



The logo features the word "ONYX" in a large, bold, 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 in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A diamond-shaped graphic is positioned above the letter "Y" in "ONYX".

ONYX CHALLENGE 2022
Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy #4539
Suburban Ice - Rochester
52999 Dequindre Rd. Rochester, MI 48307
<https://onyxskatingacademy.com>

The Onyx Figure Skating 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.

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS)

This competition is approved for the 2022-23 National Qualifying Series (NQS) in DANCE -, Juvenile – Senior.

For the 2022-2023 season, the Competitions Committee has proposed a National Qualifying Season combining the stand-alone October qualifying competitions, Regional (singles) and Sectional (pairs and ice dance) Challenges, into approved series competitions from mid-July to late September allowing athletes to advance to the Sectional Singles, U.S. Pairs and U.S. Ice Dance Finals in November 2022 and culminating with the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships and National Development Camp in January 2023 (San Jose, California).

Beginning July 1, athletes/team wishing to participate in the qualifying season may register via the [EMS Series Application](#). The Series Application is the key requirement for qualifying registration AND replaces regional/sectional registration from July 15 – September 1. All interested athletes (including potential and known byes) MUST complete this step.

Without a completed/paid series application prior to the start of this competition, the scores will NOT count towards [National Qualifying Series Standings](#) – no exceptions.

For additional information, review the NQS Athlete Handbook [here](#).

Questions can be directed to events@usfigureskating.org.

FOREIGN SKATERS:

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Create Account (Non-Member)” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

Note: foreign athletes may register and compete in NQS events but are not eligible to participate in the series (and receive a standing/score).

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.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION:

Registration Deadline: 07/8/2022 at 11:59 ET

Late Registration Deadline: 08/05/2022 at 11:59 ET + \$15 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 "**Onyx Challenge**" 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 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. 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: 08/12/2022 at 11:59 PM ET

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than 08/13/2022 at 11:59 PM ET. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature 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 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 have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cellphone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode, and volume turned to maximum.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – IF IJS:

DEADLINE: 08/12/2022 at 11:59 PM

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than 08/12/2022 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.

Sanction # 30693

Approved for the 2023 National Qualifying Series (NQS) in DANCE

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition – 04/26/2022



ONSITE CHECK-IN: Check-in will open on Friday August 19, 2022 - one hour prior to first event and/or practice ice. Registration will be located at entrance to the facility.

EMS ADMIN: [Onsite FAQ](#), [Onsite Check-In](#) and [Onsite Practice Ice Sales](#)

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 SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

The SkateSafe locker room policy for posting can be found [here](#).
For adult competitions, click [here](#).

PRACTICE ICE: Pre-paid Practice Ice credits 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 08/05/2022. 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 anyone 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.

COMPETITION TEST CREDIT:

Skaters are required to submit the necessary forms to the test chair of their club and follow the procedures put forth by the club for submission and payment. The test chair will enter the test in the skater's official record through the Members Only site. Individual members can submit their results through the Members Only site by going to the main menu, selecting "Account" and then selecting "Submit IJS Test Credit"

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.

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 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/REQUIREMENT

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES			
		1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT
Juvenile – Novice Ice Dance Combined (PD & FD*)	IJS	\$250	
Junior & Senior Ice Dance Combined (RD* & FD*)	IJS	\$250	