

The logo features the word "ONYX" in a large, grey, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, "Figure Skating" is written in a black, elegant cursive script. At the bottom, the word "CHALLENGE" is displayed in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A large, grey diamond shape is positioned behind the "Y" in "ONYX".

ONYX Figure Skating CHALLENGE

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Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy #4539
Suburban Ice - Rochester
52999 Dequindre Rd. Rochester, MI 48307
<https://onyxskatingacademy.com>

The 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 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.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

- **All attendees are always required to properly wear face coverings** over their nose and mouth and secured under their chin while in a facility (exception: IF approved by facility, skaters may remove when on the ice). This is not only for your protection, but for the protection of others and is applied to all attendees.
- **Social distancing must be maintained at all times.** The CDC recommends a distance of 6 feet and separate pathways will be established within the venue (minimizing crossover and contamination).
- **Chaperones/Spectators:** All athletes 17 and under will be permitted ONE chaperone. Athletes will be allowed two spectators, including their chaperone if under 17 (Subject to state guidelines in place at the time of the event).
- **U.S. Figure Skating Waivers are a requirement for ALL athletes.** The online waivers must be completed via [Members Only](#) prior to the competition, instruction [here](#).

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, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment 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. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through adult bronze free skate events (based on the Adult Competition Series rules), and all levels of compulsory moves, solo dance, solo free dance, jumps, spins and dramatic/light entertainment events. Men and ladies will not be combined in adult silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION:

EMS REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.
Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Registration Deadline: 08/06/2021 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 08/13/2021 at 11:59 PM ET + \$10 Late Fee

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, 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.
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.

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 SafeSport training. *

Minor Athletes who turn 18 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 SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email safesport@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. The online processing fees are non-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.

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 Suburban Ice - Rochester, 52999 Dequindre Rd. Rochester, MI 48307, (248) 601-6699, <https://www.onyxicearena.com> There are three (3) surfaces measuring 200 ft. x 85 ft.,



12 locker rooms (4 per surface), plenty of seating, huge lobby & convenient snack bar. The arena is located close to shops, restaurants and is 1 mile from downtown Rochester.

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: 08/13/2021 at 11:59 PM ET

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than 08/13/2021 at 11:59 PM ET. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$10 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.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email 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 (if you are accepting digital back up such as on a phone or memory stick) 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:

DEADLINE: 08/13/2021 at 11:59 PM

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than 08/13/2021 at 11:59 PM. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$15 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.

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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

ONSITE CHECK-IN: Check-in will open on Friday August 20, 2021 - one hour prior to first event and/or practice ice. Registration will be located at entrance to the facility.



LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker room facilities and changing areas **will not be available for use at this event**. Skaters are instructed to arrive competition dressed and make-up ready. Skaters will be permitted to put their skates on in a designated area inside the facility. Skaters will be notified if there are any updates to this policy.

PRACTICE ICE: Pre-paid Practice Ice session slots at Suburban Ice Rochester will be available for purchase at a discounted rate of \$15 per 20 minutes, on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline for the pre-purchase rate of \$15 is 08/06/2021. Skaters will have 72 hours to reserve pre-paid practice ice following the release of the schedule. Afterwards, skaters may purchase additional practice ice online or at the event registration desk at the rate of \$20 per 20 minutes, if any practice ice 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.

PHOTO/VIDEO: Spectators are allowed to take photos and/or video during the competition, and during awards ceremonies, from customary spectator vantage point, as long as they are not obstructing other spectators. For skater safety, however, flash photography and artificial lighting are NOT permitted. A professional photographer has been contracted to capture high quality action and award ceremony photographs which will be available for purchase during and after the event. A professional videographer has been contracted to capture video of each event.

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

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. Results will be posted online. Award presentations will be suspended at this event. Awards can be picked-up following the online posting of each event's results.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the main lobby of Suburban Ice - Rochester. 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 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted online prior to the competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non-qualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

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 SafeSport 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 SafeSport 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 → 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.

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

SECTION 2: Events Offered and Entry Fees:

SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.

| U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS | | | | |
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| SINGLES | IJS/6.0 | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd + EVENT |
| Excel Free Skate | IJS/6.0 | \$130 IJS \$100 6.0 | \$65 IJS \$45 6.0 | \$65 IJS \$45 6.0 |
| Well Balanced Short Program (21/22) | IJS/6.0 | \$130 IJS \$100 6.0 | \$65 IJS \$45 6.0 | \$65 IJS \$45 6.0 |
| Well Balanced Free Skate (21/22) | IJS/6.0 | \$130 IJS \$100 6.0 | \$65 IJS \$45 6.0 | \$65 IJS \$45 6.0 |
| PAIRS | JUDGING | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd + EVENT |
| Short Program (21/22) | IJS | \$70/skater | \$40/skater | NA |
| Free Skate (21/22) | IJS | \$70/skater | \$40/skater | NA |
| PARTNERED ICE DANCE | JUDGING | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd + EVENT |
| Pattern Dance (21/22) | IJS | \$70/skater | \$40/skater | \$40 |
| Rhythm Dance (21/22) | IJS | \$70/skater | \$40/skater | \$40 |
| Free Dance (21/22) | IJS | \$70/skater | \$40/skater | \$40 |
| SPECIALTY | JUDGING | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd + EVENT |
| Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior) | 6.0 | \$60 | \$45 | \$45 |
| Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.) | 6.0 | \$60 | \$45 | \$45 |
| Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior) | 6.0 | \$60 | \$45 | \$45 |
| Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior) | 6.0 | \$60 | \$45 | \$45 |
| SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION** | JUDGING | 1st EVENT | 2nd EVENT | 3rd + EVENT |
| Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult) | 6.0 | \$100 | \$65 | \$45 |
| Interpretive | 6.0 | \$100 | \$65 | \$45 |

COMPETE USA EVENTS

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| Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music | 6.0 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music | 6.0 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus) | 6.0 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 |
| No Test – Preliminary Free Skate (*offer if LTS only) | 6.0 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements | 6.0 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves | 6.0 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Excel Compulsory Moves | 6.0 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Compete USA – Spin Challenge | 6.0 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 |
| Compete USA – Jump Challenge | 6.0 | \$60 | \$40 | \$40 |