



*The Gardens Figure Skating Club of Maryland Announces its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual*

# **May Day Open and Compete USA**

***IJS Critiques available***

**May Day Open is an official, designated competition in the 2022 Solo Dance Series and the 2022 Excel Competition Series.**

2022 Competition Announcement

**May 5-8, 2022**



13800 Old Gunpowder Road  
Laurel, Maryland 20707

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

Approved by US Figure Skating Compete USA

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The May Day Open and Compete USA will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S.

*This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition – 01/11/2022*

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.

May Day Open is an official, designated competition in the 2022 Solo Dance Series and the 2022 Excel Competition Series.

Skaters wishing to participate in the Solo Dance Series should register directly with USFS prior to the deadline. [Solo Dance Series Registration](#) | [Solo Dance Series Information](#)

Skaters wishing to participate in the Excel series should register directly with USFS prior to the deadline. [Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Series Information](#)

**As of August 2, 2021, face coverings are required to be worn indoors by ALL persons (including fully vaccinated persons) attending any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event or activity despite of local, state or facility policies. Review the full update [here](#). Signage templates can be found [here](#). Exceptions:**

- Athletes practicing or competing on the ice.
- Warming up outside.

#### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Note, "skating up" is at the discretion of LOC and athletes 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  
Adults must be 21 years 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.

#### **ADULT EVENTS:**

Age classes for all free skate and showcase events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

Age classes for all solo free dance and solo pattern dance events:

- Young Adult/Class I/II: 18 years through 45 years
- Class III/IV/V: 46 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee.

**CRITIQUES:** Free IJS critiques will be available for IJS well balanced freestyle first round events for juvenile through senior. First round events will receive a critique regardless of the final round, and there will be no critiques for final round events.

**EMS REGISTRATION:**

Entries will be accepted via EMS Competition Portal Competition Portal with credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

<https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/registration/overview/30408>

**Registration Deadline: 3/31/2022 at 11:59 PM ET**

**Late Registration Deadline: 4/10/2022 at 11:59 PM ET + \$60 Late Fee**

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or your Learn to Skate USA member 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 "COMPETITION NAME" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

**PARTNERED EVENTS:**

Only one partner will 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 SkateSafe training. \*

Minor Athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SkateSafe training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

**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. **Fees:**

First IJS event and dance event	\$195
Additional IJS events and dance events	\$125
First 6.0 event	\$145
Additional 6.0 event	\$85
First Compete USA event	\$55
Additional Compete USA event	\$35
Production	\$300
Late Fee/returned check/contested credit card 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.
- If compulsory moves are entered solely, that will be considered a first 6.0 event fee.
- Partner registrations: Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During 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 uploads, practice ice sales, etc.**
- For team entries, a single team contact must register each team separately
  - For the following events: 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)
    - 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 \$195 for the Senior Ladies Short Program and the Senior Compulsory Moves is the additional regular event for \$85 for a total of \$280. As another example, a skater enters both the Compete USA Freeskating 4 Program and No Test Compulsory Moves, the fee would be \$145 for the First Regular Event and \$35 for the additional Compete USA Event for a total of \$180.

**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.

**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](http://www.gardensfsc.org). Phone number 410-905-3368. Snack bar facilities are located at the rink. The competition will be held on the Olympic ice surface (200' x 100') and up to two NHL ice surfaces (200' x 85').

**EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS Competition Portal no later April 10, 2022 at 11:59 PM. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 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. <https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/registration/overview/30408>

**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 or digital copy 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.

### **EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – IF IJS:**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS Competition Portal no later than **April 10, 2022 at 11:59 PM**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 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. <https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/registration/overview/30408>

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

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

**REGISTRATION:** Registration will be open 30 minutes before the first event and run through the last event of the day. Check in for all other events should be one hour prior to your event.

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skaters on but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms.

**PRACTICE ICE:** There will be no advance sales for practice ice. For additional information regarding practice ice offerings, visit the May Day Open competition website.

**VIDEOGRAPHY:** [Vision Photo and Video](#) will provide videography. IJS events will include a video at no additional cost. Note, [per U.S. Figure Skating policy](#), photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. The photo/video policy for posting can be found [here](#).

**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](http://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 compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

With EMS, a coach must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the skater's registration confirmation email. Note, there is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

### **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 SkateSafe 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 \(PSA\)](#).

### Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ 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 SkateSafe Training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

\* 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.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

**VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:**

Reminder: compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events include key LOC members, locker room monitors and ALL medical event personnel. To be considered compliant, an approved volunteer serving in one of these positions must:

- ✓ 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
- ✓ Must complete annual SkateSafe Training
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification \*

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**CONTACT INFO:** If you have questions, please contact Catherine Lee at [gwtwkatiescarlett@yahoo.com](mailto:gwtwkatiescarlett@yahoo.com) 410-905-3368.

**SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE FOR CURRENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS**

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a>	IJS juvenile-senior and PLUS levels; 6.0 others
<a href="#">Well Balanced Short Program</a> (2022-2023)	IJS
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate</a>	IJS Preliminary-Senior and 6.0 Pre.-Pre & below
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate</a> (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS silver and above and 6.0 below silver
<a href="#">Adult Beginner &amp; High Beginner Free Skate</a>	6.0
<b>PAIRS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<a href="#">Short Program</a>	IJS
<a href="#">Free Skate</a>	IJS
<a href="#">Adult Pairs Free Skate</a>	IJS silver and above and 6.0 below silver
<b>PARTNERED ICE DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<a href="#">Pattern Dance</a>	IJS
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<a href="#">Compulsory Moves</a> (No Test–Senior)	6.0
<a href="#">Excel Compulsory Moves</a> (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0
<a href="#">Adult Compulsory Moves</a> (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0
<a href="#">Jumps Challenge</a> (Beginner–Senior)	6.0
<a href="#">Adult Jumps Challenge</a> (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0
<a href="#">Spins Challenge</a> (Beginner–Senior)	6.0
<a href="#">Adult Spins Challenge</a> (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0
<a href="#">Step Sequence</a> (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0
<a href="#">Adult Step Sequences</a> (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0
<a href="#">Moves in the Field</a> (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0
<a href="#">Adult Moves in the Field</a> (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<a href="#">Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Duets (No Test – Senior, Adult)</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Interpretive</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Mini Production Ensemble</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Production Ensemble</a>	6.0
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<a href="#">Solo Pattern Dance</a> (participating in series)	IJS
<a href="#">Solo Combined Dance</a>	IJS
<a href="#">Shadow Dance</a>	IJS
<a href="#">Adult Solo Pattern Dance</a>	IJS
<a href="#">Adult Solo Free Dance</a>	IJS
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves</a>	6.0
<a href="#">Compete USA – Showcase</a>	6.0