



CRYSTAL ICE HOUSE 320 EAST PRAIRIE STREET CRYSTAL LAKE, IL MAY 9-10, 2025

COMPETITION INFORMATION

WELCOME TO THE WWFSC EXCEL COMPETITION 2025. This is Wagon Wheel FSC's inaugural year hosting this U.S. Figure Skating Excel Series Competition.

Event Dates: May 9-10, 2025
Location: Crystal Ice House
320 E. Prairie Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Event Schedule & Results Link:

<https://ijs.usfigureskating.org/leaderboard/results/2025/35878/index.asp>

EVENT CHECK-IN

Skaters should check in one hour prior to their event. All skaters and coaches will stop at the registration desk to receive their credential badge. Skaters will also receive their skater's gift. To expedite check-in, log into EMS before arrival to ensure Waivers, Medical Registry, and Emergency Contact are current.

The registration desk will be located at the back of the arena lobby and will be open one hour before the **first competitive** event of the day and remain open until 30 minutes after completion of the last event of the day.

SPECTATORS

There is no charge for spectators to attend the competition.

CREDENTIALS

At registration, all skaters and coaches will receive a credential badge. **This badge must be worn inside the rink.** Skaters, coaches, and officials, must have credentials visible to gain access to the credentialed areas (Warm Up Area, Competition Prep Zone, Ready Rooms, rink-side).

LOCKER ROOM POLICY

Locker Rooms will not be available. Skaters are asked to arrive ready to compete. There will be “Ready Rooms” in the Competition Prep Zone for putting on skates and leaving skate bags. No changing or preparing is allowed in the bathrooms. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside the Ready Rooms is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy will be addressed under the **U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Program** and **U.S. Figure Skating Ethics/Grievance procedures**.

COMPETITION PREP ZONE

- Skaters should arrive at the competition ready to skate.
- We will have an area beyond the registration desk designated as the “Competition Prep Zone” to put skates on and do final preparation prior to competing. Credentials are required in the Competition Prep Zone.
- Skaters may enter this area 30 minutes prior to their ice warm-up time.

SKATER WARM-UP AREA

Skaters may warm up in the lobby and outdoors. Please be respectful of other skaters and patrons.

PRACTICE ICE

- We are offering ample options for Practice Ice throughout the competition, available for purchase via EMS for the price of \$20 per 20 minute session. Practice Ice will take place on two rinks. Use the blue arrows on the Practice Ice page to toggle between Sheet 1 (West Rink) and Sheet 2 (East Rink) to choose your session(s).
- Practice Ice Friday midday is for ASPIRE levels. Practice Ice Friday evening and Saturday is for IJS levels.
- Skaters should arrive ready to skate 30 minutes before assigned practice time.
- Coaches may stand around the rink and at entry doors.
- We will not be playing program music during Practice Ice. We may have background music playing.

SPIRIT WEAR

Down the Street Apparel is providing online gear ordering for this competition. Pre-ordered apparel purchased online will be given to skaters when they check-in to the competition at Registration. **All other orders can be placed through May 11, 2025 at <https://downthestreetapparel.com/wagon-wheel/shop> and will be shipped to your home.**

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer positions are still available and are open to members and non-members of Wagon Wheel Figure Skating Club! Signup page: <https://volunteersignup.org/HHQM8>

MEDICAL

The Chief Medical Officer is Courtney Smith RN. Medical is for current injuries not chronic issues. The two nearest hospitals are:

Mercyhealth Hospital

875 S. Illinois Route 31
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 356-7494

Northwestern Medicine Mchenry Hospital

4201 Medical Centre Drive
McHenry, IL 60050
(815) 344-5000

VENDORS

We are excited to offer the following vendors at our event this year:

- [N'ICE Buns Hair Wraps](#)
- [Down the Street Apparel](#) *online only, order by Sunday, May 11, 2025*

AWARDS

After results have been published online, skaters will pick up their awards next to the registration table in the main lobby. Skaters may use the "podium" area for pictures.

PARKING

There is parking in the front and rear of the building and additional street parking on Prairie Street. Crystal Ice House is a 3-rink facility, and there will be programming going on in addition to our competition. Please plan ahead and allow ample time for arrival.

VIDEO

U.S. FIGURE SKATING VIDEO & PHOTO POLICY

- **No video recording of any type EXCEPT OF YOUR OWN SKATER** is allowed during any portion of the competition. All photos taken during the event must be for personal use only.
- For the safety of the athletes, no camera flash is allowed during the event.
- Video will be furnished by [Chicago Star Productions](#).
- Skater videos will be available in the days following the competition.
- Videos will not contain audio per USFS regulations.

SKATESAFE

In preparation for the upcoming competition, please ensure that you are aware of and familiar with the policies within the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe Handbook](#). All Participants and personnel are required to adhere to these policies for the duration of the event. In addition, Adult Participants are required to be familiar with and adhere to the SkateSafe Travel Policy located within this document. Any violations of these policies, along with allegations of abuse or misconduct, may be reported directly to U.S. Figure Skating. As a reminder, all Adult Participants of U.S. Figure Skating are mandatory reporters and must report sexual misconduct and child abuse to the U.S. Center for SafeSport and to local law enforcement. Please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org for more information.

WHERE TO EAT

IN RINK: Concessions will be available at **Patty's Shack** (Friday 12:00PM - 9:00PM; Saturday 8:00AM - 6:00pm). Pizza and beverages will be available at the **Time Out Tap** (Friday 10:00AM - midnight; Saturday 8:00AM - midnight).

DINE & SHARE: In addition, we are excited to share that **Portillo's Crystal Lake** is hosting a Dine & Share for the Crystal Ice House on Saturday, May 10 from 11:00AM - 8:00PM. Grab some food with your skating friends and support our home rink!

Portillo's
855 Cog Circle
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Visit the Crystal Lake Portillo's (5 minute drive from Crystal Ice House) Saturday from 11:00AM - 8:00PM. 20% of all purchases will go back to Crystal Ice House when you mention the fundraiser and show the Portillo's fundraiser flyer (available at registration).

OTHER NEARBY RESTAURANTS/BUSINESSES

Downtown Crystal Lake is walkable from the rink and offers a variety of shops and eateries.

Summer Moon Coffee

625 Cog Circle
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Conscious Cup Coffee Roasters

5005 Northwest Highway
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Starbucks

40 North Williams Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Jewel-Osco

6410 Northwest Highway
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Rookies All American Pub & Grill

72 N. Williams Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Walgreens

315 State Route 31
Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Benedict's La Strata

40 N. Williams Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Raising Cane's

5417 Northwest Highway
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Georgio's Pizzeria & Pub

75 East Woodstock Street
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Richard Walker's Pancake House

5680 Northwest Highway
Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Jameson's Charhouse

5016 Northwest Highway
Crystal Lake, IL 60014