



The Gardens Figure Skating Club of Maryland Announces its 20th Annual

May Day Open and Compete USA

IJS Critiques included with first round IJS events

May Day Open is an official, designated competition in the 2019 Solo Dance Series and the 2019 Excel Competition Series.

2019 Competition Announcement

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13800 Old Gunpowder Road
Laurel, Maryland 20707

A Non-Qualifying Competition Sanctioned By **US Figure Skating**

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May Day Open and Compete USA 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 which 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 is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

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Skaters wishing to participate in the Solo Dance Series should register directly with USFS prior to the deadline. <https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/y709wz6zzx/index.html>

Skaters wishing to participate in the Excel series should register directly with USFS prior to the deadline. <https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/form2393/index.html?1539795549957>

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 of age or younger; Boys – 13 years of age or younger
- Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years of age or older; Boys – 14 years of age or older
- Intermediate must be under the age of 18
- Adults must be 21 years of age or older

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.

ENTRIES: Registrations will be online only. Please refer to the May Day Open Page of www.gardensfsc.org for EntryEeze registration instructions. Entries must be submitted online by 11:59 PM on March 31, 2019. Please refer to the registration information on the [May Day Open](#) page of the Gardens FSC website.

Fees:

First IJS event and solo dance event	\$180
Additional IJS events and solo dance events	\$110
First 6.0 event	\$130
Additional 6.0 event	\$70
First Compete USA event	\$55
Additional Compete USA event	\$35
Theatre On Ice/Production	\$300
Late Fee	\$60
Changes after deadline	\$40

- Short program and free skate are considered separate events and if both are entered, the fee would include both the First and Additional IJS Event Fees.
- All two person teams (freestyle pairs, dance couples, duets, shadow dance, etc.) should register and pay individually for half the fee for the team event.
- If compulsory moves are entered solely, that will be considered a first 6.0 event fee.
- For team entries, a single team contact must register each team separately
 - For the following events: Theatre on Ice and Production Team events, you will need to register each team separately and pay for that team (all members together) in the online system. These fees stand alone and do not affect another registration. When you register the team, you will need to provide the following information:
 - “Team Contact” – this will be the contact information for a primary person who will be responsible for the team
 - “Team Name” – this will be the name of the team used on the skating orders and in the program
 - Number of team members (this should include alternates) and will be the basis of the per member charge for the event
 - The team roster - for each of the team members, you will need the following information:
 - Skater first and last name
 - Skater date of birth
 - Skater highest test passed for free skate and moves in the field
 - Skater USFS number
 - Email address of the skater if over 18 or the email address of the skater's legal guardian if under 18 so that they can accept the liability waiver for that skater
- Only one first event fee is required. If two or more events of a different category are entered, then the most expensive first event fee is the first event fee, and the less expensive event is at its additional event rate. For example, a skater enters both the Senior Ladies Short Program and Senior Compulsory Moves. The first event fee is \$180 for the Senior Ladies Short Program and the Senior Compulsory Moves is the additional regular event for \$70 for a total of \$250. As another example, a skater enters both the Compete USA Freeskating 4 Program and No Test Compulsory Moves, the fee would be \$130 for the First Regular Event and \$35 for the additional Compete USA Event for a total of \$165.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after the deadline unless the event is canceled by the local organizing committee, (LOC). We will make every effort to schedule all events, including events with only one entry, but this is not guaranteed. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$55 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 online.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at the Gardens Ice House, 13800 Old Gunpowder Road, Laurel, Maryland 20707. Visit the Gardens FSC website www.gardensfsc.org. Phone number 410-905-3368. Locker rooms and snack bar facilities are located at the rink. **There will be a very limited number of locker rooms available. Please make other preparation arrangements in advance.** The competition will be held on the Olympic ice surface (200' x 100') and two NHL ice surfaces (200' x 85').

MUSIC: Online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the “Competition” tab and then selecting “My Music.” Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. Be careful, for example, not to mix up your short program and your free skate!

Deadline for uploading is: April 10, 2019

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

- Programs per file: One [1] - Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short program, free skate, short dance, free dance, etc.) per file is allowed.
- File Format: mp3 - The uploaded file music must be an mp3 file (MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 Audio Layer III). Simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable.
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).
- Maximum file size: 10 MB
- Maximum run time: Five [5 minutes]
- ID3 Metadata [tags]: None - The Chief Music Coordinator strongly recommends that mp3 files DO NOT contain any ID3 metadata, commonly called tags. This is especially true of any embedded images such as album cover art, picture of the skater, etc. Please, NO EMBEDDED IMAGES!
- Maximum leader: Two [2] seconds] - The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO leader.
- Maximum trailer: Two [2] seconds] - The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual track. The Chief Music Coordinator recommends that there be NO trailer.

Backup Music at Event [CDs]

In addition to submitting the music online, all competitors/teams must also have at least one [1] backup copy of their competition music on CD, AT RINKSIDE, during the actual competition event or official practice. CDs must meet the following requirements:

- In standard Audio CD format (Compact Disc Digital Audio). Other formats, including mp3 are NOT acceptable.
- Clearly marked with a permanent marker (e.g. Sharpie, do NOT use a label or tape) as follows: First Name, Last Name, (Club – Optional but requested), Event, Event Segment and Music Length (e.g. Jane Smith, Acme FSC, Novice Ladies, Free Skate, 3:10 or Synchro Team, Widget FSC, Preliminary, Free Skate, 1:59)
- Each CD may have only ONE [1] music track on it. In the case where a skater competes in both a short program/dance and a free skate/free dance, two [2] separate discs must be available. Any disc with more than one [1] track is NOT acceptable.
- Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two [2] seconds.
- Due to the compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable "CD-RW" discs. PLEASE, no CD-RWs!!

The LOC, competition officials, and volunteers exercise reasonable care when handling CDs. However, they are not responsible for damage to or loss of any CDs. The LOC is not responsible for CDs not picked up by the end of the competition. Those CDs will be destroyed.

Penalty for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music

The LOC may assess each competitor/team an additional \$25 charge per event segment, if the competitor/team: 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission, 2) submits files that do not follow the specifications above, or 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment (e.g. uploads short program music instead of the free skate). In the event the LOC decides to assess a penalty, the

competitor/teams will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the penalty fee and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, the Gardens Figure Skating Club, and the Gardens Ice House 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.

JUDGING SYSTEM: The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, Preliminary – Senior*
- *Short program events, Juvenile – Senior*
- *Pairs free skate events, Juvenile – Senior*
- *Pairs short program events, Novice – Senior*
- *Adult Masters and Adult Silver and Gold events*
- *All National Solo Dance Series events*
- *All Excel "PLUS" levels and Excel Intermediate through Senior levels*

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online. This form is found on the EntryEeze website. The deadline to submit the form is 4/10/2019.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all other non-IJS events.

IJS Critiques: For skaters and coaches only. Skaters should line up in the designated area according to skate order.

REGISTRATION: Registration will be open 30 minutes before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located upstairs at the Gardens Ice House. Check in for all other events should be one hour prior to your event.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: **There will be a very limited number of locker rooms available. Please make other preparation arrangements in advance.** Please click here to review the [Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy](#). More detailed information can be found in the [SafeSport Handbook](#).

SCHEDULE and PRACTICE ICE: The competition schedule and practice ice will be posted on EntryEeze and on the website as soon as possible after the closing deadline. You must check the website for any changes and updates to the schedule. The schedule with individual group assignments will be posted at least one week prior to the competition. Practice ice information will also be posted on the website with appropriate instructions listed. Please contact the practice ice chair as listed on the website for practice ice information.

VIDEOGRAPHY: [Vision Photo and Video](#) will provide videography. IJS events will include a video at no additional cost.

AWARDS: Will be given to the first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each event. Awards will be given at scheduled times throughout the day(s). Compete USA events will be limited to six skaters in a group, if possible. All Compete USA competitors are invited to participate in the medal ceremony.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An [official bulletin board](#) will be maintained on the May Day page of www.gardensfsc.org. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive one hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the following requirements:

Coaching U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- 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.

Coaching Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

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

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at your competition, a background check and SafeSport Training is not required. Instead, the coach must submit a letter from their Federation stating they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact Catherine Lee at gwtwkatiescarlett@yahoo.com 410-905-3368.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION - ACCOMMODATIONS:

In order to secure the group rate you must identify yourself with The Gardens Figure Skating Club "May Day Open." Limited rooms available. Please ask about group rates.

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Laurel
15101 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, MD 20707
301-776-5300

See current rulebook for current rules and requirements in the 6000s for singles, 7000s for pairs, and 8000's for ice dance,

FREE SKATE & SHORT PROGRAM SINGLES

[Snowplow Sam- Free Skate 6 Program \(with music\)](#)

[https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Snowplow%20Sam%20-%20Free%20Skate%206%20Program%20\(with%20music\).docx](https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Snowplow%20Sam%20-%20Free%20Skate%206%20Program%20(with%20music).docx)

[Excel Free Skate \(new for 2018-19 season\)](#)

Skaters wishing to participate in the Excel series should register directly with USFS prior to the deadline.

[https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Excel%20Compulsory%20\(Excel%20Beginner%20-%20Excel%20Preliminary\).docx](https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Excel%20Compulsory%20(Excel%20Beginner%20-%20Excel%20Preliminary).docx)

[Singles Short Program \(Juvenile - Senior\)](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2019-20%20Singles%20SP%20Chart.pdf>

[Singles Well Balanced Free Skate \(No Test - Senior\)](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2019-20%20Singles%20FS%20Chart.pdf>

COMPULSORY MOVES – SINGLES

[Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6 Program \(no music\)](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Snowplow%20Sam%20-%20Free%20Skate%206%20Elements.docx>

[Excel Compulsory \(Excel Beginner – Excel Preliminary\)](#)

[https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Excel%20Compulsory%20\(Excel%20Beginner%20-%20Excel%20Preliminary\).docx](https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Excel%20Compulsory%20(Excel%20Beginner%20-%20Excel%20Preliminary).docx)

[Compulsory Moves \(No Test – Senior\)](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Compulsory%20Moves%20No-Test%20-%20Senior.doc>

PAIRS

[Pairs Short Program \(Novice to Senior\)](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2019-20%20Pairs%20SP%20Chart.pdf>

[Pairs Free Skate](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2019-20%20Pairs%20FS%20Chart.pdf>

SPECIALITY EVENTS - SINGLES

[Jumps Challenge](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Jumps%20Challenge%20ALL.doc>

[Spin Challenge](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Spins%20Challenge%20ALL.doc>

[Moves in the Field](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/NonqualifyingCompetitions/Moves%20in%20the%20Field%20Pre-Preliminary%20-%20Senior.doc>

[Step Sequences](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/NonqualifyingCompetitions/Step%20Sequences%20Pre-Preliminary%20-%20Senior.doc>

SOLO DANCE

May Day Open is an official, designated competition in the 2019 Solo Dance Series. Skaters wishing to compete in the Solo Dance series should register for the series directly with USFS prior to the deadline.

[Solo Pattern Dance](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Solo%20Pattern%20Dance.pdf>

[Solo Combined Dance \(juvenile – senior only\)](#)

[Shadow Dance](#)

PARTNERED DANCE

The 6.0 judging system will be used.

Pattern Dance (Pre-Juvenile through Novice only)

Pre-juvenile 2019-2020 Group A Rhythm Blues, Cha Cha

Juvenile 2019-2020 Group B Hickory Hoedown, Ten-Fox

Intermediate 2019-2020 Group B American Waltz, Foxtrot

Novice 2019-2020 Group B Westminster Waltz, Kilian

ADULT EVENTS

[Adult Singles Free Skate](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2018-19%20Adult%20Singles%20WBP%20Chart.pdf>

[Adult Compulsory Moves](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Adult%20Compulsory%20Moves%20NQ%2018-19.docx>

[Adult Jumps Challenge](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/NonqualifyingCompetitions/ADULT%20Jumps%20Challenge.doc>

[Adult Spins Challenge](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/ADULT%20Spins%20Challenge.doc>

SHOWCASE EVENTS

[Showcase Events - Dramatic Entertainment Events](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Showcase,%20Dramatic%20Entertainment%20events.doc>

[Showcase Events - Duet Events](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Showcase,%20Duet%20events.doc>

[Showcase Events - Production Ensemble Events](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Showcase,%20Production%20ensemble%20event.doc>

[Compete USA Showcase Events](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Showcase%20Learn%20to%20Skate%20USA%20events.doc>

[Showcase Events - Light Entertainment Events](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Showcase,%20Light%20Entertainment%20events.doc>

[Showcase Events - Mini Production Ensemble Events](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Showcase,%20Mini%20Production%20ensemble%20event.doc>

THEATRE ON ICE EVENTS

[Theatre On Ice \(TOI\) Events - Compete USA](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Theatre%20On%20Ice,%20Learn%20to%20Skate%20USA%20levels%2016-17.doc>

[Theatre On Ice \(TOI\) Events - Choreographic Exercise \(CE\) and Free Skate](#)

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Theatre%20On%20Ice%20CE%20and%20Freeskate.doc>

Showcase Events – Interpretive Events

Format: Interpretive is a performance choreographed by the competitor, unaccompanied and unassisted, to music supplied by the competition committee / LOC. Programs should incorporate various elements of expressive movement and skating moves, to enhance the skater's interpretation of the music, rather than technical elements. Props are not permitted. The music will be played during a warm-up on full ice. After the warm up, all skaters will leave the ice. Second and subsequent skaters will go to the warm up room. The first skater will hear the music once more rinkside. After the first skater takes his/her position on the ice, the second skater will be brought rinkside to hear the music with no view of the ice. This pattern will continue until all skaters have skated the event. All competitors in an event will interpret the same music. Props are not permitted.

Current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at www.usfigureskating.org, under "Programs" on the National Showcase page.

Interpretative Events and Levels:

Except for Adult events, skaters must compete at the highest level for which they qualify

Level	Program Duration	Test Requirements (Freestyle or Free Dance)
Pre-juvenile and below	1:30 maximum	Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher. The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline.
Juvenile - novice	1:30 maximum	Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher. The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline.
Junior and senior	1:30 maximum	Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher. The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline.
Teen and young adult	1:30 maximum	Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher. The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline.
All adult events	1:30 maximum	Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher. The determination of level will be based upon test requirement at the entry deadline.