



Mayblades 2023

May 19-21, 2023

Lakewood Winter Club

Sprinker Recreation Center

14824 C Street South, Tacoma, Washington 98444

Entry Deadline: April 23, 2023

(11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT)

[Register Online!](#)

Registration will be completed through [EMS Competition Portal](#) in the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site.

For more information, please contact:

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Web Site: [May Blades 2023](#)

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

May Blades 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](#). The short program elements will be skated for the 2023-2024 season.

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.

COVID-19 INFORMATION: For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#). Lakewood Winter club and Sprinker Recreation center will follow all local and state laws, or policies set by U.S. Figure Skating.

EXCEL SERIES:

Mayblades 2023 is a part of the 2023 Excel Series and will offer all Excel levels, Beginner – Senior.

- Excel Free Skate Events to be judged IJS: All Excel “PLUS” levels (Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate Plus), and Pre-Juvenile through Senior levels.
- Excel Free Skate Events to be judged 6.0: Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary.

Skaters must register through EMS to participate in the Excel Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings. Excel skater registration closes 3/1/2023.

[Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Series Information](#)

II. ELIGIBILITY

TEST LEVEL:

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.

Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure

Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

EVENTS OFFERED:

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](#)

NOTE: Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary – Senior, all “PLUS” levels)	IJS	\$85	\$50
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary and below)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$85	\$50
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary and up)	IJS	\$85	\$50
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary and below)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$85	\$50
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$85	\$50
PAIRS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Short Program	IJS	\$85	\$50
Free Skate	IJS	\$85	\$50
Combined Short Program & Free Skate	IJS	\$85	\$50
Adult Pairs Free Skate	IJS	\$85	\$50
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$50
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85	\$50

Production Ensemble	6.0	\$85	\$50
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$70	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$70	\$50

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

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 on 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](#)

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 SkateSafe 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

Registration will open on Friday, May 19 at 2:00 pm PT (if events begin earlier, registration will open earlier). Please check the LWC Website [May Blades 2023](#) for details. The registration desk will be open one hour prior to, and during, competition.

Please register/check-in promptly upon arrival. Skaters must register at least one hour prior to their first event. Please be sure to select the correct event and confirm your entry with your coach prior to submitting your entry.

Entry fees do not include practice ice. Practice ice is purchased separately. 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.

Late entries and changes to your entry after this date will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee and will be assessed a \$30.00 fee

NOTE: All entries include a video of the skater's performance.

First Standard Event: \$85.00

First Compete USA Event: \$ 70.00

Each additional event: \$ 50.00

IJS Test Protocol (must be pre-paid) \$ 15.00

Late/Change Fee \$ 30.00

* Late/Change fee applies to each late entry, or each change – this is a per issue charge.

Registration Deadline: April 23, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT
Late Registration Deadline: May 3, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT + \$30 Late Fee

Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the chief referee, and a late fee of \$30.00 will be charged. This includes entry fees, planned program content forms, music, and event changes made after May 3, 2023 11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT.

* The Music and PPC deadline is May 3, 2023 11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT. Any music or PPC that has not been received by May 3, will receive an automatic late fee of \$30 per missing item. All late fees must be paid prior to registration.

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS

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 “2023 Skate May Blades” from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org

May Blades 2023 is participating in the 2023 Basic Skill Series by Pacific NW Interclub. If basic skills skaters are interested in this series they must sign up prior to the competition to have their points tracked. All skaters interested must register for free online. Please use the link below:

<http://www.pacificnwinterclub.com/basic-skills-series.html>

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.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters requesting test credit must select the option “Test Credit” during registration or contact the LOC to add through the “Add Event” process within EMS. The LOC will go to the skater profile and request the test credit (after the close of registration) and add this to the skater account. Skaters will be able to pay for any added event by admin, by logging into the Members Only, where they will have a notification to click and pay. Late requests can be accommodated until March 1, 2023 by making a request via email seattleavery@yahoo.com where the payment must be completed online via EMS prior to receiving a credential and competing. Skaters can pick up their completed test credit packet from the Registration/Check-in desk approximately one hour after the event concludes. Test Credit packets are \$15 and only available for Juvenile through Senior well-balanced and Excel free skates.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than May 9, 2023 at 11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$30 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: MAY 9, 2023, 11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT - \$30 LATE FEE APPLIES FOR ITEMS SUBMITTED AFTER MAY 1.

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 the [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than May 3, 2023, at 11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$30 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: MAY 3, 2023, 11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT - \$30 LATE FEE APPLIES FOR ITEMS SUBMITTED AFTER MAY 3

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, May 3, 2023, 11:59 PM ET/8:59 PM PT 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, Lakewood Winter Club and Sprinker Recreation Center 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:

The competition will be held at Sprinker Recreation Center, located at 14824 C Street South, Tacoma, Washington 98444. You may contact the arena by calling 253-798-4000. The ice dimensions of the rink are 85'X200'. There are coin operated lockers for smaller personal items. The upstairs viewing area is a comfortable temperature for viewers.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

There are NO dressing rooms available for skaters to use, please come prepared and ready to compete.

Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

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:

Official notices will be emailed to competitors through EMS and posted to the LWC website, [Lakewood Winter Club](#). It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to read the messages for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are expected to arrive 45- minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the schedule online frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining 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:

Practice ice is NOT included with your registration. Practice ice sessions will be 20 minutes. A maximum of 2 practice ice sessions may be requested per skater. Compete USA (Basic Skills) practice ice is 20 minutes and **no** music will be played.

	Pre-Purchase	Open Sales	On-Site Sales
Practice Ice (20 Minutes)	On or before May 10: \$20	May 11-21: \$25 (space permitting)	At Registration: \$25 (space permitting)
Compete USA	On or before May 10: \$20	May 11-21: \$25 (space permitting)	At Registration: \$25 (space permitting)

Once your registration is complete, you can access the Practice Ice/Schedule area within the EMS [Competition Portal](#) to pre-purchase your credits. Practice sessions will be organized according to level, whenever possible, and limited to 15 skaters or less. We reserve the right to cancel or change any practice session. Practice Ice will be selected by skater. Practice ice sessions are not refundable and may not be transferred or sold to other skaters once purchased. Compete USA competitors will **not** have their music played on the practice sessions

EMS (SKATER) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES:

- **Skater: Pre-Purchase and Selection | Open Sales**

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 2:00 PM PT and time and will be located on the second floor of the Sprinkler Recreation Center

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented for first through sixth place in the Rainier Room upstairs immediately following the official posting of each event.

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include key LOC members, locker room monitors and ALL medical event personnel. [Click here for volunteer compliance information.](#)

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Video will be provided to all competitors and is included in the entry fees. Competitors will pick up their video following the event from the professional videographer. Any other professional videography is prohibited. All other videotaping and photography is restricted to hand-held battery operated equipment, without tripod, and is permissible only in the upper viewing area. No videotaping or photography from rink side. Please be courteous to those viewing the event. Solicitation by any photographer or agent of anyone to be the subject of still or video photography is not permitted. For safety reasons, **no flash photography is allowed during the event.** Note, [per U.S. Figure Skating policy](#), photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member’s Only.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have questions, please visit our website at [Lakewood Winter Club](#) or contact the competition chair at seattleavery@yahoo.com

OFFICIAL HOTEL:

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CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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Chief Accountant:	Dottie Medallia	purplez71@yahoo.com

