



# 2019 Grand Rapids Open FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION (USFS)

Hosted by: The Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club

**June 21-23, 2019**

**Patterson Ice Arena** 2550 Patterson Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546  
Phone: (616) 940-1423

*This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating non-qualifying competition.*



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The Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club is excited to present the 21st annual Grand Rapids Open. We will be offering testing in conjunction with the competition. Testing details will be updated on our website at [www.ggrfsc.org](http://www.ggrfsc.org). Information may also be obtained by emailing our test chair at [jennakt@comcast.net](mailto:jennakt@comcast.net). A testing application has been attached to this document.

The Grand Rapids Open Figure Skating Competition 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.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

## **COMPETITION CONTACTS**

Co-Chair/Registration: Kelsey Cooper – [grandrapidsopen@gmail.com](mailto:grandrapidsopen@gmail.com)

Practice Ice: Renee Peirce – [rgpeirce@gmail.com](mailto:rgpeirce@gmail.com)

Test Chair-Jenna Turner – [jennakt@comcast.net](mailto:jennakt@comcast.net)

## **Meijer State Games and State Games of America**

The Grand Rapids Open is a participant in the Meijer State Game of Michigan. For more information, about the State Games and the opening ceremonies, please visit [www.stategamesofmichigan.org](http://www.stategamesofmichigan.org)

## **FACILITIES**

The competition will be held at Patterson Ice Center which is located at **2550 Patterson Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546**. The rink phone number is: 616.940.1423.

Patterson Ice Center is a two rink indoor facility with ice surfaces of 200' x 85'. A snack bar will be open, and various vendors will be offering items for sale. There are numerous restaurants and stores located within a mile of the rink. Many of these businesses will be offering discounts to skaters and families during the competition weekend.

## **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Skaters who placed in the top four in a final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Skaters entering juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be under 13 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters

entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program), must be at least 14 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering beginner-pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

## **ENTRIES**

You may register for the Grand Rapids Open at: [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com)

**No paper entries will be accepted.**

Online entries and payment must be completed by: **May 18, 2019.**

## **Fee Schedule**

\$135 - First IJS event (Pre-Juvenile – Senior; Adult Gold)

\$60 - Second IJS Event

\$125 - First 6.0 event

\$50 - Each additional event

\$85 - First Snow Plow Sam or Free Skate 6

\$35 - Each additional Snow Plow Sam or Free Skate 6

\$15 - Change of Event Fee (per event changed)

\$25 - Late fee for entries received after 5/18/19

\$15 - Missing USFSA Number/incomplete registration

\$25 - for each returned check or contested credit card (Only cash will be accepted for this fee.)

**Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline FOR ANY REASON unless no competition exists or is cancelled.** No exceptions will be made. **There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.** Online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be assessed a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

## **Registration/Practice Ice Desk Hours**

The registration desk will be open one hour before the start of the competition each day. Skaters must check in at least one hour prior to their event.

We will offer several options for practice ice this year including evening, morning, and mid-day. Practice Ice will be available for purchase for the rate of \$15 per 20 minute session. The Practice Ice table will be open 30 minutes prior to the start of the first practice ice each day.

Practice ice sessions may be purchased in advance on [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com) at the time of online entry or at the practice ice desk during competition days if space is still available. The practice ice schedule will be posted on [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com) and skaters will be emailed by [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com) of practice ice opening and closure dates. Music will not be played on practice ice. Please contact Renee Peirce at [rgpeirce@gmail.com](mailto:rgpeirce@gmail.com) with any questions.

## **MUSIC**

The official competition music must be turned in on CD at the registration table at the time of check-in. CD should only have one track of music. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each

event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

### **LIABILITY**

US Figure Skating, The Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club and Patterson Ice Center accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the US Figure Skating Rulebook.

### **JUDGING SYSTEM**

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events: Well-Balanced Program free skate Preliminary – Senior, Excel Track Program events Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus and Intermediate-Senior; Adult Gold and short program events, Juvenile-Senior. The requirements for Juvenile short program are the same as intermediate.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for Well-Balanced Program free skate events Pre-Preliminary and Open Juvenile; Excel Track Program events Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile; Adult Bronze and Silver; Introductory free skate events (Beginner, High Beginner and No Test); all specialty singles events (spins, jumps, compulsory moves, showcase)

### **Planned Program Content (PPC)**

IJS events are required to submit a PPC (planned program content) online. The PPC is to be completed no later than June 5, 2019 through Entryeze. **If a PPC is not submitted by the deadline, a \$25 processing fee will be required at the time of registration.**

Critiques will be offered for all IJS long program events. Short program event critiques will be offered if scheduling allows. Times for the critiques will be available at registration the day of the event.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY**

All skaters will receive digital copies of all professional photos taken. Skaters may bring a USB drive to the event to download photos. USB drives will also be available for purchase from the photographer at the event. All photos will be made available for download on the web two weeks after the event.

Professional videography will be provided and individual skater event DVD's will be available for purchase at the event.

A tentative schedule of competition events and skater's event time(s) will be posted at [www.ggrfsc.org](http://www.ggrfsc.org) and [www.entryeze.com](http://www.entryeze.com)

as soon as it is known. All times are approximate. Please check with Registration for changes and exact times.

### **AWARDS**

Medals are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place; Ribbons are awarded for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> place. Skating order and event results will be posted in a specified location in the rink (posted at registration desk). Award presentation will take place directly following the posting of event results.

## **COMPETITION WEAR**

All registered skaters will receive a complimentary 2019 Grand Rapids Open t-shirt. T-shirt colors and sizes will be made available during event registration on Entryeze. Shirts will be available for pick up at the event registration desk.

## **INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:**

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Registration:

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;

B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.

C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.

D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

For Basic Skills ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing in a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Basic Skills instructor member.

The local organizing committee/club 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 cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she 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 area at rink side during events including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:

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

## **Sanction**

This is a non-qualifying competition sanctioned by US Figure Skating and Skate Canada. It will be conducted in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating as set forth in the 2018 rulebook, except as modified in this announcement.

## **Meijer State Games and State Games of America**

The Grand Rapids Open is a participant in the Meijer State Game of Michigan. The State Games portion of this competition is open to residents of Michigan only. Skaters may be United States Figure Skating (USFS) members, Ice Skating Institute (ISI) members, or skaters not affiliated with any club. If the skater is a member of ISI the following conversion table identifies the skating level corresponding to USFS levels. For more information, about the State Games and the opening ceremonies, please visit [www.stategamesofmichigan.org](http://www.stategamesofmichigan.org)

<b>If you have passed ISI level -</b>	<b>Enter the USFS level -</b>
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



**For complete current rules and requirements on any event, see US Figure Skating Rulebook.**

## **SINGLES WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM**

[2019-20 Singles Well-Balanced Program Elements for No Test-Senior](#)

## **SINGLES SHORT PROGRAM—INTERMEDIATE THROUGH SENIOR**

[2019-20 Singles Short Program Elements for Intermediate-Senior](#)

All short programs will be skated with music. Test requirements the same as Free Skate.

## **EXCEL TRACK FREE SKATE**

[Excel Track Freeskate](#)

## **COMPETE USA EVENTS WITH MUSIC SNOW PLOW SAM – FREESKATE 6**

[Compete USA Snowplow Sam-Freeskate 6 \(with music\)](#)

## **JUMP CHALLENGE – BEGINNER THROUGH SENIOR**

[Jumps Challenge](#)

## **SPINS CHALLENGE – BEGINNER THROUGH SENIOR**

[Spins Challenge](#)

## **COMPULSORY MOVES – SNOWPLOW SAM THROUGH SENIOR**

### [COMPETE USA Snowplow Sam-Freeskate 6](#)

Note that there has been a change by USFS in the order that the elements are skated. "When directed by a judge or referee each skater in sequence will perform the first of the required elements listed below before moving on to the next element."

### [COMPETE USA Excel Compulsory \(Excel Beginner-Excel Preliminary\)](#)

### [Compulsory Moves \(No Test-Senior\)](#)

## **ADULT SINGLES FREE SKATE**

### [Adult Singles Elements](#)

## **ADULT COMPULSORY MOVES**

### [Adult Compulsory Moves](#)

## **ADULT JUMPS**

### [Adult Jumps Challenge](#)

## **ADULT SPIN**

### [Adult Spins Challenge](#)

## **SHOWCASE**

### [Showcase Events-Dramatic Entertainment](#)

### [Showcase Events-Duets](#)

### [Showcase Events-Light Entertainment](#)





## Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club Test Application for Grand Rapids Open

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ USFSA #: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
GGRFSC Member ? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ If no, Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Non-GGRFSC members must pay out of club fee of \$25 per test session.*

Dancers specify: \_\_\_\_\_ Solo: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of partner: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Field Moves**

Pre-Preliminary \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Preliminary \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Pre-Juvenile \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Juvenile \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Intermediate \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Novice \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Junior \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Adult Moves**

Pre-Bronze \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Bronze \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Silver \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Gold \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Freeskate**

Pre-Preliminary \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Preliminary \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Pre-Juvenile \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Juvenile \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Intermediate \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Novice \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Junior \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Adult Freeskate**

Pre-Bronze \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Bronze \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Silver \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Gold \$55.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Pairs (Per Tester)**

Preliminary \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Juvenile \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Intermediate \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Novice \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Junior \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Dance**

#### **Preliminary \$20 Each**

Dutch Waltz \_\_\_\_\_  
Canasta Tango \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhythm Blues \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Pre-Bronze \$25 Each**

Swing Dance \_\_\_\_\_  
Cha Cha \_\_\_\_\_  
Fiesta \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Bronze \$25 Each**

Hickory Hoedown \_\_\_\_\_  
Willow Waltz \_\_\_\_\_  
Ten Fox \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Pre-Silver \$30 Each**

14 Step \_\_\_\_\_  
European Waltz \_\_\_\_\_  
Foxtrot \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Silver \$35 Each**

American Waltz \_\_\_\_\_  
Harris Tango \_\_\_\_\_  
Rocker Foxtrot \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Pre-Gold \$35 Each**

Killian \_\_\_\_\_  
Blues \_\_\_\_\_  
Paso Doble \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Gold/International \$40 Each**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Free Dance**

Juvenile \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Intermediate \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Novice \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Junior \$40.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Senior \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_



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**Applications:** Make sure your application is filled out completely and accurately. Fees must accompany the application and both must be delivered to the Test Chair Folder in the club room *before* the deadline for the test. Mailed applications should be sent directly to Jenna Turner and arrive before the deadline.

**Credits:** Fees from cancelled tests will be credited only if the cancellation is requested before the schedule is completed.

**Special Requests:** Any special requests for scheduling on the test day should be noted on the test form. We may or may not be able to honor a request, but we will try when possible. If a request has a substantial impact on the cost of a test session you may be charged for the excess.

**USFSA Number:** Your USFSA membership must be active at the time of testing. PLEASE REMEMBER TO PUT THIS ON YOUR TEST APPLICATION. If you do not yet have a number, write "pending" in the place of your number.

**Schedule:** Generally test schedules are posted no later than one week prior to the test session. However testers are advised to recheck the schedule the day before testing. Sometimes late changes are unavoidable.

**Out-Of-Club Members:** You must have permission from your home club to test outside your club. Please accompany this application with a letter from your home Club Test Chair indicating that you are a member in good standing and eligible to take the requested tests on the date of our session. Out of Club tests will be scheduled only as time is available.

**On The Test Day:** Arrive at the test session approximately one hour ahead of your scheduled time in case last minute changes must be made. While you are waiting to test, stay away from the ice door and keep noise levels down. Listen for instructions from the Test Chair, the Judges, or your Coach.

**Questions for Judges:** Remember that the judges are here to help you improve. If a comment is unclear, your coach may request clarification of comments or additional feedback from the judges.

**Report Forms:** Judging sheets and copies will be delivered to the skaters and coaches as soon as all scores are checked and recorded. The copies are for the skater's own records. The originals must be stay on file with the club.

**Mail Competed Test Form to:**

GGRFSC Test Chair  
C/O Jenna Turner  
6581 Donnegan Court SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

**Fee Total Calculation**

Total for all tests \_\_\_\_\_

Judges Fee + \$10 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Out of Club Fee (+\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

***Please make checks payable to Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club.***

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval of Test Chair or Club Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Skater Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature (if skater is under 18 yrs. Of age): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

