



Sierra Nevada Ice Classic - May 29-31, 2026

Sierra Nevada Figure Skating Club

Reno Ice - Reno, NV

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Sierra Nevada Ice Classic 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, (if offering Compete USA events) 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:

[Excel Series participation](#) - The 2026 Sierra Nevada Ice Classic is pleased to participate in the 2026 Excel Series. Excel Preliminary through Senior singles events will be offered.

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.
 - 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.
 - 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.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs):

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

EVENTS OFFERED:

We encourage all competitions to promote and support all athletes, including skaters with disabilities through offering Adaptive events and levels (included in the table below). If you have any questions regarding Adaptive Skating, the levels offered, and/or accommodations for skaters, email events@usfigureskating.org.

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** [usfigureskating.org](https://www.usfigureskating.org) --> [Skate](#) --> [Compete](#) --> [Program Requirements](#)

- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeusa
- **Skate United:** For any Skate United (S.U.) Athlete, please have them register for their appropriate level under the “standard” option. Once the registration is complete, the following form must be submitted to the competition chair via email at hills8@gmail.com.
 - [Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.](#)
 - If you have questions about how to support Skate United Athletes at your competition, email events@usfigureskating.org.
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at hills8@gmail.com.
 - [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)
 - If you have questions about on how to support skaters using S.A.Ms, email events@usfigureskating.org.

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

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate	<i>IJS</i>	190	190
Well Balanced Short Program	<i>IJS</i>	190	170
Well Balanced Free Skate	<i>IJS</i>	190	190
Combined: Short Program & Free Skate	<i>IJS</i>	210	210
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	<i>IJS</i>	190	190
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	<i>6.0</i>	160	160
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 - 8)	<i>IJS</i>	140	140
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	<i>IJS</i>	140	140
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	<i>IJS</i>	140	140
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	140	140
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	140	140
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	140	140
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	140	140
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	140	140
Inflatables	<i>CJS</i>	140	140
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	<i>6.0</i>	130	130
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	<i>6.0</i>	130	130
Excel Free Skate Preliminary Plus	<i>6.0</i>	170	170

Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Free Skate	6.0	160	160
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	140	140
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	140	140
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	140	140
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	140	140
Compete USA – Compulsory Moves	6.0	140	140
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	140	140

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.

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 at hillsk8@gmail.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 [in](#) Members Only, click the blue “COACH” button. 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 skaters 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](#)

EMS Coach Resources (SYS or TOI only):

- [Team Management Guide](#)

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Singles and Partnered events only):

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% Processing Fee.

Registration Deadline: 04/15/2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 05/01/2026 at 11:59 PM ET + \$50 Late Fee

*The Sierra Nevada FSC reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

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 “**Sierra Nevada Ice Classic**” from the list of nonqualifying competitions.

- a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

TEST CREDIT:

The Sierra Nevada Ice Classic will offer test credit at our competition. Tests must be registered 72 hours before the start of the Sierra Nevada Ice Classic. Test credit registration will be available on EMS. If you would like to utilize test credit, please review the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) document. Pre-preliminary through Gold free skate tests will be offered. Please be aware that test registrations submitted less than 72 hours before the start of the event will be denied.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **05/06/26 12pm 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.

DEADLINE: 05/06/2026 *\$50 late fee

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 EMS no later than **05/06/2026 12pm 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.

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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 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®, Sierra Nevada FSC and Reno Ice 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:

Reno Ice

15555 Wedge Parkway Reno, NV 89511

www.renoice.com

Reno Ice is an NHL regulation rink with a warm lobby and snack bar.

CHANGING AREAS: We will not be able to offer locker rooms. Skaters should arrive ready to skate. Skates can be put on in our warm lobby.

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 who are at least 8 years of age 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:

Our official competition website is www.snfsc.com. Schedules will be available via EMS. We will have QR codes posted around the rink for skating orders and live results.

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:

Outline practice ice sales plan:

- Practice ice sales will begin on May 1, 2026. Skaters will be notified via email when the sessions are live for purchase.
- Practice ice will be sold on EMS and will cost \$25/30 min.
- Practice ice sessions will not be refunded if a skater isn't on the session.
- Skaters will be able to buy one practice ice session at a time. If we have extra practice ice, that will be for sale on May 15, 2026.
- Practice ice sessions will be divided for higher and lower level skaters.

Types of Practice Ice Available

- Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI)

- Sessions will be 30 min
- Music will not be played on practice ice sessions
- Sessions will be capped at 18 skaters
- Will WU be based on start order or assigned in advance?

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Saturday May 31 in the Reno Ice Lobby

EMS ADMIN: [Onsite FAQ](#), [Onsite Check-In](#) and [Onsite Practice Ice Sales](#)

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS:

Awards will be available in the Reno Ice lobby immediately following the publication of the live results. Skates who place 1-4 will receive an award.

All skaters in Compete USA events will receive an award.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

Volunteers will be able to sign up via a Sign up Genius link that will be provided.

Click [here](#) for sample volunteer positions and schedule.

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:

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.

Adele Studios will be our official event photographer and will have photo packages for sale. A link to her packages will be emailed out to competition participants. The LOC prohibits spectators from photographing or videotaping any skater other than their own.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Official hotel accommodations - TBD
- Reno/Tahoe International Airport
- Merchandise pre-orders - TBD
- www.snfsc.com
- Vendor & Sponsorship opportunities - TBD

- Tentative schedule - TBD

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: www.snfsc.com

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Hillary Reilly	hillsk8@gmail.com	203-240-6103
Chief Referee:	Kathleen Krieger	KriegerRPh@msn.com	847-331-5466
Practice Ice Chair:	Kathleen Krieger	KriegerRPh@msn.com	847-331-5466
Additional Contact:	TBD	TBD	TBD