



# *Overview of High School Skating*



# *What is High School Skating?*



- Similar to collegiate figure skating programs, high school skating offers skaters the opportunity to compete while representing their high school against other teams in the area, including in team and individual events.
- As few as two skaters at a high school can form teams, called School Affiliated Clubs (SACs).

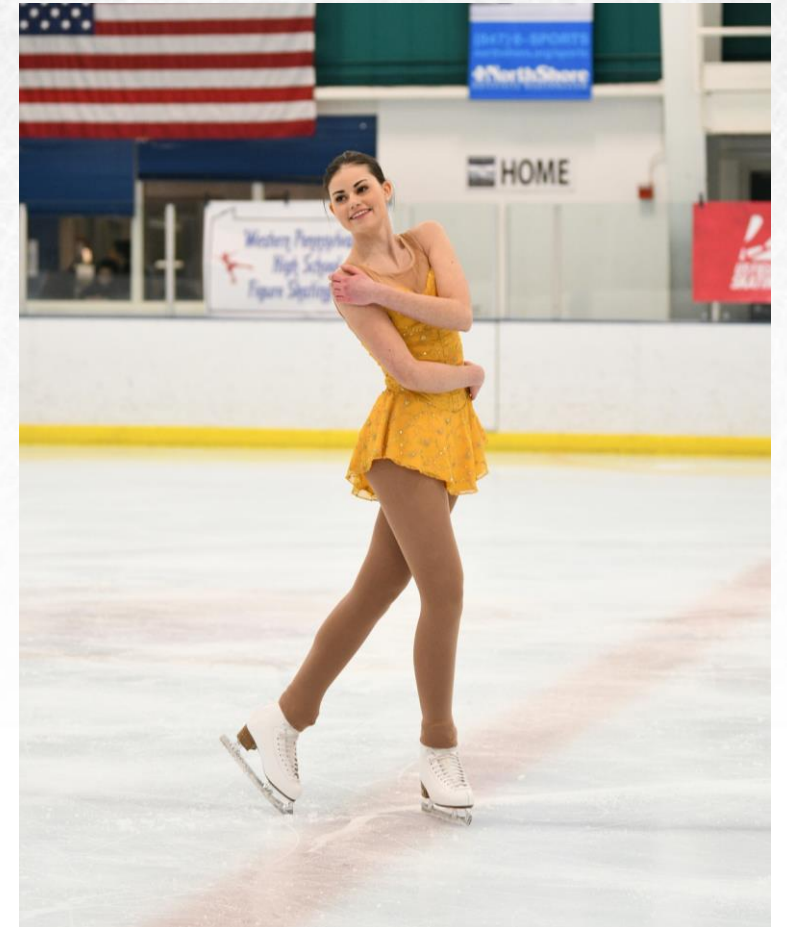




# Requirements to Start a Team



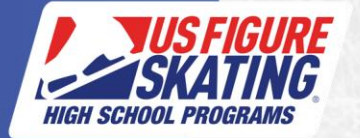
- A minimum of two skaters at the same high school in 9 – 12 grade.
  - Skaters may form combined teams with other schools in the area
  - If you are the only skater in your area, contact Sarah Arnold for more information on joining a team
- Designated SkateSafe contact - over 18 years, completed the SkateSafe training and background check. U.S. Figure Skating membership not required.
- Register online with U.S. Figure Skating - \$31 fee annually.



# *Opportunities to Compete*



# What Events Are Offered at High School Competitions?



Events	Levels
Team Maneuvers	Low team, intermediate team, and high team
Excel Freeskate	Beginner, high beginner, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior
Compulsory	No-test, pre-preliminary, preliminary, pre-juvenile
Showcase	Light entertainment, dramatic entertainment, interpretive, duets, artistic
Solo Dance <i>*not offered at virtual competitions</i>	Preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze, pre-silver, silver, pre-gold, gold, international
Artistic Free Skate	Level A (Beginner - Pre-Preliminary) Level B (Preliminary & Pre-Juvenile) Level C (Juvenile - Novice) Level D (Junior & Senior)

If you have the ice time, you can offer all of these, but you are not required to offer all events.

# *Competitions Offered in the 2021-2022 Season*



- Many states offer high school series, several competitions held over the academic year.
- High School Cyber Challenge Cup
  - Registration link will become available in November
  - Events offered include team maneuvers and artistic free skate
- Host your own high school series!
  - Talk to your local club, interclub association, and/or local non-qualifying competitions about partnering to host a competition in your area

*Hosting a  
High School Skating  
Competition to Support  
Your Student-Athletes*





# Competition Chairs Roles & Responsibilities



Depending on the size of your event you will need some or possibly all the positions noted below.

Committees:

- **Chief Referee/Account**
- **Judges**
- **Music & Announcing**
- **SkateSport Liaison**
- **Awards**
- **First Aid**
- **Hospitality**
- **Practice Ice**
- **Registration**



# *Recommended General Timeline*



## **Six - Months Out**

- Before submitting a sanction, decide on the date and check ice availability.
- Once you have your date, find your chief accountant, referee, and officials (by searching the U.S. Figure Skating official's directory), then submit for a sanction.

## **Four - Months Out**

- Contact surrounding rinks to see if you can put up flyers to advertise your event. Your information will be published online at [usfsa.org](http://usfsa.org), [skatepsa.com](http://skatepsa.com), and U.S. Figure Skating's High School Committee Facebook page.
- Have your competition chair select a willing, hardworking, organized group of volunteers. Having one, and only one, contact person avoids confusion and misunderstandings.

# Recommended General Timeline



## Two Months Out

- Have your committee chairs begin to recruit these volunteers.
- Organize a few meetings with your committee chairs for progress reports and problem solving.
- Send out email invitations for judges to officiate at your competition. Start this process as early as possible once you receive notice from U.S. Figure Skating that your sanction request was approved.
- Assign a Hospitality person to plan for officials' meals. Snacks should be available throughout the day.
- Officials will submit an expense report to cover their travel day. Per Diem is outlined in the *Guide to Hosting a Competition*.



# *Recommended General Timeline*



## **Three to Four Weeks Out**

- When the referee finishes the schedule, the report is distributed to the account and the local organizing committee.
- If offering practice ice, make the practice ice schedule IMMEDIATELY upon receiving the schedule from the referee.
- Update website with practice ice information and competition schedule. If you are not using a website, email schedule and practice ice information to all competitors.
- Give the schedule to the rink personnel outlining when ice makes are happening, so they know when to resurface the ice.
- Having a finished schedule, your skaters now know when they will be skating and when they will be available for volunteer work.

## **Two to Three Weeks Out**

- Make sure you have the correct number of medals needed.



# *Recommended General Timeline*



## **One Week Out**

- Print a full entry report for the registration desk to use for check in.
- Check that the music system has been tested and is ready to go.
- Conduct site inspection of the rink to troubleshoot any problems and/or things that require attention.
- Create information and direction signs.
- Create SkateSafe signage for posting.
- Enjoy the day!

***2022 U.S. Figure  
Skating High School  
Cyber Challenge Cup***



# 2022 U.S. Figure Skating Cyber Challenge Cup - Overview



- Two virtual segments offered to any registered high school team across the country
- Team maneuvers in January; artistic free skate in March
- Teams submit their videos and submission fee through an online form.
- Videos judged, and a leaderboard posted on U.S. Figure Skating's High School Program page.
- All participating skaters will receive a pin and medals will be awarded.



# ***Cyber Challenge Cup - Team Maneuvers***

## ***Overview***

- Total of 9 elements per level.
- Each high school team can have 2-9 skaters per entry
- per level; with enough skaters, teams may have multiple entries per level.
- No skater can skate more than half the elements, except on a team of 2 skaters where one will skate 5 elements and the other 4.
- For submission, all videos for all levels should be submitted at the same time.
- Deadline to submit: January 14, 2022.



***ARTISTIC  
FREE SKATE***



# Artistic Free Skate - Overview



## Overview

- Strong emphasis will be on five specifically defined components evaluating the artistry of each program and skater:
  - Expression of the music's character/feeling and rhythm.
  - Finesse, reflect the details and nuances of the music
  - Originality of composition, creativity!
  - Multi-dimensional use of space and design of movements
  - Involvement of the skater physically, emotionally and intellectually as they deliver the intent of the music and composition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.

# Artistic Free Skate - Overview



- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or “skate up” up to two levels higher.
- Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will negatively affect the competitor’s marks.
- Technical difficulty is not rewarded in artistic free skate.
- Utilization of space and time: good ice coverage and pattern should be attained; program highlights should be spread through the entire performance.
- Deadline to Submit: March 25, 2022





## *Additional Information*

- Leaderboard will reflect the points earned by teams after each event, and then the culmination of both segments after the March deadline.
- Teams can enter one or both segments!
- Keep track of fun moments and bloopers to submit for the Team Spirit awards - additional information to come!
- Winning teams will receive a gift card for a pizza party.
- This is not a replacement for in-person competitions; check with your local hosting clubs or state committees to determine if they are planning to host in person competitions!
- We will not host the National Final in the spring of 2022; we encourage skaters to participate in the Cyber Challenge and local competitions in their area.



*Questions?*



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