



**32nd Annual Fox Cities Winter Classic
Hosted by Valley Figure Skating Club
February 2-4, 2024**

Community First Champion Center
5000 W Champion Drive, Appleton, WI 54913

**Chief Referee: Roger Glenn
Chief Accountant: Mike Meyer**

This is a USFSA Sanctioned Event

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Non Qualifying Competition



The 32nd Annual Fox Cities Winter 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 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.

COVID PRECAUTIONS AND RISK ASSESSMENT:

The competition will follow facility, local, state and USFSA guidelines that are current at the time of the competition. Specific precautions will be posted on our website and emailed to participants a week before the competition.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

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.
 - Skate Up: Skaters may skate up one level higher than their highest singles test level 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
 - If an athlete has participated in the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS series will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - If an athlete has participated in 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.
 - Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of the same type and same level (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate) at the same competition. However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of different types (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

All other singles events:

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

Basic Skills skaters may compete in any event as qualified by their basic skills level as of January 1, 2024. ALL SNOWPLOW SAM and BASIC SKILLS SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 6 must skate at the 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. Skaters in all other events may compete in any event as qualified by their test level as of January 1, 2024 or at one level higher. A beginner is a person who has passed no US Figure Skating freestyle test. Events will not be required to be skated at the same level. Skaters may enter either the Test Track or Well Balanced Free Skate events, but not both.

Skaters will be grouped together according to age in each flight or as assigned by the discretion of the referee. In case of too few entries, events may be canceled at the discretion of the Referee, after giving the skater the option of skating one level up.

JUDGING SYSTEM: The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events.

EVENTS OFFERED

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

Singles	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Well Balanced Short Program (Juv-Senior)	\$135	\$40
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test-Senior)	\$135	\$40
Excel/Excel Plus Free Skate (Pre-Prelim and Above)	\$135	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze-Master Jr/Sr)	\$135	\$40
Excel/Excel Plus Free Skate (Beg-High Beginner)	\$135	\$40
Adult Beginner and High Beginner Free Skate	\$135	\$40
Specialty	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test-Senior)	\$135	\$40
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg-Excel Prelim)	\$135	\$40
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner-Masters Jr/Sr)	\$135	\$40

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Jumps Challenge (Beginner-Senior)	\$135	\$40
Adults Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner-Masters Jr/Sr)	\$135	\$40
Spins Challenge (Beginner-Senior)	\$135	\$40
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner-Masters Jr/Sr)	\$135	\$40
Showcase	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance	\$135	\$40
Choreographic Artistry	\$135	\$40
Lyrical Pop	\$135	\$40
Character Performance	\$135	\$40
Comedic Impressions	\$135	\$40
Compete USA Events	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	\$90	\$35
Pre-Free Skate-Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	\$90	\$35
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	\$90	\$35
Snowplow Same-Basic 6 Elements	\$90	\$35
Pre-Free Skate-Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	\$90	\$35
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	\$90	\$35
Compete USA - Spin Challenge	\$90	\$35
Compete USA - Jump Challenge	\$90	\$35

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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.

COACHES:

To be an eligible coach at a non-qualifying 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 [HERE](#). 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.

ENTRIES:

An online entry system with secure credit card payment is being used for our competition. The online registration system, Entryeze, can be accessed via a link on the club website at www.vfclub.com. Service fees will be applied to the transaction by the hosting online provider. Entries must be registered by midnight December 31, 2023.

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Referee and will be assessed an additional \$30.00 late fee.

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after January 1, 2024 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 \$30.00 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 on Entryeze.

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at Community First Champion Center, 5000 W Champion Drive, Appleton, WI 54913. The arena has seating for spectators and a concession stand that will be open during the competition. Locker rooms are available at the arena. The NHL-sized ice surface measures 85' x 200'. Free parking is available at the Community First Champion Center

MUSIC:

The music for all free skating programs and showcase must be loaded into the EntryEeze page by January 1, 2024. Time duration is always +/- 10 seconds. *There will be a fee for any music submitted after the deadline.*

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.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Valley Figure Skating Club and Community First Champion 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.

AWARDS:

Everyone will receive an award. All events will be final rounds and all awards will be made at appropriate times throughout the competition.

JUDGING SYSTEM: The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Will be posted no later than January 20, 2024. All participants will be notified via email once available.

NOTE: *By registering for this competition, you acknowledge that this competition is scheduled as a three day event and your skater can be scheduled any time between February 2-4, 2024.*

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be available through EntryEeze or at the rink on the day of the competition. Pre-purchase practice ice will be available for the cost of \$20 per 20 minute session. A fee of \$25 per session must be paid on the day of the event. Cash or Check (no change will be provided, please have exact change). No refunds will be issued for unused practice ice sessions. **This practice ice is for the competition only.**

Practice ice for the test session may also be available. Check with the Test Chair for more details.

REGISTRATION:

The registration desk will be open at the Community First Champion Center during all practices and events. A schedule of events and any updates will be posted to Entryeze as soon as they are available from the Referee. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the posted schedule for official changes to times and events. **Competitors must arrive at the arena 1 hour prior to their scheduled event time. Please check in upon arrival.** Failure to arrive and check-in at least one hour prior to scheduled event may result in disqualification.

PHOTOGRAPHS: A photography area will be set up for skaters to take their own pictures. There will be no formal pictures for this competition.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official schedule will be maintained in the rink. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 1 hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

LOCKER ROOMS:

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](#).

CONTACT INFO:

If you have questions, please contact Erin Korchagin at: vfstestsandcompetitions@gmail.com or text 920-475-1120. You may also check Valley Figure Skating Club's website at www.vfclub.com for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The USFSA Chief Referee will set the schedule for the Competition following the closing date for receipt of entries. The schedule will then be posted on the **Entryeze** 32nd Annual Fox Cities Winter Classic competition webpage.

WITHDRAWALS AND SCRATCHES:

To withdraw before the competition, please email Erin Korchagin at vfstestsandcompetitions@gmail.com. If you must scratch one or more events after checking in, please notify the Registration Desk at the rink.

HOTELS:

A list of hotels will be available on the home page of **Entryeze**. Mention the Fox Cities Winter Classic/Valley Figure Skating Club when making reservations to receive the discounted rate.

TEST SESSION:

A test session will be held on Friday, February 2, 2024. Test forms and additional information will be available on the Valley Figure Skating Club website. www.vfclub.com Practice ice for the test session may also be available. Check with the Test Chair for more details.

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