

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. Underneath that, the word "CHALLENGE" is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the logo, the dates "August 16 & 17, 2024" are printed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

ONYX
Figure Skating
CHALLENGE
August 16 & 17, 2024

ONYX CHALLENGE
Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy #4539
Suburban Ice - Rochester
52999 Dequindre Rd. Rochester, MI 48307
<https://onyxskatingacademy.com>
<https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/35510>

The 2024 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](#), and/or current Compete USA handbook 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.

ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - o Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.

- If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the “floor” set by their excel series entry.
- If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):

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

EVENTS OFFERED:

- U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements: usfigureskating.org --> [Skate](#) --> [Compete --> Program Requirements](#)
- Compete USA Program Requirements: learntoskateusa.com/competeuasa

Event Requirements will be set for the **2024-2025** Competitive Season wherever possible.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary-Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$90
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$90
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary-Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$90
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$180	\$90
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$180	\$90
PAIRS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Short Program	IJS	\$200	\$90
Free Skate	IJS	\$200	\$90

PARTNERED ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Pattern Dance	IJS	\$200	\$90
Open Pattern Dance	IJS	\$200	\$90
Rhythm Dance	IJS	\$200	\$90
Free Dance	IJS	\$200	\$90
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Aspire–Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Pre-Preliminary–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Jumps Challenge (Pre-Juvenile–Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60
Spins Challenge (Pre-Juvenile–Senior)	6.0	\$100	\$60
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$140	\$70
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$140	\$70
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$140	\$70
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$140	\$70
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$140	\$70
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$140	\$70
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100	\$60
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$120	\$60
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$120	\$60
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100	\$60
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements (referee driven)	6.0	\$75	\$45
Compete USA – Spin Challenge (Aspire Low-Preliminary)	6.0	\$75	\$45
Compete USA – Jump Challenge (Aspire Low-Preliminary)	6.0	\$75	\$45

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 or email 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.

MANDATORY ATHLETES

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 18 midseason 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 for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: 07/24/2024 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 07/31/2024 at 6:00 PM ET + \$15 Late Fee

***The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met**

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.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 “**2024 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.**

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 “Non-Member? Create Account” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

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"

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **08/02/2024 at 6:00 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

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone 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.

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

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **08/02/2024 at 6:00 PM ET**. 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

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.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, 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.

COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

Suburban Ice Rochester
52999 Dequindre Road, Rochester Michigan 48307
248-601-6699
Suburbanicerochester.com

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 under 11 years old 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 in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

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.

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.

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 08/01/2024.** 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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Friday August 16, 2024 - one hour prior to first event and/or practice ice. Registration will be located at entrance to the facility.

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 follow the posting of results.

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 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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

Onyx Challenge Competition Link

<https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/35510>

Competition Chair:	Jen Daskas	jendaskas@aol.com	248-917-9544
Chief Referee:	Barry Doren		

