



2026 FRONT RANGE INVITATIONAL

MAY 29TH – 31ST, 2026

Hosted by Mountain View Skating Club

Greeley Ice Haus, Greeley Colorado

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2026 Front Range Invitational 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, (if offering Compete USA events) 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.

SERIES INFORMATION:

2026 Front Range Invitational is proud to be selected as a series host for the following series:

- CompeteUSA Colorado : This competition has been approved as a 2026 Colorado Skate Compete USA host. Skaters have a chance to compete at two or more of the nine competitions to earn points towards a final standing using results from their best four competitions. New this year: only points earned from the Program w/Music event will be counted towards Series total.

II. 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.
 - o 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.
 - o 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 the 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.

Synchronized Skating:

- For synchronized skating teams, this competition does not require that skating skills test requirements for the team's level be met, except for the maximum allowed at the Compete USA levels (Snowplow Sam Synchro and Aspire levels).

EVENTS OFFERED:

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeusa
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at Competition@MountainViewSkatingClub.org
 - o [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus – Senior)	IJS	\$175	\$50
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary)	6.0	\$105	\$50
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$175	\$50
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$175	\$50
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$175	\$50
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 - 8)	IJS	\$80	\$50
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	IJS	\$80	\$50
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	IJS	\$80	\$50
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$50
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$50
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$50
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$50
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$50
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$130	\$50
Theme Event	CJS	\$130	\$50
Inflatables	CJS	\$130	\$50
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$175/team	\$175/team
Production Ensemble	CJS	\$175/team	\$175/team
Adaptive Individual Showcase	6.0	\$130	\$50
Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	6.0	\$130	\$50
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$105	\$50
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$105	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$105	\$50
Adult Free Skate (Beg & High Beginner)	6.0	\$105	\$50
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$105	\$50
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$105	\$50
Compete USA – Solo Dance	6.0	\$105	\$50
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	6.0	\$105	\$50
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	6.0	\$105	\$50
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING	JUDGING	Team Fee	Skater Fee
Aspire 1	6.0	\$125	\$5
Aspire 2	6.0	\$125	\$5
Aspire 3	6.0	\$125	\$5
Aspire 4	6.0	\$125	\$5

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.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline at Competition@MountainViewSkatingClub.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.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via ["My Coaches"](#) or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will

be included in the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

EMS Coach Resources (SYS or TOI only):

- [Team Management Guide](#)

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® 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.

All team personnel and skaters who will need to receive a credential must be listed in the Team Portal for the competition (Team Personnel for coaches and team managers; Competition Roster for skaters and alternates). In order to be added in EMS, the individual must first be added in the team's profile through Member's Only.

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 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 for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Singles and Partnered events only):

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: **04/19/2025 at 11:59 MDT**

Late Registration Deadline: **04/26/2025 at 11:59 MDT + \$50 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 “2026 Front Range Invitational” 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.

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Synchro teams):

All teams are required to register online via the U.S. Figure Skating Event Management System (EMS). Anyone listed as a team manager or coach for a team in their Members Only Team Profile will be able to access the registration system. Registration for the competition is not considered final until online payment has been received. Online payment via credit card is the only form of accepted payment for registration in EMS.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>.
2. Use your personal member number and password to login.
3. Click the **BLUE** “EMS Event Management System” button.
4. Choose “Competition Registration – Teams” from the menu.
5. Select the team you would like to register for competition.
6. Click the REGISTER NOW button next to your competition’s name.

NOTE: Only the competitions for which your team(s) are eligible will appear.
7. Walk through the on-screen registration process which will include:
 - a. Team Verification: Confirm the team’s information is accurate.
 - b. Registration Overview: Review general information about the competition.
 - c. Event Selection: Confirm the event you are registering the team for is accurate.
 - d. Competition Roster Selection: Click the “**Add Skaters**” link. The screen will display all skaters listed in your Main Roster. Check the box next to each skater’s name to add them to the competition roster.
 - e. Coach Information: Click the “**Add Coaches**” link. The screen will display all coaches listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each coach’s name to add them. Only the coaches who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add coaches who are listed in your Team Profile.
 - f. Team Service Personnel Information: Click the “**Add Team Service Personnel**” to add attending team service personnel. The screen will display team managers and team service personnel listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each name to add them. Only the team service personnel who will be attending this competition should be

listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add team service personnel who are listed in your Team Profile.

8. Payment via credit card will be required to complete your registration as it is the only accepted form of payment for registration in EMS. Registrations are not considered complete until an invoice confirmation via email has been received. A 3% processing fee will be assessed at check-out.

NOTE: Payment must be submitted individually for each team's registration. If you are planning on registering multiple teams in a short period of time, it is recommended that you contact your credit card company to prevent anti-fraud systems from being activated.

FOREIGN SYNCHRO AND THEATRE ON ICE TEAMS:

Additional steps are required to complete your registration. For a full guide to registering foreign teams, [CLICK HERE](#). Email memberservices@usfigureskating.org if you require assistance.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request test credit at registration. Printed forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. Submission of test credit form to USFSA is the responsibility of the skater upon return home in conjunction with their home club test chair. Cost for test credit form preparation is \$25.

[IJS Protocol for 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 **05/15/2025 at 11:59 MDT**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 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.

DEADLINE: 05/15/2026 w/\$25 late fee after this deadline

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 rinkside 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 **05/15/2026 11:59pm MDT**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 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.

DEADLINE: 05/15/2026 by 11:59 MDT w/\$25 late fee after this deadline

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Mountain View Skating Club and Greeley Ice Haus 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:

Greeley Ice Haus
900 8th Ave
Greeley CO 80631
[Greeley Ice Haus website](#)

The Greeley Ice Haus is an NHL-size ice arena with seating for nearly 1000 spectators. They sell concessions all day, with hot food available. The MVSC Jr Board will also be selling small concessions during the event.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (SINGLES LOCKER ROOMS):

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (TEAM LOCKER ROOMS):

The designated team coach, team manager, team service personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. The team coach, team manager, and team service personnel should remove themselves from the Locker Room/Changing Area while any Minor Athlete(s) are actively changing or undressing. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room/Changing Area monitor. If there are concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing Area is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

U.S. 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:

The official website for the 2025 Front Range Invitational is <https://mountainviewskatingclub.org/front-range-invitational>. Updates/announcements will be posted on the website as well as emails sent to addresses used during registration. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the competition website AND their emails frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

Results will be posted online.

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:

Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI) will begin on May 8, 2026. UPI sessions will be offered for all Free Skate, Short Program, and Artistic Events. Skater music will not be played at UPI. There is a maximum of 1 UPI session per skater, per eligible event. UPI sessions will be 20 minutes in length. UPI once purchased is nonrefundable and nontransferable. Warm up PI will not be available. Props will not be allowed on any practice ice sessions. Additional UPI sessions may be available to purchase AT THE EVENT. Once the event starts, we will remove the 1 UPI session per skater, per eligible event restriction.

Pre-Purchase: Practice ice credits may be purchased after participants complete their event registration, via the EMS Competition Portal. Skaters who purchase credits during the pre-purchase period will be able to select sessions during the selection period, after the schedule has been completed and posted.

- [Click Here for a Pre-Purchase How-To Document](#)
- Maximum credits per registered event: 1
- Cost per credit: \$25

Pre-Purchase Selection: After the close of entries and shortly after the competition schedule is published, skaters will receive an email with notice of the practice ice schedule and the date/time when pre-purchased credits can be scheduled via EMS.

- [Click Here for a Selection How-To Document](#)
- Open: 5/8/2026 @ 12:00am MDT
- Close: 5/18/2026 @ 11:59pm MDT

Open Sales: Practice Ice sessions will be available after the schedule has been published. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them.

- [Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document](#)
- Open: 05/26/2026 @ 12:00am MDT
- Close: 05/31/2026 @ 12:00pm MDT
- Cost per session: \$35

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on 05/29/2026 @ 6am MDT

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 at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented immediately following the posting of the results online. Awards will be given to 1st through 4th place except for Compete USA events, in which an award will be given to all participants.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Merchandise Orders: [2026 FRI | Squadlocker](#)
- Website: <https://mountainviewskatingclub.org/front-range-invitational>
- Vendor & Sponsorship opportunities: If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact us at competition@mountainviewskatingclub.org

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: <https://mountainviewskatingclub.org/front-range-invitational>

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Sarah Mitchell	Competition@MountainViewSkatingClub.org	970-978-3192
Chief Referee:	Mary Anne McGivern	mamcgivern@me.com	918-640-8661



2026 Skate Colorado Compete USA Series

Competition Listing

<p>Aspen Invitational (Lewis Arena) Date: Dec 5-6, 2025 www.aspenfigureskatingclub.com 0861 Maroon Creek Rd Aspen, CO Competition Chair: Janette Buchanan janettebuchanan@yahoo.com (650) 465-1720 Competition Application Deadline: Oct 31, 2025</p>	<p>Denver Invitational (South Suburban Sports Complex) Date: March 11-15, 2026 www.dcfsc.org 4810 E. County Line Road Littleton, CO 80126 Competition Chair: Lisa May li@dcfsc.org (720) 272-0290 Competition Application Deadline: Feb 1, 2026</p>
<p>Ft. Collins Classic (EPIC) Date: TBD www.fortcollinsfsc.org 1801 Riverside Fort Collins, CO 80525 Competition Chair: Amy Aspelund aspelua@gmail.com 970-556-4850 (text only) Competition Application Deadline: TBD</p>	<p>Spring Funtastics (APEX) Date: April 17-19, 2026 www.alpinesc.org 13150 W 72nd Ave Arvada, CO 80005 Competition Chair: Mary Lynn Conway marylynn.conway@gmail.com 720-300-0744 Competition Application Deadline: TBD</p>
<p>Centennial Spring Classic (Robson Arena) Date: May 3, 2026 www.centennialsksatingclub.org 849 Tejon St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Competition Chair: Lisa Landon lisa_landon@comcast.net (719) 659-0912 Competition Application Deadline: April 30, 2026</p>	<p>Front Range Invitational (Greeley Ice Haus) Date: May 29-31, 2026 www.mountainviewskatingclub.org 900 8th Avenue Greeley, CO 80631 Competition Chair: Sarah Mitchell competition@mountainviewskatingclub.org (970) 978-3192 Competition Application Deadline: April 19, 2026</p>
<p>Broadmoor Open (World Arena) Date: June 25-28, 2025 www.broadmoorskatingclub.com 3185 Venetucci Blvd Colorado Springs, CO 80906 Competition Chair: Janna Blanter jblanter@yahoo.com (719) 492-7566 Competition Application Deadline: TBD</p>	<p>Vail Invitational (TBD) Date: TBD www.skateclubvail.com Steamboat Springs, CO Competition Chair: Kelly Deimund scvclubinfo@gmail.com (970) 376-3945 Competition Application Deadline: TBD</p>
<p>Not being held this year Cup of Colorado (South Suburban Sports Complex) Date: www.dcfsc.org 4810 E. County Line Road Littleton, CO 80126 Competition Chair: Competition Application Deadline: TBD</p>	<p>Colorado Springs Invitational/RMSG (Robson Arena) Date: September 19-20, 2026 www.centennialsksatingclub.org 849 Tejon St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903 Competition Chair: Lisa Landon lisaskatejudge@gmail.com (719) 659-0912 Competition Application Deadline: August 14, 2026</p> <p>*** All 2026 Skate Colorado Compete USA Competition Series awards will be presented at this competition ***</p>



2026 Skate Colorado Compete USA Series

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide an opportunity for Colorado skaters to develop their skating skills in a fun, competitive environment.

AWARDS: During the competition season, skaters and teams/clubs will have the chance to compete at several different competitions and earn points for a final standing within the state.

Additionally, 8 skaters in each level will be invited to compete in a FINAL event for a “Championship” title. An invitation to compete in the FINAL event for a “Championship title” can be earned in one of two ways:

5. After the Cup of Colorado (Vail Invitational for 2026) is complete, the top 4 skaters in each level will receive an invitation to compete in the FINAL event for a “Championship title”.
6. At the Colorado Springs Invitational, the top 4 skaters (based on event point totals) will receive an invitation to compete in the FINAL event for a “Championship” title. **NOTE:** If a skater invited via METHOD 1 is also in the top 4 in the event at CSI, the next highest score(s) will be invited to fill up to 8 skaters in the final.

The “second event fee” at CSI will be charged for the FINAL event to all those who accept the invitation to compete in the FINAL event.

Awards will be presented for both final standings in the state as well as for the “FINAL” event in each level.

*Skate Colorado Compete USA Series Team Banner (3x4) – 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place banners will be awarded to the club/skating school with the most points scored throughout the entire series (all 10 competitions) by skaters representing that club/skating school (points for clubs and skating schools located at the same rink will be added together to enhance and create more of a “team” concept). Points will be awarded based upon the same system as the individual points. **Only the top 10 team members’ OVERALL scores FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON (including move up points) will count toward the team points for the determination of the team trophy.** Tie breakers will be as follows: 1) the total number of skaters on the team (the one with the smaller number of skaters wins); 2) the total number of levels that all skaters on the team have moved up; 3) the total number of skaters that all skaters on the team have competed against.*

Free Skate Program Series Point System

A skater must enter a Free Skate/Program in each of at least **THREE (3)** of the registered Skate Colorado Compete USA Competitions to be eligible for accumulating points. **Only the best 4 placements of the season will be totaled for the final score in the series.** Each Snowplow Sam – Aspire 4 event will have a maximum of six skaters in a group. **Excel Pre-Preliminary and Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary will have a maximum of 10 skaters in a group.**

The system for scoring points for the Snowplow Sam – Aspire 4 levels will be as follows:

1 st place	6 points
2 nd place	5 points
3 rd place	4 points
4 th place	3 points

5 th place	2 points
6 th place	1 point

The system for scoring points for the Excel Pre-Preliminary and Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary levels will be as follows:

1 st place	10 points
2 nd place	9 points
3 rd place	8 points
4 th place	7 points
5 th place	6 points
6 th place	5 points
7 th place	4 points
8 th place	3 points
9 th place	2 points
10 th place	1 point

** A skater will earn three points toward their overall standing each time the skater competes in a level that is higher than the level competed at the previous competition throughout the duration of the series. In order to keep the extra three points, the skater must compete in that level or higher in all subsequent competitions in that event. Move up points will be awarded for events at all competitions in the series (even though the event point scores may not be one of the final four best placements). **Moving from Excel Pre-Preliminary to Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary will be considered a move up.***

In the event that there is only one skater in an event, the skater will have the choice to skate alone OR move up a level to compete against other skaters (this does not apply to Excel Pre-Preliminary or Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary). In this case, those skaters will be allowed to move back to their original level to compete at the next competition and shall not be awarded the 3 point move up credit.

If an event has 2-6 skaters or 2-10 skaters, the points will be awarded as if there were six or ten skaters in the group. If there is only one skater in the group for Snowplow Sam – Aspire 4, that skater will be awarded three points. If there is only one skater in the group for Excel Pre-Preliminary or Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary, that skater will be awarded 5 points.

In case of a tie for final placement in the state, the total number of skaters that the competitor has skated against throughout the series (all competitions and not just the competitions with the 4 best scores) will be the 1st tie breaker. The number of levels increased throughout the season will be the 2nd tie breaker. The total number of competitions that the skater competed in will be the 3rd tie breaker. The final tie breaker will be based upon the current team placement – the skater whose team has a higher point total will break the tie.

All points follow the skater throughout the series, so if a skater moves up to higher levels, the points follow the skater. Once a skater moves up a level, they may not compete at a lower level unless they moved up as a result of having no other skaters in their group. **A skater may move up past Excel Pre-Preliminary or Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary Singles during the season and still maintain their eligibility for state placement trophies if their total points are high enough to be in the top three for that level. They will NOT be able to skate in the Final should they compete higher than Excel Preliminary or Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary Singles at any competition (whether the competition is part of the series or not). Skaters will not be awarded points for any competition in which they skate higher than Excel Pre-Preliminary or Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary.**

Trophies will be awarded 1-3 in each level from Snowplow Sam through Aspire 4, **Excel Pre-Preliminary, Well Balanced Pre-Preliminary, and Adult 1-6 for the final placement in the state. Trophies will be awarded 1-4 and Ribbons for 5-6 place in the FINAL for the “Championship” title in each level.** The

trophies for both will be awarded to the skaters at their level as of the last competition in which they compete.

Rules and Format:

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

The **Skate Colorado Compete USA Series** is sponsored equally by the participating ice rinks and/or U.S. Figure Skating member clubs. Competition packages will be available at all participating ice rinks and/or via the club or rink websites. Each competition will have its own entry forms and specific rules so please make sure to read the entire announcement for each competition.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Learn to Skate USA Program/Club or any other Learn to Skate USA Program/Club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries.

All Snowplow Sam through Basic 6 skaters are eligible to skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition and **NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances.**

All Aspire 1 – 4, **Excel Pre-Preliminary, and Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary** may compete at the free skate level that best fits their skill level

*It is very important to the success of the series that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the local organizing committee and/or their Chief Referee discover that a skater has been placed in a category that is below their class level **or their competitive floor**, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater to the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors.*

Programs with Music: Snowplow Sam – Basic 6

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice with music
- The skater **must demonstrate** the required elements as described and may use any additional elements from their current level or a previous level
- If the description of a required move states the direction of the element or the placement of the free leg, then options are **NOT** allowed
- A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
- Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will NOT be judged elements
- Time: 1:10 MAX

Programs with Music: Adult 1 – 6

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated. Connecting steps and transitions should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice
- Vocal music is allowed.
- The skater **must demonstrate** the required elements as described and may use, but is not required to use, any additional elements from their current level or a previous level
- A .2 deduction will be taken for each element missing, repeated or from a higher level
- Time 1:40 MAX

Free Skate: Aspire 1-4

- To be skated on full ice
- Vocal music is allowed
- Time 1:40 MAX

Excel Pre-Preliminary, Well Balanced Pre-Preliminary

- To be skated on full ice
- Vocal music is allowed
- Time 1:40 MAX
- Excel Pre-Preliminary will follow the [2026 Excel Program Requirements](#); Well-Balanced Pre-Preliminary will follow the [2025-2026 Well-Balanced Program requirements](#).

Required Descriptions for Programs with Music

LEVEL	TIME	SKATING RULES/STANDARDS
SNOWPLOW SAM	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March followed by a two-foot glide and dip • Forward swizzles, 2-3 in a row • Forward snowplow stop • Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row
BASIC 1	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward two-foot glide and dip • Forward swizzles, 6-8 in a row • Beginning snowplow stop on one or two feet • Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 2	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward one-foot glide (no variations), either foot • Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot • Moving snowplow stop • Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward • Backward swizzles, 6-8 in a row
BASIC 3	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade • Forward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Forward slalom • Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle • Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot
BASIC 4	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise • Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Backward half-swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Backward one-foot glides (no variations), right and left • Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 4 revolutions
BASIC 5	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise • Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise, 4-6 consecutive • Forward outside three-turn, right and left • Advanced two-foot spin, minimum 4 revolutions • Hockey stop
BASIC 6	1:10 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward inside three-turn, right and left • Mohawk, right to left and left to right • Bunny hop • Basic forward spiral on a straight line (no variations), right or left • Beginning one-foot spin, maximum 3 revolutions, optional free leg and entry position • T-stop, right or left

	JUMPS	SPINS	STEP SEQUENCE
Aspire 1 Free Skate 1:40 Max	<p>Maximum 5 jump elements: Permitted jumps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waltz jump ½ flip ½ lutz <p>Max 1 jump sequence Permitted sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waltz jump/waltz jump with no turns or hops in between 	<p>Maximum 2 spins: Required spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-foot spin Forward one foot spin (free foot optional) 	<p>Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One ½ of the ice
Aspire 2 Free Skate 1:40 Max	<p>Maximum 5 jump elements: Permitted jumps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any jump from Aspire 1 Single Salchow Single Toe loop <p>Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence Permitted combinations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waltz jump/toe loop Salchow/toe loop <p>Permitted jump sequence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waltz jump/waltz jump with no turns or hops in between 	<p>Maximum 2 spins: Permitted spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any spin from Aspire 1 Back upright spin Forward Sit Spin 	<p>Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One ½ of the ice
Aspire 3 Free Skate 1:40 Max	<p>Maximum 5 jump elements: Permitted jumps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any jump from Aspire 1 and 2 Euler (half-loop) Single loop <p>Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence</p>	<p>Maximum 2 spins: Required spin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward upright spin to back upright spin <p>Permitted spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any spin from Aspire 1 and 2 Forward Camel Spin 	<p>Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One ½ of the ice
Aspire 4 Free Skate 1:40 Max	<p>Maximum 5 jump elements: Permitted jumps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any jump from Aspire 1, 2 and 3 Single Flip Single Lutz <p>Max 2 jump combinations, or 1 jump combination and 1 jump sequence</p>	<p>Maximum 2 spins: Required spin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forward camel to forward sit spin combination <p>Permitted spins:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Spin from Aspire 1, 2 and 3 	<p>Maximum 1 Sequence: Choreographic Step Sequence (ChSt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One ½ of the ice

ADULT 1 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward marching
- Forward two-foot glide
- Forward swizzle (4-6 in a row)
- Forward snowplow stop – two feet or one foot

ADULT 4 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Forward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward one-foot glides, right and left
- Hockey stop, both directions

ADULT 2 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward skating across the width of the ice
- Forward one-foot glides
- Forward slalom
- Backward skating
- Backward swizzles, 4-6 in a row

ADULT 5 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Backward outside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward inside edge on a circle, right and left
- Backward crossovers, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Forward outside three-turn, right and left
- Beginning two-foot spin

ADULT 3 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking using the blade properly
- Forward half-swizzle pumps on the circle, 6 to 8 in a row, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward skating to a long two-foot glide
- Forward chasses on a circle, clockwise and counterclockwise
- Backward snowplow stop, Right and Left

ADULT 6 — 1:40 MAX

ELEMENTS

- Forward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Backward stroking with crossover end patterns
- Forward inside three-turn, right and left
- T-stop
- Lunge
- Two-foot spin into one-foot spin (min 2 revs on 1 foot)