



ONYX
Figure Skating
CHALLENGE

2020 Onyx Figure Skating Challenge

August 14 - 15, 2020

Competition Announcement

Registration Opening: JULY 10, 2020 @ 12:01 AM EST

Registration Deadline: JULY 24, 2020 @ 12:00 PM EST

The logo for the Onyx Figure Skating Challenge. It features the word "ONYX" in a large, bold, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the words "Figure Skating" are written in a cursive script. At the bottom, the word "CHALLENGE" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font. A stylized diamond or ice crystal shape is positioned above the letter "Y" in "ONYX".

ONYX Figure Skating CHALLENGE

The Onyx Figure Skating Challenge (Onyx Challenge) will be held at the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena, 52999 Dequindre Road, Rochester, Michigan, 48307. The Ice Arena phone number is 248-601-6699. The event will take place on Friday August 14, and Saturday August 15, 2020.

The 2020 Onyx Challenge 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.

The Onyx Challenge 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.

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: Girls entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be 12 years of age or younger as of September 1, 2020; boys must be 13 years of age or younger. Girls entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be at least 13 years of age or older as of September 1, 2020; boys must be at least 14 years of age or older.

Skaters entering beginner through pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit will be able to pick up necessary forms at the Registration Desk. A fee of \$5.00 will be charged for test protocols. Note that due to incompatibility in program components, Excel Free Skate IJS protocols are not eligible for test credit.

ENTRIES: Skaters may enter one or more Onyx Challenge event(s) via the website www.entryeeze.com. Online entries and payment must be made by the "closing date" of Friday, July 24, 2020, 12 midnight ET, to avoid a late fee. Late entries will only be accepted if space allows in the competitor's event(s) by July 31, 2020 and if the entrant includes a \$25 late fee.

Any entry missing the skater's U.S. Figure Skating number will be charged a \$10 administrative fee. **Any change to skating level or event after the deadline, unless due to the sponsor's mistake, shall be charged a \$20 administrative fee, with no exceptions.** Space in some of the events may fill up quickly, so skaters are encouraged to enter as early as possible.

2019 ONYX CHALLENGE FEE SCHEDULE:

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First IJS Event	\$130.00
Each Additional IJS Event	\$65.00
First 6.0 Event	\$100.00
Each Additional 6.0 Event	\$45.00
First Pairs Event (per skater)	\$70.00
Each Additional Pairs Event (per skater)	\$40.00
Basic Program Event (Snowplow Sam – Basic 6) (Pre-FS - FS 6)	\$60.00
Basic Elements Event (Snowplow Sam – Basic 6) (Pre-FS – FS 6)	\$40.00
Any Additional Event not included above	\$40.00
Any Half-Ice Event, if only event entered*	\$60.00
(* if Half-Ice event is not only event entered, fee is calculated as if Half-Ice event is your last (2 nd , 3 rd , etc., if applicable) event.)	

Event fees include a *Digital Download* of each of the skater's event(s).

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry closing date of July 24, 2020 unless the competitor's event is canceled for lack of participation. 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 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

Notification of competition times will be emailed by www.entryeeze.com to each skater. Competition times will also be displayed on the Onyx Challenge competition web page at www.onyxskatingacademy.com. Practice ice times will be confirmed by email, and displayed on the Onyx Challenge competition web page at www.onyxskatingacademy.com.

MUSIC: Competitors must provide music for all events, as appropriate. Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted ELECTRONICALLY via the online registration system by the music deadline of July 24th, 2020 at 11:59 pm. Any music uploaded after the July 24th deadline will be assessed a \$20 late fee. 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". Your 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:

- 1) File Format: MP3 (the online system will automatically check this)
- 2) Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file)
- 3) Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file)
- 4) 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 as a backup in case of technical difficulties. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted. CD-RWs will NOT be accepted due to compatibility issues. CDs must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time. CDs must only have one piece of music per CD. Please keep additional copies of your music readily available for both practice ice and rink side during competition events. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the hosting club cannot be responsible for music left at the end of the competition.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy (OSA) and Onyx Rochester Ice 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.

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

- Well Balanced Program free skate events, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, and Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior
- Singles Short program events, Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior
- Pairs Well-Balanced free skate events, Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile/Open Juvenile – Senior
- Pairs short program events, Novice – Senior
- Excel Track events: Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate Plus and Intermediate – Senior
- ALL Solo Dance events & Partnered Dance events

All competitors skating in these events need to submit a Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS) online via Entryeze.com. This may be done at the time of registration or later, but the deadline to submit the form is July 31st, 2020.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- Well Balanced Program free skate events, No Test and Pre-Preliminary
- Excel Track events: Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary and Pre-Juvenile
- All Compete USA events
- All specialty singles events (Spins, Jumps, Compulsory Moves, etc.)

CRITIQUES: Judges' critiques will be offered for IJS Free Skate events, Juvenile – Senior. (Subject to availability)

REGISTRATION: The official registration desk will be located in the main lobby of the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena. For each day of the competition, the registration desk will open one hour before the start of the first event and remain open through the end of the last event of the day. Competitors must check-in at the official registration desk at least one hour prior to their event.

LOCKER ROOMS 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 11 years old and younger 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 SafeSport

PRACTICE ICE: Pre-paid Practice Ice session slots at the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena will be available for purchase at a discounted rate of \$15 per 20 minutes, on a first-come, first-served basis. Friday, August 14, and Saturday, August 15, 2020, practice ice sessions will be documented and sold **online via** the **www.entryeze.com** website. Practice Ice purchases must be received by the closing date to receive the discounted rate. Skaters may also purchase practice ice time at the event registration desk, at the rate of \$18 per 20 minutes, if any practice ice time slots are still available. Please note that music shall not be played during practice ice sessions. There is NO Refund for practice ice sessions, even if not used.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Spectators are allowed to take photographs and/or video during the competition, and during awards ceremonies, from customary spectator vantage points, as long as they are not obstructing other spectators. For skater safety, however, flash photography and artificial lighting are NOT permitted. A professional photographer, KrPhotogs Photography LLC (kevin@krphotogs.com) has been contracted to capture high-quality action and award ceremony photographs, which will be available for purchase during and after the Challenge. A professional videographer, Hagerman Video at hagermanvideo@gmail.com or <http://hagermanvideo.com> has been contracted to capture video of each event, which is **included** in the **Digital Download** skaters receive for each entered event.

AWARDS: All *Basic Program and Basic Elements* skaters will be awarded an Onyx Challenge medal. For *all other events*, Onyx Challenge medals will be awarded for 1st (gold), 2nd (silver) 3rd (bronze) and 4th (pewter) place finishers in each event. An informal award ceremony, including a brief group and individual photograph session, shall take place immediately following the posting of each event's results.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the main lobby of the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. A tentative schedule of events will be posted on the website www.onyxskatingacademy.com prior to the competition.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES: U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance
In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

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 Local Organizing Committee (LOC) will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. To receive a credential, coaches must check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. 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 – no exceptions. We strongly urge *all* coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events, including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at the 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 refer to:
<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

CONTACT INFO: If you have any questions, please contact the Onyx Challenge Competition Chair, Jen Daskas, at jendaskas@aol.com.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

LODGING: The OSA event sponsor has reserved a “block” of rooms at the Hampton Inn, specifically for this event, and offered at Hampton’s special event rate. Please mention the “Onyx Challenge” when making a reservation, to receive the negotiated event rate.

- **Hampton Inn**, 51620 Shelby Parkway, Shelby Township, Michigan, phone: (586) 731-4267

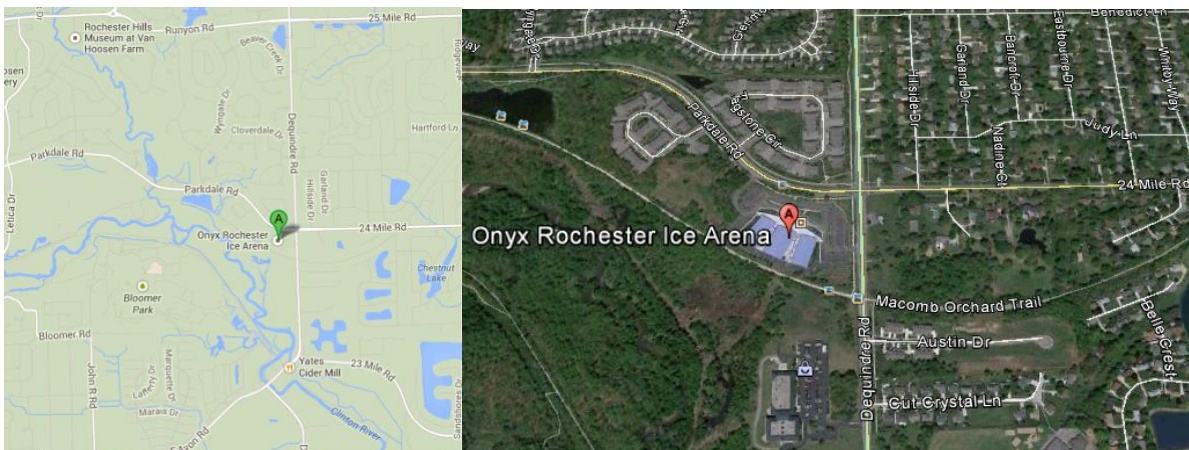
Additional hotels located less than 5 miles from the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena, include:

- **The Royal Park Hotel** (Downtown Rochester), 600 E. University Drive, Rochester, Mich., 48307 phone: (248) 652-2600
- **Holiday Inn Express**, 45555 Utica Park Blvd., Utica, Mich., 48315, phone: 877-410-6681
- **Courtyard by Marriott**, 45600 Utica Park Blvd., Utica, Mich., 48315, phone: (586) 997-9880

The above is an abbreviated list of area hotels and is not intended to be a recommendation.

EVENT FACILITY: The Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena is located at 52999 Dequindre Road, Rochester, Michigan 48307. The ice arena is on the southwest corner of the intersection of 24 Mile Road and Dequindre Road, in Rochester, Michigan, a northern suburb of Detroit. The Ice Arena phone number is 248-601-6699.

The Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena houses three ice surfaces (each surface is 200' x 85'), along with competitor dressing rooms, ample free on-site parking, and a permanent food/beverage concession stand. The concession stand serves fast food items, including hot dogs, French fries, chips, popcorn, soda, and “slush” beverages. Within a 1- to 2-mile radius of the arena, there are an outdoor walking/biking trail, the Yates Cider Mill, a Kroger grocery store, a CVS Drugstore, and several fast food restaurants such as Subway, Big Apple Bagel, and Little Caesar’s Pizza. The arena is near downtown Rochester, Michigan, noted for its quaint downtown with many restaurants and shops.



Competitors are strongly encouraged to consult <http://mdotnetpublic.state.mi.us/drive> and local news radio stations (e.g., WJR 760 AM and WWJ 950 AM) to identify any road construction and/or traffic issues that may affect your travel to the Onyx-Rochester site on competition days.

For online event information, please visit the official Onyx Challenge competition web page via www.onyxskatingacademy.com. Please direct any questions to Onyx Challenge Competition Chair, Jen Daskas, at jendaskas@aol.com.

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COMPETITION EVENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

See current rulebook or click [here](#) for current rules and requirements.

FREE SKATE & SHORT PROGRAM SINGLES

COMPETE USA (Snowplow Sam – Free skate 6) Program with Music
Pre-Free Skate 1-6 Program with Music

[https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/Snowplow_Sam_-_Free_Skate_6_Program_\(with_music\).pdf](https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/Snowplow_Sam_-_Free_Skate_6_Program_(with_music).pdf)

2020 Excel Free Skate Requirements

https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/2020_Excel_FS_Requirements.pdf

2020-2021 Singles Short Program Elements for Juvenile through Senior

[https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/Singles_Short_Program_\(Juvenile-Senior\).pdf](https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/Singles_Short_Program_(Juvenile-Senior).pdf)

2020-2021 Singles Free Skate Elements for No Test through Senior

[Well Balanced Free Skate](#)

PAIRS

[Short Program](#) (Novice-Senior)

[Free Skate](#) (Pre. Juv.-Senior)

DANCE

[Free Dance](#) Couples-(Pre-Juv.-Senior)

[Rhythm Dance](#) Couples-(Junior-Senior)

JUMPS CHALLENGE

[Jumps Challenge](#) (Beginner–Senior)

COMPULSORY MOVES

[Elements & Compulsory Moves](#) (Snowplow Sam–FS 6) -Snowplow Sam through Basic 6 is Referee driven

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

[Excel Compulsory Moves](#) (Excel Beg. –Excel Prelim.)

SPINS CHALLENGE

[Spins Challenge](#) (Beginner–Senior)

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SOLO DANCE

NOT part of the National Solo Dance Series, but will be conducted using the National Solo Dance rules –
NO points will be earned toward the National Solo Dance Final

EVENTS

SOLO PATTERN DANCE EVENTS

<u>Preliminary</u>	Rhythm Blues -plus either the US Dutch Waltz or Tango Canasta (draw result will be posted at the arena 24 hours before the event)
<u>Pre-Bronze</u>	Swing Dance -plus either the Cha-Cha or Tango Fiesta (draw result will be posted at the arena 24 hours before the event)
<u>Bronze</u>	US Willow Waltz -plus either the Ten Fox or Hickory Hoedown (draw result will be posted at the arena 24 hours before the event)
<u>Pre-Silver</u>	Foxtrot -plus either the Fourteen Step or European Waltz (draw result will be posted at the arena 24 hours before the event)
<u>Silver</u>	Rocker Foxtrot -plus either the American Waltz or Tango (draw result will be posted at the arena 24 hours before the event)
<u>Pre-Gold</u>	Killian & Starlight Waltz
<u>Gold</u>	Viennese Waltz & Westminster Waltz
<u>International</u>	Rhumba & Golden Waltz

COMBINED DANCE EVENTS

<u>Juvenile</u>	Ten Fox plus a solo free dance
<u>Intermediate</u>	European Waltz plus a solo free dance
<u>Novice</u>	Tango plus a solo free dance
<u>Junior</u>	Rhythm Dance (Tea Time Foxtrot Pattern Dance Elements) plus a solo free dance
<u>Senior</u>	Rhythm Dance (Finnstep Pattern Dance Elements) plus a solo free dance

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Online Event Entry and Payment made at www.entryeeze.com by: July 31, 2020
12 midnight ET (if entering via pay-by-mail, postmarked by July 27, 2020)

Online Practice Ice Purchase made at www.entryeeze.com by: July 31, 2020
12 midnight ET (if reserving via pay-by-mail, postmarked by July 27, 2020)

(any unsold practice ice slots will be made available for purchase at the competition)

IJS competitors Must Submit Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS) made at www.entryeeze.com
by: July 31, 2020, 12 midnight ET

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The 2020 Onyx Figure Skating Challenge is sanctioned by:



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