



Badger State Winter Games 2025

A qualifying event for State Games of America and National Showcase

Hosted by the Mosinee SilverBlades Figure Skating Club

January 23 thru 26, 2025

Table of Contents

Eligibility:	4
Test Level:	4
Age restrictions / requirements:.....	5
Mandatory Athletes:	5
Entries:.....	6
Event cancellations:	6
Refund policy:	6
OUR COMMUNITY:.....	6
NON-DISCRIMINATION:.....	6
FEES:.....	7
NSF/Contested credit card policy:	7
PRACTICE ICE:	7
Solos / Duets:	7
Teams:	8
At the competition:.....	8
FACILITIES:	8
Locker rooms:	8
LIABILITY:	9
PHOTOGRAPHY:	9
JUDGING SYSTEM:.....	9
AWARDS:	9
OFFICIAL NOTICES:.....	9
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:.....	9
MUSIC.....	10
COACHES	11
VERIFICATION:	11
Compliance	11
USFS / ISI CONVERSION CHART	12
SHOWCASE GENERAL RULES	13
NATIONAL SHOWCASE	13
JUDGING	13

COSTUMES.....13

SCENERY / PROPS.....14

Synchronized Skating General Rules.....14

ALL EVENTS.....15

 Short Program (Aspire – Pre-Juvenile).....16

Basic Competition Info

Commissioner/Competition Chair:

Registration Rules	Nicole Dulak	(715) 574-1381	BSGFigureSkating@gmail.com
--------------------	--------------	----------------	--

Commissioner:

Vendors Facility	Brad Ludwig	(715) 574-0117	Ludwigs1997@yahoo.com
------------------	-------------	----------------	--

Commissioner:

Officials	Melanie Bateman	(715) 581-2741	bsgjudges@gmail.com
-----------	-----------------	----------------	--

Referee: Lisa Landon
Colorado Springs, CO

Accountants: Kris Romain
Madison, WI

Dates: January 23 thru 26, 2025

Site: Mosinee Recreation Center
709 – 11th Street; Mosinee, WI 54455

Rink Size: 84' x 200'

Competition and practice ice schedules will be posted online at www.BadgerStateGames.org as soon as possible after registration closes. Synchronized team skate will be held Saturday night; team showcase will be held on Sunday. All solo and duet showcase events may be scheduled on any day of the competition. Skaters should be prepared to begin competing Thursday morning.

The Badger State Games will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

Eligibility:

BSG is open to all residents of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Skaters may be a member of United States Figure Skating (USFS), Ice Skating Institute (ISI), or not affiliated with any skating organization. This is a USFS sanctioned event, but membership in USFS is NOT required. If you are a member of USFS or ISI, you must be a member in good standing.

Test Level:

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.

- 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. (Note: if an athlete has passed the pre-preliminary singles test, they are no longer eligible for No Test or lower levels).
- 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 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.

IN ADDITION, skaters who placed first in their division at the prior year BSG must move up one level, except for novice and higher. Moving from an Excel event level to the same Well-Balanced event level is a move up, moving from Well Balanced to Excel is *not* a move up unless the Excel level is a test level higher.

Skaters holding memberships in both USFS and ISI must skate at highest level attained. For example, a USFS preliminary /ISI Freestyle 6 skater must skate at the ISI level.

****NOTE**** If, for any reason, the local organizing committee discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below their level, the Commissioner and/or Chief Referee will move the skater to the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition.

Except where specifically allowed, skaters may not enter more than once in the same division.

Synchronized Skating:

- For synchronized skating teams, this competition is not requiring 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).

Except where rules herein specifically differ, USFS rules, as set forth in the 2023-2024 Official Rulebook, will preside.

Age restrictions / requirements:

A skater’s age will be determined as of the close of late entries – December 28, 2024. Solo events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group. Adult events are for age 18 years and older except Showcase events – see event descriptions for age limitations. If there is only one registration in the adult category, the Commissioner and/or Chief Referee may place you with the oldest category in the same event at their own discretion

Mandatory Athletes:

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, 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 SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email safesport@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

Entries:

Paper registrations will not be accepted. Register online at www.BadgerStateGames.org **by December 14, 2024, at 11:59pm**. Late entries will be accepted with a \$40 late entry fee through **December 20, 2024, at 11:59pm**. **NO PAPER ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE LATE ENTRY DATE**. Entries may be limited at the discretion of BSG. Entries will be prioritized in the order they are received.

Event cancellations:

Any scheduled event may be cancelled if fewer than two skaters are entered. Due to ice limitations, the Chief Referee reserves the right to eliminate events with suitable notification to the entrants and the entry fee will be refunded.

Refund policy:

Full refunds, including practice ice (minus a \$10 cancellation processing fee) are available if withdrawal is prior to 11:59pm on **December 22, 2024**. After this date, entry refunds are only available if the event is not held due to lack of entries at the discretion of the Chief Referee and/or Commissioner. No refunds are available for any other reason including, but not limited to, failing to participate, unable to participate due to medical reason, and weather. Pre-purchased practice ice is not transferable. If a refund is authorized, payments made by credit card will be refunded to the credit card; payments made by check will be refunded by check after the competition date. The online convenience fee is non-refundable for any reason. A \$10 cancellation processing fee applies to all refunds.

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.

FEES:**Entry Fees:****Prior to November 30, 2024 at 11:59pm -**

Solo events -	Team events -
\$85 – first event	\$60 – team registration
\$35 – each additional event	\$15 – per skater on the team
Practice ice -	
\$15 – pre-purchased (limit of 2)	\$50 – team exclusive ice

Between December 1, 2024 – December 14, 2024, at 11:59pm

Solo events -	Team events -
\$100 – first event	\$75 – team registration
\$35 – each additional event	\$15 – per skater on the team
Practice ice -	
\$15 – pre-purchased (limit of 2)	\$50 – team exclusive ice

Between December 15, 2024 – December 28, 2024 at 11:59pm –

Solo events -	Team events -
\$115 – first event	\$90 – team registration
\$35 – each additional event	\$15 – per skater on the team
Practice ice -	
\$15 – pre-purchased during registration (limit of 2)	\$50 – team exclusive ice

After December 28, 2024 at 11:59pm –

Solo events -	Team events -
Not accepted	Not accepted
Practice ice -	
\$20 – pre-purchase after schedule is posted through Jan 24 th at 6pm.	
\$25 – purchased at competition	

Late Music Fee**After December 28, 2024 at 11:59pm – \$25.00****After January 1, 2025 at 11:59pm – \$50.00****NSF/Contested credit card policy:**

Persons using checks without sufficient funds will be charged an additional \$30 fee per check. All further payments must be made by cash, money order, or credit card. Skaters will not be allowed to practice or compete until all such debts are satisfied. Any contested credit card charge will incur a \$30 fee and will be handled as a non-payment and the skater will not be allowed to practice or compete until all such debts are paid in full via cash or money order.

PRACTICE ICE:**Solos / Duets:**

Pre-purchase of practice ice is available for \$15 per 20-minute session with a limit of 2 sessions being **pre-purchased**. Skaters will be able to reserve their pre-purchased practice ice sessions after the competition schedule is posted and will have first choice of all practice ice sessions. **Practice ice sessions are not refundable after registration closes.**

A few days after pre-purchased ice reservations are opened, skaters will have the option to purchase additional ice sessions for \$20 for 20 minutes, which can be immediately reserved.

If there are any spots still available, additional ice sessions can be purchased on-site for \$25 for 20-minutes.

NOTE If fewer than 5 skaters are in an outlier (very early or very late) practice ice session and there are openings in a different time slot (on the same morning/evening), the Commissioner reserves the right to cancel the outlier session and move the skaters into other time slots. You will be notified of the change via email to the registration email and to the primary coach on file. No refunds will be offered if you miss your session.

Practice ice will be held at the Mosinee Rec Center in the early mornings (before competition day starts) and late evenings (after competition day ends). No refunds will be offered if available sessions aren't convenient with your competition time. No props or music is allowed on practice ice sessions.

Teams:

Pre-purchase of ONE exclusive practice ice session is available during registration for \$50 for a 10-minute session. Props are allowed on exclusive ice, and someone will be available to play your music during your exclusive session. If there is high demand for exclusive ice sessions, the Commissioner has the right to limit the total number of sessions. If this limit occurs, the Commissioner will assign the sessions based on a first purchased order and will notify the other teams of the removal of their exclusive session. A full refund of the practice ice fee will be given for any sessions cancelled by the Commissioner. The Commissioner will schedule the exclusive sessions after the competition schedule is prepared – synchro teams will have their exclusive session Saturday afternoon immediately before the synchro competition. Showcase teams will have their session late Saturday night (after synchro) or early Sunday morning.

At the competition:

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at the Mosinee Recreation Center located at 709 – 11th Street; Mosinee, WI 54455. The rink size is 84' x 200'. Full-service concessions (including full meals) will be available beginning approximately 30 minutes prior to the event start each day until after the last event each day. The rink temperature is cool – dress warm.

If, at any time, a competitor has any concern regarding their safety due to ice conditions or debris on the ice from a prior competitor, the skater should ask the rink monitor to contact the Chief Referee PRIOR to skating. No residue may remain on the ice after the program; any penalty for residue left on the ice is up to the discretion of the event referee and could result in disqualification from the event.

Locker rooms:

There will be one locker room available for children under age 11. One PARENT OR GUARDIAN (not coach or other volunteer) *of the same biological sex* may accompany the child into the locker room to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event. Please note that privacy will not be available – the locker room door must remain open at all times. If there are concerns regarding this locker room policy, the athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. Skate bags or other personal belongings should not be left unattended in the locker room.

Athletes age 12 and over will not have a locker room available; these athletes should change prior to coming to the competition. There will be a few pop-up changing tents available but we recommend athletes come in costume attire as the changing tents will be few with many athletes.

The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a locker room or changing area is strictly prohibited. Violating this rule may result in disqualification from the Badger State Games without warning.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Mosinee SilverBlades Figure Skating Club, Badger State Games, and Mosinee Recreation Center accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

A professional photographer will not be present. The BSG podium will be available for parents to take their own photos along with other photo op areas throughout the venue.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The CJS system will be used for all Showcase events. The 6.0 Ordinal Judging System will be used for all other events. Judging will be by USFS judges for all events.

AWARDS:

Medals will be presented to the top three places in each event. Placing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in any event will qualify the skater for State Games of American being held in San Diego, CA in summer of 2024. Placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th in any Showcase event at preliminary level or higher will qualify the Showcase skater or team for National Showcase being held in summer 2024.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained at rink side. It's the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are required to arrive at least 45-minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. If the competition runs early and you miss your event, no refunds will be offered. COME EARLY! A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

If you have questions, please contact us at BSGFigureSkating@gmail.com. Please be sure to include your skater's name (include spelling) and outline your question. All efforts will be made to get you a response as quickly as possible. However, please keep in mind that the BSG figure skating team are volunteers that also hold full time jobs and have families. Please be patient when waiting for a response.

My skater has a <insert sport> on Thursday... can you make sure my skater's event is held on the weekend?

No. We can't entertain any special requests for scheduling. Please bear in mind that this event has hundreds of athletes participating and the schedule is timed out to the minute. No such requests will be acknowledged or accommodated.

When can I pick out my practice ice sessions?

We won't know until only a couple of days ahead of time. When the schedule is made available online, a mass email will be sent out to all athletes and coaches letting them know the schedule is posted and what date practice ice reservations will be opened (2-3 days later). This allows everyone an opportunity to review their schedule and discuss timing with their coach before ice selection is opened.

What if all the practice ice sessions are booked for the morning/night I need before I get an opportunity to get online to reserve?

No worries! We monitor the practice ice sessions very closely and will open up additional sessions if there aren't any available slots remaining. However, if you're shooting for a 7:00am session on Friday morning, you better hurry to get it before it's gone... any other Friday morning sessions will be earlier and earlier in the morning!

Can I get my skater's schedule ahead of time so I can ask for time off of work?

No. The schedule will be made available and posted online as quickly as possible after registration closes. BSG staff don't have access to the schedule until after it's finalized by the Chief Referee. We'll do our best to post it as early as possible.

MUSIC

Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via the online registration system by the music deadline of **December 28, 2024** at 11:59pm. Submission of music after the deadline will result in a late submission penalty of \$25 that must be paid prior to the competition. If music remains missing after **January 1, 2025**, the late submission penalty will be \$50 that must be paid prior to competition OR the commissioner reserves the right to withdraw the skater from that event with no refund.

After you've paid for your events during registration, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music isn't available at that time, you can log out of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "my music".

If you're unable to upload your own music, please consult with your coach prior to contacting BSG for assistance. If your coach has a "multi-competition" global account through Entryeze, your coach can manage and upload the music for their skaters. If your coach doesn't have the global account, you may also provide your coach with your login information so they can upload the music on your behalf.

Your music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

ALL TIMES ARE +/- 10 SECONDS UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

Music criteria:

- File format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher
- Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
- Leaders and trailers may not exceed two (2) seconds. (This is the silence or 'dead space' before and after the actual start and end of the program music.) We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all.

If your music file doesn't meet the criteria, we'll email you to request that you fix your music file and re-upload.

Athletes must also bring a copy of their competition music on USB flashdrive as a backup in case of technical difficulties. You may have more than one file on the flashdrive, but the files should be organized by number. In the event your backup is used during competition, you must be able to tell the music panel exactly what file NUMBER is yours on the flash drive. These backups won't be collected at registration, but should be rink side during competition events. If your backup drive is used during competition, you may retrieve your drive at the registration desk following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the hosting club can't be responsible for music left at the end of the competition. Drives remaining on-site after the conclusion of the competition will be discarded. Music downloaded for the competition will be deleted after the event is complete.

COACHES

VERIFICATION:

The local organizing committee will attempt to verify all compliance requirements prior to the competition and will notify you via email if we're unable to do so. Please monitor your email carefully to allow yourself adequate time to resolve any credentialing issues prior to competition.

The registration desk will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach can't provide a photo I.D., isn't on the verified list, or can't produce the necessary document to show compliance, s/he will not be allowed a credential – **NO EXCEPTIONS**. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching areas at rink side during events (including practice sessions). Coaches will also not be able to 'yell over the boards' to get around this rule. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

Any coach found falsifying documents or attempting to utilize someone else's credentials to gain access to coach areas will be removed from the competition for the remainder of the event *and* will be banned from the Badger State Games for the following year. A subsequent second offense will result in permanent ban from Badger State Games. In addition, the coach's actions will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

Compliance

To be a credentialed coach at Badger State Games, coaches must meet the following requirements:

Coaching U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completion of the U.S. Center for SafeSport's online SafeSport Training*
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2024-2025 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Coaching Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through www.usfsaonline.org for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

USFS / ISI CONVERSION CHART

If you're in an ISI program, please use the below conversion chart to determine your appropriate competition level.

If you have passed ISI level -	Enter the USFS level -
Tot or Pre-Alpha (age 7 and older) Alpha	Basic 1
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 2
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 3
Alpha/Gamma	Basic 4
Beta	Basic 5
Gamma	Basic 6
Delta – Freestyle 1	Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 (choose correct level based upon elements required)
Freestyle 2 or 3 / Open Bronze	Pre-Preliminary
Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Preliminary
Freestyle 5 / Open Silver	Pre-Juvenile
Freestyle 6 / Open Gold	Juvenile or Intermediate
Freestyle 7 / Open Platinum	Novice
Freestyle 8 / Open Platinum	Junior or Senior
Freestyle 9 / Open Platinum	Senior
Freestyle 10 / Open Platinum	Senior
Freestyle 2 / Open Bronze	Adult Pre-Bronze
Freestyle 3 / Open Bronze	Adult Bronze
Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Adult Silver
Freestyle 5 / Open Gold	Adult Gold
Dance 3	Preliminary Dance
Dance 4	Pre-Bronze Dance
Dance 5	Bronze Dance
Dance 6	Pre-Silver Dance
Dance 7	Silver Dance
Dance 9	Pre-Gold Dance

SHOWCASE GENERAL RULES

NATIONAL SHOWCASE

Solo competitors, preliminary through senior level, may qualify to compete at National Showcase if they placed 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th at BSG. Lower levels aren't eligible to compete in National Showcase.

Skaters may compete in only one duet, one mini production ensemble, and one production ensemble each.

JUDGING

1. Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities.
2. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will negatively affect the competitor's / teams marks.
3. Technical difficulty is not rewarded in showcase. If a technically difficult element such as a jump or spin is performed, it should be done with style, flow, confidence, and should support the selected theatrical elements.
4. All programs must begin on the ice in view of the audience.
5. Elements to be evaluated will include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Skating Skills: quality, security, cleanliness, variety, flow. Any technical elements performed should relate to the music/character and highlight aspects of the program; difficulty will not be rewarded.
 - b. Utilization of space and time: good ice coverage and pattern should be attained; program highlights should be spread through the entire performance.
 - c. Performance: projection, energy, carriage, emotional involvement, individuality, spatial awareness (duets and ensembles)
 - d. Composition: concept of the program, originality, creativity, age appropriateness, use of props/scenery (if used, should be an integral part of program and enhance the theme), and costumes (should fit the concept of the program).
 - e. Interpretation: timing, expression of music's character, interaction (duets and ensembles), use of nuances to enhance the music and set the mood/character of the program.

NOTE: prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged.

6. The CJS judging system will be used for Pre-Preliminary and higher levels.
7. Deductions will apply for negligence relating to costumes, props, and program times. If there is more than one infraction, each will be deducted from the single mark.
8. For Ensemble events: before the music is started, the team must take a stationary position on the ice and one skater must give a hand signal that the team is ready.

COSTUMES

1. Costumes and make-up for showcase programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance and reflect the meaning of the story or theme.
2. The clothing of the competitors must be dignified and appropriate for athletic/artistic competition. The clothing may be theatrical in design and reflect the character of the music chosen. Clothing must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate to the discipline.
3. Costume rules for competition free skate programs to do not apply for showcase. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure.
4. No bobby pins, feathers, fringe, hair accessories, or stick-on / clip earring, or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. A 1 point deduction will be taken if any prohibited item above unintentionally falls on to the ice.

SCENERY / PROPS

1. Props and scenery must be placed and removed:
 - a. Unaided, by the singles and duets, competitors within one minute total on and off.
 - b. Unaided, by the ensemble teams, within one minute maximum for setup and one minute maximum for removal. Persons not skating aren't allowed to step on the ice.
2. General
 - a. The use of scenery and/or props isn't mandatory.
 - b. All scenery must be portable and not require any mechanical means for transportation. Its movement is the responsibility of the skater or teams.
 - c. Scenery may not exceed 7' in height.
 - d. No propulsion devices are permitted, such as trampolines.
 - e. The use of smoke, fire, dry ice, liquids, feathers, bubble machines, or any substance that may harm the ice surface and/or skaters is not permitted.
 - f. No projectiles.
 - g. All props must be under the control of the skater; for example, remotely controlled images or objects.
 - h. No mirrors or glass of any kind is allowed on the ice.
 - i. People may not be used as props.

Synchronized Skating General Rules

1. Teams will skate to the music of their choice (vocals permitted).
2. Rules for each synchronized team level as per the current year U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook including any corrections or clarifications issued by USFS up to the competition date.
3. This includes clothing rules! Clothing will be checked by a USFS official prior to skating.
4. All ages are as of July 1 preceding the competitive season.
5. No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team.
6. If there are not enough entries, levels may be combined, at the discretion of the Chief Referee
7. No residue may remain on the ice after the program. Any penalty for residue left on the ice is up to the discretion of the event referee and could result in disqualification from the event.

Please Note: Team chaperone/managers/coaches must have completed the SafeSport Training and successfully passed a background check. Those that can't produce proof that these have been successfully completed will not be provided with a chaperone credential and will not be allowed in the locker rooms with the team prior to the event.

****NOTE TO TEAMS**** Minimum moves in the field test levels are NOT being required for this competition.

ALL EVENTS

[Click HERE to view the program requirements for the current season. We will be following all requirements effective as of January 1, 2025](#)

SINGLES	JUDGING
Excel Free Skate	6.0
Short Program (Aspire – Senior) *See descriptions for Aspire – Pre-Juvenile below; Juvenile – Senior follows well balanced rules	6.0
Well Balanced Free Skate	6.0
Adult Free Skate (Adult Beginner – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING
Compulsory Moves (Levels 1-8)	6.0
Jumps Challenge (Levels 1-9) **	6.0
Spins Challenge (Levels 1-6) ***	6.0
SHOWCASE	JUDGING
Emotional Performance (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS
Choreographic Artistry (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS
Lyrical Pop (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS
Character Performance (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS
Comedic Impressions (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS
Duets/Trios (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS
Production Ensemble	CJS
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements ****	6.0
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0
Showcase – Emotional Performance (Basic 1-6, Aspire 1-4, Adult 1-6)	6.0
Showcase – Lyrical Pop (Basic 1-6, Aspire 1-4, Adult 1-6)	6.0
Showcase – Character Performance (Basic 1-6, Aspire 1-4, Adult 1-6)	6.0
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING	JUDGING
Aspire 1 - 4	6.0
Preliminary – Open Juvenile, Open Collegiate	6.0

*** All levels will be skated on half ice.

**** Basic 1 and 2 will be referee directed

* Short Program (Aspire – Pre-Juvenile)

- Skaters who placed first in their Short Program in the prior year Badger State Games must move up one level from the level in which they placed first. This does not apply to the senior level or to skaters who skated without a competitor (i.e. skated against the book).
- Skaters will perform specific maneuvers to music of their own choice.
- Skaters must enter at the same or higher level than their solo Free Skate event (unless the skater is up one level in free skate due to placing first in that event in the prior year), or if a free skate event is not skated, skater must enter at the same or higher level than they would have been required to skate had they entered a solo event. Skaters having passed the complete USFS Pre-Preliminary test and/or ISI Free Skate 3 MUST skate at their USFS or ISI test level or higher.
- Skaters may not repeat jumps or spins, or include any additional jumps or spins. Deductions will be made for added, missed, or incorrect elements.
- Connecting footwork and choreography are encouraged.

Level	Requirement	Program Time Duration
Aspire (ISI 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waltz Jump Toe-Loop Combination • Salchow Jump • One-Foot Spin • Forward Spiral 	1:00
Pre-Preliminary (ISI 3) (Adult Pre-bronze)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flip Jump • Combination – Waltz jump with any single jump (note 1) • Upright change foot spin • Forward or backward spiral 	1:00
Preliminary (ISI 4) (Adult Bronze)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lutz jump • Combination – Loop jump plus any single jump except Lutz or Axel (note 1) • Sit or Camel spin • Balance move sequence (note 2) 	1:15
Pre-Juvenile (ISI 5) (Adult Silver)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axel • Combination – Loop jump plus any single jump except Axel (note 1) • Spin with change of position • Balance move sequence (note 2) 	1:15

NOTE 1 – The second jump of a jump combination must be made from the landing edge of the first jump. No turn or change of foot between jumps is permitted.

NOTE 2 – Balance move sequence must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves such as spread eagles, Ina Bauers, Shoot the Ducks, etc. may be included. Skater has the choice of a straight line, circular, or serpentine pattern.