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## MayBlades

May 15-17, 2026

Lakewood Winter Club

Sprinker Recreation Center

521 Military Rd. S. Tacoma, WA 98444

### **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

Mayblades 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.

**SERIES INFORMATION:** We're excited to announce that Mayblades is offering both the 2026 Excel series and the 2026 PNW Basic Skills Series.

**2026 Excel Series:** This competition has been approved as a 2026 Excel Series host. Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings. [Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Series Information](#)

**2025-2026 Pacific NW Basic Skills Series and Championship:** If you have not signed up for the series, you will need to do so before your first competition by going to either the PNIC or OSC websites listed below. **Skaters must compete in a minimum of 3 competitions throughout the series before the final deadline.** Once you are signed up with PNW Basic Skill Series, your scores will automatically be sent to PNIC/OSC for recording. The list of qualifying club competitions is listed on the websites below. The PNW Basic Skills Series Championship Round will be held in conjunction with PNIC Championships, location and date will be posted on the website in February. See the website below for more details. The links to register are:

-PNIC link - [Basic Skills Series - PACIFIC NORTHWEST INTERCLUB ASSOCIATION \(pacificnwinterclub.com\)](#) .

-OSC link – [Competitions & Series, Basic Skills Series \(oregonskating.org\)](#)

## **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.
- 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](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

**All other singles and partner events:**

- 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](https://usfigureskating.org) --> [Skate](#) --> [Compete](#) --> [Program Requirements](#)
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** [learntoskateusa.com/competesa](https://learntoskateusa.com/competesa)

**Note: Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced Free Skate event at the same competition.**

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

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary-Senior, all "PLUS" levels)	<i>IJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Well Balanced Short Program	<i>IJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary-Senior)	<i>IJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	<i>IJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Mini Production Bronze Note: this level does not participate in National Showcase	<b>6.0</b>	<b>\$65 and \$10 per skater</b>	<b>\$65</b>
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Emotional Performance (Basic 1-Senior, Adult 1-Pre-Bronze)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Lyrical Pop (Snowplow Sam-Pre-Preliminary)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Character Performance (Snowplow Sam-Pre-Preliminary)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Comedic Impressions (Basic 1-Pre-Preliminary)	<i>6.0</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>
Theme Event	<i>CJS</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>65</i>

Adaptive Individual Showcase	6.0	90	65
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	90	65
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	90	65
Excel Free Skate (Aspire 4 – and below)	6.0	90	65
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	90	65
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	90	65
<b>ADAPTIVE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	6.0	90	65
<b>Exhibition</b>			
Synchronized skating team exhibition	<i>Critique only</i>	<i>\$60 + \$10 per skater</i>	<i>N/A</i>
Mini Production	<i>Critique only</i>	<i>\$ 60 + \$10 per skater</i>	<i>N/A</i>

Juvenile through Senior and Adult levels not listed for competition events can do one well balanced program to be entered as an Exhibition & receive a critique. Same music and PPC deadlines apply. Please send an email to [Stephaniehert@hotmail.com](mailto:Stephaniehert@hotmail.com) if you are interested in an exhibition/critique. We will approve based on time available and send a link to register after the close of entries.

- Synchro team can do one program and be entered as an exhibition. The price is \$65 + \$10 per skater. The same music deadline applies.

### **Exhibitions Fee- \$40.00/skater**

#### **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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto: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 [Stephaniehert@hotmail.com](mailto:Stephaniehert@hotmail.com)

### **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](#)

## **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](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

## **III. 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: 04/10/2026 at 11:59ET**

**Late Registration Deadline: 04/13/2026 at 11:59 ET + \$40.00 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](http://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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then “Competition Registration”
4. Choose “MayBlades” from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

### **FOREIGN SKATERS:**

1. 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:** You should use form at registration desk 1 hour before your event for this competition.

### **Events eligible:**

Singles Free Skate\*: Juvenile\*\*, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, and Adult Silver through

Adult Senior Pairs Free Skate: Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Free Dance:  
Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior

\*Both Excel and well-balanced free skate IJS protocols are eligible 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 **May 1, 2026 at 9:00pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$50 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. If music is not submitted by the late deadline of 5/3/25, a fee of \$100 will be added.

**DEADLINE: 5/1/2026 \$50 late fee, after 5/3/26 \$100 late fee**

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

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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:**

Include instructions as to how attendees will provide your competition with their Planned Program Content (PPC). Include details about any online uploads including deadlines or where PPC is to be dropped off on-site. PPC Paper form, [click here](#).

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **May 1, 2026 at 9:00pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$50 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. If PPC is not submitted by the late deadline of 5/3/26, a fee of \$100 will be added.

**DEADLINE: 5/1/26 \$50 late fee, after 5/3/26 \$100 late fee**

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

If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

### **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline, April 10, 2026 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 521 Military Rd. S, Tacoma Washington 98444. You may contact the arena by calling 253-798-4000. The ice dimensions of the rink are 85'X200'. There are vending machines available for small snacks and a large viewing area located upstairs, with access to an elevator.*

### **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 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of the 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:** 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](#)
- Open: April 21, 2026 8:00 AM
- Close: May 1, 2026 11:59 PM
- Maximum credits per registered event:
  - UPI - 2
- Cost per credit: \$20

**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: 5/6/26 8:00 AM

**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: May 9, 2026 8:00 AM
- Close: May 14, 2026 11:59 PM
- Maximum sessions per registered event:
  - UPI - 2
- Cost per session: \$25

## **ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

Check-in will open two hours prior to the start of the competition schedule of that day and will be

located on the second floor of the Sprinker 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.

**The Al & Iria Beeler Artistic Award** – Al and Iria were the driving force that kept the Lakewood Winter Club and the Lakewood Ice Arena together from 1960-1982. They started going to the ice arena in 1953 when their daughter, Marianne, started skating. Iria started working at the rink as a bookkeeper in 1954 and became the manager in 1968, a job she held until the rink closed in 1982. Al became very active in the club and was president for eight years. He also held other offices such as treasurer and test chairman, and he served on the Board of Directors for more than 25 years. He became interested in judging and earned his Gold judge credentials. He was also very involved in the annual ice shows and spent countless hours building props. He worked tirelessly when the LWC hosted the 1987 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Tacoma. When the Lakewood Ice Arena collapsed in 1982, Al worked hard to forge a relationship with Pierce County Parks & Recreation Department, allowing the LWC to transfer its operation to Sprinker Recreation Center. In their honor, the Lakewood Winter Club will present this award to a skater from the Intermediate through Senior Level, who the artistic judges feel presented the most artistic Free Skate performance.

**VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:**

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include LOC leadership, locker room monitors and emergency medical providers.

**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](mailto:music@usfigureskating.org).

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:**

**Official Hotel: Marriott Fairfield Inn and Suites Located in Puvallup. 202 15<sup>th</sup> Ave SW**

**Fairfield Inn (marriott.com)**

**Vendors:**

- **Videographer: Jeff Lancaster ProMix and Sound**
- **Photography: MariAnne Action Photography**
- **Mckee Performance Wear**
- **Pacific Blue**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Competition website: [Lakewood Winter Club](#)

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	James Avery	Seattleavery@yahoo.com
Co-Chair:	Stephanie Bohnert	Stephaniehert@hotmail.com
Chief Referee:	Linda Chihara	Lkchihara@yahoo.com