the registration desk shortly after each event. CD's not collected prior to the end of the competition will only be returned to the participant at the participant's request and expense.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

A professional photographer will be available for award pictures. All skaters should report for award pictures even if no purchase will be made. You may bring your own camera or video camera for action shots but please no flash photography during an event. Only the professional photographer will take the award pictures.

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost and found items may be claimed at the registration desk.

ACCOMODATIONS:

See our website, www.brffsc.com, for a list of hotels nearby.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

www.brffsc.com

Competition Chair- Jen Bolger

brffsccompetition@gmail.com

Postmark Date:

**2023 BLACK RIVER FALLS 13th ANNUAL
COMPETE USA COMPETITION ENTRY FORM**

Name _____
Last First

Phonetic pronunciation _____
Last First

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Email _____

Area Code/Phone Number _____

LTS USA/USFS Number _____ Highest Snowplow/LTS Level Passed _____

Highest Level Moves Passed _____ Highest Level Freestyle Passed _____

Program/Club Affiliation _____

Coach Name _____ Phone Number _____

Coach Email _____

Please check the event(s) you are entering:

Basic Elements Event (no music):

_____ Snowplow Sam
_____ Basic 1 _____ Basic 4
_____ Basic 2 _____ Basic 5
_____ Basic 3 _____ Basic 6

Basic Program Event (w/music):

_____ Snowplow Sam
_____ Basic 1 _____ Basic 4
_____ Basic 2 _____ Basic 5
_____ Basic 3 _____ Basic 6

Pre-Free Skate- Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory (no music):

_____ Pre-Free Skate _____ Free Skate 1
_____ Free Skate 2 _____ Free Skate 3
_____ Free Skate 4 _____ Free Skate 5
_____ Free Skate 6

Pre-Free Skate- Free Skate 1-6 Program with Music

_____ Pre-Free Skate _____ Free Skate 1
_____ Free Skate 2 _____ Free Skate 3
_____ Free Skate 4 _____ Free Skate 5
_____ Free Skate 6

Excel Compulsory Event (no music):

_____ Excel Beginner
_____ Excel High Beginner
_____ Excel Pre-Preliminary
_____ Excel Preliminary

Excel Free Skate (w/music):

_____ Excel Beginner
_____ Excel High Beginner
_____ Excel Pre-Preliminary
_____ Excel Preliminary
_____ Excel Preliminary Plus

Well Balanced Levels Compulsory (no music):

_____ No Test
_____ Pre-Preliminary
_____ Preliminary

Well Balanced Program Free Skate

Event (w/music):
_____ No Test
_____ Pre-Preliminary Free skate
_____ Preliminary Free skate

Spins Event:

_____ Beginner
_____ High Beginner
_____ No Test
_____ Pre-Preliminary
_____ Preliminary

Jumps:

_____ Beginner
_____ High Beginner
_____ No Test
_____ Pre-Preliminary
_____ Preliminary

T-shirt size:

_____ Youth Small
_____ Youth Medium
_____ Youth Large

_____ Adult Small
_____ Adult Medium
_____ Adult Large

_____ Youth Extra Large

_____ Adult Extra Large

ENTRY FEE IS \$50 FOR FIRST EVENT, \$25 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL EVENT

First Event	\$ _____	(\$50)
Additional Event(s)	\$ _____	(\$25)
Practice Ice	\$ _____	(\$6 per session, up to 2 sessions)
Late Fee	\$ _____	(\$15)
Paper Registration Fee	\$ _____	(\$20)
Competition Program	\$ _____	(\$5)
Total:	\$ _____	

The completed entry form, with fees, must be postmarked no later than January 22, 2023.

Make check or money order payable to Black River Falls Figure Skating Club or BRFFSC and mail to: BRFFSC, P.O. Box 853, Black River Falls, WI 54615. Late entries will be charged an additional \$15 late fee and will only be accepted at the discretion of the organizers.

For additional information email: Jen Bolger @ brffsccompetition@gmail.com.

ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE UNLESS AN EVENT IS CANCELED.

Certification of Competitor: The Competitor is eligible to enter the events checked. It is agreed that the competitor and family holds the Black River Falls Figure Skating Club and the Milt Lunda Memorial Arena harmless from any and all liability either during practice or the competition, and from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Competitor Signature _____ Date _____

Program Director/Club Officer _____ Date _____

I have reviewed and approved the entry of this skater in the indicated events. With my signature I certify that I have complied with ALL U.S. Figure Skating coach's requirements as they relate to membership, coach compliance, and CERs.

Instructor/Coach Signature _____ Date _____

