



**2024 Winter Skate**

**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

**Adult Critique and High School Team Competition**

**Hosted by Peninsula Skating Club**

**[www.peninsulaskatingclub.org](http://www.peninsulaskatingclub.org)**

**Sharks Ice at San José**

**1500 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, San José, CA**

**Entry Deadline: Friday, January 12, 2024; 11:59 pm PST**

*Sanctioned by:*



## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The 2024 Winter Skate will be conducted in accordance with 2023-24 U.S. Figure Skating High School Competition Handbook as well as the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [2023-2024 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.

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.

**High School Team Events:** All skaters must be enrolled as a full-time student as defined by the institution that they attend, grades 9-12, as per state guidelines. This includes both traditional and home-schooled students.

All High School Skating Teams participating must register with U.S. Figure Skating on the Members Only website. For detailed instructions on how to register a team, please refer to the [Steps to Register Renew Your High School Team](#). Teams will be required to e-mail a copy of their SAC application or SAC Certificate for proof of membership to the [Competition Registrar](#) with their competition registration. Please be sure to include the full name for your team in the e-mail message.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **Adult Free Skate, Showcase, and Ice Dance:**

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

### **High School Team Maneuver Events:**

- Athletes may compete at their test level or any higher level, as described in the team maneuver event requirements.

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org](https://usfigureskating.org)

[– Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](#)

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Adult Free Skate CRITIQUE (Adult Gold – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$55.00	N/A
Adult Free Skate CRITIQUE (Adult Beginner – Adult Silver)	6.0	\$55.00	N/A
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance CRITIQUE (Adult Pre-Bronze - Masters)	CJS	\$55.00	\$35.00
Choreographic Artistry CRITIQUE (Masters only)	CJS	\$55.00	\$35.00
Lyrical Pop CRITIQUE (Adult Pre-Bronze - Masters)	CJS	\$55.00	\$35.00
Character Performance CRITIQUE (Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters)	CJS	\$55.00	\$35.00
Comedic Impressions CRITIQUE (Adult Pre-Bronze - Masters)	CJS	\$55.00	\$35.00
Duets/Trios CRITIQUE (Adult Pre-Bronze - Masters)	CJS	\$55.00	\$35.00
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Adult Solo Pattern Dance CRITIQUE (Adult Pre-Bronze – Adult Gold)	6.0	\$55.00	\$35.00
Adult Solo Free Dance CRITIQUE (Adult Bronze – Adult Gold)	6.0	\$55.00	\$35.00
<b>HIGH SCHOOL TEAM MANEUVERS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Beginner Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$100.00	N/A
Low Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$100.00	N/A
Intermediate Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$100.00	N/A
High Team Maneuvers	6.0	\$100.00	N/A

**All fees including late fees, must be paid by 11:59 p.m. on January 26, 2024 (PST). If a skater has unpaid fees after that date, the Local Organizing Committee may withdraw the skater from all entered events. No refund will be available if the Local Organizing Committee withdraws a skater due to unpaid fees. No payments will be accepted at the competition.**

**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 receives, 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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

### **COMPLIANCE:**

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>.

### **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 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.

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training.

Minor athletes who turn eighteen 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 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.

### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EntryEeze:**

All entries will be accepted on EntryEeze with credit card only. Accepted credit cards are Visa, MasterCard or Discover. Winter Skate registration is available through [EntryEeze](#).

An additional 3% processing fee will be added to the skater's total at check-out to cover credit card processing fees. **Credit card processing fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.**

Skaters must include their U.S. Figure Skating/LTS member number and home club. Entry eligibility will be confirmed with the skater's home club and coach through EntryEeze, **All competitors registering on EntryEeze must also complete the US Figure Skating online waivers available on Members Only (Waiver & Release, Medical Consent and Media Release).**

For team events, only one team member will complete registration for the team. **The registered team member will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, etc.**

**Late Entries** will be allowed at the discretion of the LOC and a one-time late fee of \$50 will be assessed at checkout. Skaters with late entries must email their music and PPC (if applicable) to the Registrar to be considered for registration.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, 01/12/2024 at 11:59 PM PST**

### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach or music editor and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria below:

- 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 that 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. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone or other MP3 player and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone or MP3 player does not have the standard round (3.5mm) headset audio port (“aux port”), an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or USB-C adapter, that will allow the connection of a 3.5 mm headset (“aux”) plug must be provided by the skater. If needed, the phone / MP3 player should be presented to the music desk:

1. Unlocked and set to never lock,
2. In airplane mode,
3. With the music queued to play,
4. With the volume turned to maximum,
5. And with sufficient charge to play the skater’s music.

The music desk will not be responsible for interruptions in the music caused by incoming calls or notifications or by insufficient battery level.

### **DEADLINE: 1/19/2024, 11:59 PM PST**

All competitors in events must submit their music in MP3 format through EntryEeze no later than **1/19/2024 by 11:59 PM PST. After this date, a late fee of \$50 will be assessed.** Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid by January 26, 2024, 11:59 PST. If a skater has unpaid fees after that date, the Local Organizing Committee may withdraw the skater from all entered events.

### **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:**

Competitors wishing to have their IJS free skate events critiqued must submit their PPC in EntryEeze no later than **11:59 pm PST on 1/19/2024.** Skaters who have not submitted their PPC by this date will be charged a \$50 late fee. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid by January 26, 2024, 11:59 PST. If a skater has unpaid fees

after that date, the Local Organizing Committee may withdraw the skater from all entered events.

**REFUND POLICY:**

Entry fees will be refunded if no competition exists; or the event is cancelled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. At the discretion of the LOC, if an entry is withdrawn before the close of entries, the entry fee may be returned. All requests for entry refunds must be received by the Competition Committee no later than 10 days after the 2024 Winter Skate competition is held. Credit card processing fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Peninsula Skating Club and Sharks Ice at San José 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.

**IV. COMPETITION DETAILS**

**FACILITIES:**

Sharks Ice at San José  
1500 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, San José, CA 95112  
[www.sharksiceatsanjose.com](http://www.sharksiceatsanjose.com)

Each rink is 200' x 85' with slightly curved ends. Outside food is not allowed. For more information, please go to the rink website.

**LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker rooms will not be available to competitors as dressing/changing rooms at this competition. Changing in the restrooms is prohibited. Athletes are advised to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up, etc.) to skate. An area to put on skates will be provided.

**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](#).

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:**

Skating orders will be posted 12 hours before the start of the competition on the Peninsula Skating Club website and results will be posted at the rink following the end of each event.



## **SCHEDULE**

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

## **PRACTICE ICE:**

There is no official practice ice for this competition. Please contact [Sharks Ice at San José](#) for public or freestyle session times at (408) 279-6000.

## **ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

Check-in will open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the competition. The registration table will be located at the arena's main entrance. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

## **AWARDS:**

Medals for competitive events will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places and will be presented as soon as possible after the conclusion of each event.

## **VOLUNTEER INFO:**

We need your help. Volunteers are an essential ingredient for running our competitions and supporting our skaters. Becoming a volunteer for Winter Skate is easy – you can sign up at the SignUpGenius site beginning January.

Most opportunities do not require previous experience, so do not worry if you don't know how to be an ice monitor or run music. Volunteer compliance is only necessary for medical personnel (see below). Once we receive your sign-up, you will be contacted by our Volunteer Coordinator before Winter Skate to confirm your role and scheduled time(s).

## **VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:**

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include key LOC members, locker room monitors and ALL medical event personnel. [Click here for volunteer compliance information.](#)

## **PHOTO/VIDEO:**

Spectators are reminded that **flash photography is dangerous to skaters and is strictly prohibited.** Personal video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your



**skater's performance and for personal use only.** Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena. **PERSONAL VIDEO FILMING IS ONLY PERMITTED FROM THE AUDIENCE STANDS. FILMING FROM THE COACHING AREA OR HOCKEY BOXES IS NOT ALLOWED.**

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Local Hotels:**

Holiday Inn San José-Silicon Valley 1350 North 1st Street San José, CA 95112 (408) 453-6200	Hilton San José 300 Almaden Blvd. San José, CA 95110 (408) 287-2100	Fairfield Inn San José Airport 1755 North First Street San José, CA 95112 (408) 453-3133
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**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Competition website: [www.peninsulaskatingclub.org](http://www.peninsulaskatingclub.org)

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Linda Price	pricepsc@yahoo.com
Chief Referee:	Richard Perez	rjperez@pacbell.net
Registrar:	Beth Bottos	registrar@peninsulaskatingclub.org