

Hosted by the Onyx-Suburban Skating Academy, Rochester, Michigan



August 27 - 29, 2010

Sanctioned by USFS

Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena, 52999 Dequindre, Rochester, MI 48307, Office phone - 248-601-6699. Three ice surfaces (each surface is 200 x 85), dressing rooms, ample parking, and a concession area. For all event information, please email Imminish@msn.com.

Rules

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules as set forth in the current USFS rulebook or those adopted at the May 2010 meeting of the Governing Council. Chief Referee is Barry Doren and Chief Accountant is Kathy Cook. The **International Judging System** will be used for select events as noted.

Eligibility and Entries

The competition is open to all eligible persons who are members in good standing of USFS or and shall be eligible to enter events based on their test status as of **July 15, 2010**. Single skaters may skate at their free skating test level (**as of July 15, 2010**) or at one level higher, BUT NOT BOTH. Skaters may not compete below their test level as of **July 15, 2010**. Any event with a large number of entries will be divided into smaller groups. Levels Low Beginner through Juvenile will be divided in age groups of 8-10 skaters whenever possible. Intermediate and above will be divided into groups by random draws and group size will be based on total entries received. A minimum of two entries will be required for all flights to be scheduled. Compulsory events may be ladies and men combined. Skaters may enter EITHER an IJS or 6.0 free skate event but NOT both.

Planned Program Content Sheet (PPCS)

All competitors in IJS events are required to submit a Planned Program Content Sheet. **The PPCS is to be completed online no later than August 12, 2010**. Once entered, the PPCS may be updated online at any time as often as is desired and without cost up to August 15. For **those who do not submit the PPCS online by August 12, a \$25 processing fee will be incurred**. Please note that any PPCS submitted by paper, regardless of date, will incur the \$25 processing fee. Please go to www.usfigureskating.org and follow the instructions to complete your PPCS. Designate "Onyx Figure Skating Challenge" to receive your form.

Championship Rounds

Championship Rounds will be held for PreJuvenile and IJS Juvenile through IJS Senior if number of entries and/or time allows. The number of skaters advancing to Final Rounds from each Level/Qualifying Event or Group will be determined after closing date. All levels will advance based on Free Skate qualifying event only. Practice Ice for Final Rounds will be available for sale after each Free Skate event has been completed and results posted. There will be no Final Rounds for any 6.0 Events other than PreJuvenile FS.

Fees and Closing Date

Space is limited so enter early. Online registration is preferred. There is a \$5.00 administrative fee for all mailed entries. Any entry not completed online or postmarked on or before July 15, 2010 will be considered late and will be accepted only if space allows and will be charged a \$25 late fee. No refunds after closing date for any reason, including medical, unless event is cancelled due to lack of entries. Any entry form missing USFS number will be charged a \$10 administrative fee. **Any change to skating level or event after the deadline is subject to a \$20 administrative fee**. Any check returned for NSF will be charged a \$30 administrative fee. **Any and all additional fees assessed must be paid at the time of registration and must be paid by cash or money order before skater will be allowed to compete in their event(s)**.

Practice Ice

There will be practice ice available beginning Friday, August 27, 2010 at the Onyx Rochester Ice Arena. Practice ice will be sold **online or by mail only**. You may **pre-purchase** Practice Ice sessions at a **discounted** price online any time prior to the closing date. Those who register for Practice Ice online will be allowed to select their sessions before mailed requests. No practice ice will be sold over the telephone or by fax. Music will NOT be played on any practice ice session. If you do not get the practice ice session you want, you will be notified by phone or email. Those with email addresses will be notified first.

Registration

The official registration desk will be located in the main lobby of the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena. Registration will open one hour before the start of the competition each day and remain open through the end of the competition each day. Competitors must register at least one hour prior to their event.

Official Notices

The official bulletin board will be maintained in the main lobby of the arena. Posting of schedules and announcements thereon shall constitute sufficient official notice to competitors, coaches, and officials.

Schedule of Events

A schedule of events and confirmation will be available online approximately two weeks before the competition. Please check the official bulletin board immediately upon arrival for any changes.

Music

Music will be reproduced through the rink sound system from **CDs ONLY** furnished by each competitor. **Please legibly label all CD's with skater name, level, and "FS" or "SP" In an effort to avoid any problems that may be caused by stick-on labels, we will not be putting labels on CD's. ALL MUSIC MUST BE TURNED IN AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.** CD's must have only one track on it. In the event of short and long programs, two separate CD's must be used. Any CD with more than one track will not be accepted. Skaters should also have an additional CD available rink side as back-up.

Awards

Medals will be awarded for 1st through 4th place in each event and ribbons will be awarded for 5th – 12th place for all events. In addition, medals will be given for 1st – 4th place for all Championship Rounds. The winner of each Championship event will also receive a trophy. Award Ceremonies and pictures will take place immediately following the posting of each event's results.

Video/Photography

All skaters will receive a free DVD of each their events as a gift. Action photography and professional photographs may be available at the awards ceremonies plus everyone will be welcome to take their own photographs at that time.

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MAILED ENTRY FEE.....ADD \$ 5.00

One IJS event.....	\$ 95.00
Two IJS events.....	\$ 140.00
One IJS event plus one 6.0 event.....	\$ 130.00
One 6.0 event.....	\$ 85.00 <i>(see below for half ice)</i>
Two 6.0 events.....	\$ 120.00
All Half Ice events.....	\$ 35.00 each

All IJS PPCS's must be entered online on or before August 12. See Announcement for further details.

*****Mailed entry forms must be postmarked by July 15, 2010

Mail to: **Tami Blaszkowski 14569 Royal Drive Sterling Hgts, MI 48312**

Total DUE\$ _____

Any check returned by your bank for any reason will incur a \$30 administrative fee.

SAVE \$5.00 BY

Registering online at

www.sk8stuff.com

no later than midnight July 15, 2010

Pre-purchase Practice Ice Sessions at the discounted price at the same time.

For questions regarding registration please email

info@theonyxchallenge.com

ENTRY MUST BE MADE ONLINE OR POSTMARKED BY JULY 15, 2010

Any entry made online or postmarked after July 15 must include the \$25 late fee

Single Free Skate

- Program requirements not specified below are defined in rules 3630 – 3820. Skaters may skate up one level but may not skate at more than one level.
- Test Track Note: **Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.**

Senior IJS 4:00 (Ladies) 4:30 (Men)	Must have passed the Senior Free Skate Test. (Rule 3643)
Senior TT (6.0) 4:00 (Ladies) 4:30 (Men)	Must have passed the Senior Free Skate Test. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 8 jumping elements for men: 7 for ladies • At least 4 different double jumps. 1 must be a double Lutz. Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. • Max 3 Spins: 1 must be a flying spin, 1 must be a solo spin (min 6 revs on all solo spins), 1 must be combination consisting of all three positions and one change of foot (min. 2 revolutions in each position and min. 5 revolutions on each foot). • Steps-Men: 2 different step sequences • Steps-Ladies: 1 step sequence and 1 spiral sequence (see Rule 3640 for spiral sequence description) • Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description
Junior IJS 3:30 (Ladies) 4:00 (Men)	Must have passed the Junior Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3653)
Junior TT (6.0) 3:30 (Ladies) 4:00 (Men)	Must have passed the Junior Free Skate Test & no higher. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 8 jumping elements for men: 7 for ladies • Any single jumps and double jumps may only be the double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop, and the double flip. Jump combinations and sequences allowed. • Max 3 Spins: 1 must be a flying spin, 1 must be a solo spin (6 revolutions min) and 1 must be a combination spin consisting of all three positions and one change of foot (min. 2 revolutions in each position and min. 5 revolutions on each foot). • Steps: One step sequence of advanced difficulty covering the full ice surface. (See rule 3650 for description) • Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description
Novice IJS 3:30 (Men) 3:00 (Ladies)	Must have passed the Novice Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3663)
Novice TT (6.0) 3:00 (Ladies) 3:30 (Men)	Must have passed the Novice Free Skate Test & no higher. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 7 jumping elements for men; 6 for ladies • Any single jumps. Double jumps may only be the double Salchow, double toe loop and the double loop. Jump combinations and sequences allowed. • Max 3 Spins: Any position (min 6 revolutions), 1 must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot (min. 5 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins. • 1 step or spiral sequence. (see Rule 3660 for description) • Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description
Intermediate IJS 2:30	Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3672)
Intermediate TT (6.0) 2:30	Must have passed the Intermediate Free Skate Test & no higher. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max: 6 jumping elements • Any single jumps. Double jumps may only be the double Salchow and the double toe loop. Jump combinations and sequences allowed. • Max 3 Spins: Any position (min 4 revolutions), 1 must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot (min. 4 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins. • 1 full-ice step sequence: straight line, circular, or serpentine. • Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description
Juvenile IJS 2:15	Open to skaters who have not reached the age of 13 years old as of the closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3681)
Juvenile TT (6.0) 2:15	Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test & no higher. There are no age restrictions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max: 6 jumping elements. • Any single jumps and jump combinations with not more than 1 ½ rotations (Axel permitted). • Max 3 Spins: Any position (min 4 revolutions), 1 must be a combination spin with one change of foot (min.. 4 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins. • 1 full-ice step sequence: straight line, circular, or serpentine. • Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description
Open Juvenile IJS 2:15	Open to skaters 13 years old or older as of closing date. Must have passed the Juvenile Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3681)
PreJuvenile (6.0) 2:00	Must have passed the PreJuvenile Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3691).
PreJuvenile TT (6.0) 2:00	Must have passed the PreJuvenile Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3691) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max three spins in any position (min 3 revolutions), one must be a combination spin with change of foot optional (min 3 revolutions on each foot or 6 total revolutions and no flying spins). • Single Jumps (No Axels) • Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. • Max: 5 jumping elements. • One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface. • Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description
Preliminary 1:30	Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test & no higher. (Rule 3701).
Preliminary Limited 1:30	Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skating test & no higher. May include Axels. May not include double jumps or flying spins. (Rule 3701)

Single Free Skate

- Program requirements not specified below are defined in rules 36430 – 3721. Skaters may skate up one level but may not skate at more than one level.
- Test Track Note: **Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.**

Preliminary TT 1:30	<p>Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skating test & no higher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 spins of a different nature, combination spins allowed (min. 3 revolutions each and no flying spins) • Single Jumps (no axels) • Jump combinations and sequences are allowed • Max: 5 jumping elements • Connection moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program • Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description
PrePreliminary 1:30	<p>Must have passed the PrePreliminary Free Skate Test & no higher. May include axels. May not include double jumps. (Rule 3711)</p>
PrePreliminary Limited 1:30	<p>Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating test & no higher. May not include Axels, double jumps, or flying spins.</p>
PrePreliminary TT 1:30	<p>Must have passed the PrePreliminary Free Skate Test & no higher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Max 5 jump elements • Single solo jumps (no Axels); Jump combinations or sequences using only waltz jumps, toe loops, & Salchows. • 2 different solo spins (min 3 revs); (no flying spins) • Connecting moves and steps throughout the program. • Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description
No Test 1:30	<p>Open to skaters who have not passed any official USFS Free Skate Tests. A well-balanced program consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with a maximum of 5 jump elements (no axels or double jumps allowed) • Spins: maximum of two spins of a different nature; spins may change feet, position, and start with a fly; minimum 3 revs. • Step sequence: one step sequence utilizing ½ ice surface. (Rule 3720) Additional moves in the field and spiral sequences are permitted but will not be counted as a step sequence element. • Up to three of the permitted jump elements may be jump combinations or jump sequences. One jump combination may contain three jumps; the remaining jump combinations are limited to two jumps. The number of jumps in the jump sequence is free.
High Beginner 1:30	<p>Open to skaters who have not passed their PrePreliminary Free Skate Test or its equivalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include any half revolution jumps plus Salchow, toe-loops, half-loops, and loops (but no other full revolution jumps). • May not include flying spins.
Low Beginner 1:30	<p>Open to skaters who have not passed their PrePreliminary Free Skate Test or its equivalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May include any half revolution jumps plus Salchow, toe-loops, and half-loops (but no other full revolution jumps). • May not include flying spins, combination spins or backspins.
Basic Beginner 1:30	<p>Open to skaters who have not passed their PrePreliminary Free Skate Test or its equivalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May only include half revolution jumps. • May include scratch and two-foot spins.
Young Adult (6.0) 18 – 21 yrs only 2:40 max	<p>Must have passed no higher than the Juvenile Free Skating test or its equivalent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Juvenile well balanced requirements

Short Program

*To be skated with music. All times are maximums. Additional program requirements as defined in 3640-3671
Elements to be skated are as stated in the 2010 USFS Rulebook or those adopted at the May 2010 meeting of the Governing Council.*

Senior IJS 2:50	As stated in the 2010 USFS Rulebook (Rule 3641 & 3642)
Junior IJS 2:50	As stated in the 2010 USFS Rulebook (Rules 3651 & 3652) Elements to be skated are for the 2010-2011 season
Novice IJS 2:30	As stated in the 2010 USFS Rulebook (Rule 3661 or 3662)
Intermediate IJS 2:00	As stated in the 2010 USFS Rulebook (Rule 3671)
Juvenile IJS OR Open Juvenile IJS (separate events) 2:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Axel (may not be repeated in the combination) • Double jump (may not be repeated in the combination) • One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or one single jump and one double jump. • Solo spin – minimum 4 revolutions in position. May not commence with a jump • Spin combination with only one change of foot and at least one change of position (min 4 revolutions each foot) • Step sequence (straight line, circular, or serpentine)

Compulsory

Skated without music. Test requirements are the same as listed under Single Free Skate Events. To be skated on one-half (1/2) of the ice surface. Moves must be skated exactly as stated and may be skated in any order. There must be no change of foot between jumps in the combination jump. An axel is considered a single jump. If program exceeds the time limit, that portion of the program will not be judged. All times listed are maximum. All moves in all levels are to be connected in a free flowing presentation. Excessive footwork and added elements will be penalized. Spin revolutions must be in position to be counted. Ladies and men may be combined.

CATEGORY	REQUIRED ELEMENTS
PreJuvenile 1:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single jump (may not be repeated in combination) 2. Double/single jump combination (must include loop as either single or double jump) 3. Combination spin with no change of position and 1 change of foot (may not commence with jump, min. 4 revolutions) 4. Solo spin (may not commence with jump, min. 4 revolutions) 5. Step sequence
Preliminary 1:30	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single jump (axel permitted) 2. Single-single jump combination (may not repeat single jump selected above) 3. 1 foot back spin (position optional, may not commence with jump, min. 3 revolutions) 4. Edge spiral, spread eagle or bauer 5. Step sequence
PrePreliminary 1:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Single jump (no axel, may not be repeated in combination) 2. Single/single jump combination (no axel) 3. Forward spin (min. 3 revolutions) 4. Forward spiral sequence (3 or 4 positions)
High Beginner 1:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waltz jump/toe-loop combination 2. Loop or Salchow jump 3. Forward scratch spin (min. 3 revolutions) 4. Forward spiral
Low Beginner 1:00	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ½ revolution jump 2. Toe-loop 3. 2 foot spin (min. 3 revolutions) 4. Lunge

Spins Only

Skaters will qualify according to their Free Skating level. Spins may be joined with appropriate connecting moves and will be skated on one-half ice. There will be a one and a half minute time limit, and no music. Spins must be skated exactly as stated, but may be performed in any order. Revolutions are minimums. Levels will be broken into smaller groups if numbers warrant. Ladies and men may be combined.

PrePreliminary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-foot spin, optional free leg (3 revs) • Two-foot spin (3 revs) • Forward sit spin (3 revs) 	PreJuvenile: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camel spin (4 revs) • Forward sit to back sit spin (4 revs each foot) • Front to back scratch spin (4 revs each foot)
Preliminary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scratch spin (5 revs) • Forward sit spin (3 revs) • Camel spin (3 revs) 	Juvenile / Open Juvenile (combined for this event however if number of entries warrant, flights will be broken into smaller groups based on age): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spin combination with 1 change of position and 1 change of foot (4 revs each foot) • Flying camel spin (5 revs) • Forward sit to back sit spin (5 revs each foot)

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Basic Program With Music: Basic 1 - 8

· The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise specified. · To be skated on full ice · Vocal music is allowed · The skater may use elements from a previous level · A .2 deduction will be taken **for each** element performed from a higher level · Time: 1:00 +/-10 Seconds

<p>Basic 8:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three turns R & L 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka in either direction 4. Combination move clockwise or counter clockwise two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one foot upright spin optional free foot position 	<p>Basic 7:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward inside open Mohawk R to L and L to R 2. Ballet Jump either direction 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position clockwise and counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot
<p>Basic 6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward inside 3turn from a standstill R & L 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward arabesque spiral on a straight line R or L 4. Lunge R or L 5. Tstop R or L 	<p>Basic 5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counterclockwise 2. Backward crossovers 6 – 8 consecutive in both directions 3. One foot spin min of three revolutions 4. Side Toe hop either direction 5. Hockey stop
<p>Basic 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward outside three turn from a standstill R & L 2. Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counter clockwise 3. Forward crossovers 6 – 8 consecutive both directions 4. Backward stroking 5. Backward snowplow stop R or L 	<p>Basic 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward stroking 2. Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 6 – 8 consecutive 3. Moving forward to backward two foot turn in either direction 4. Backward one foot glide either foot 5. Two foot spin
<p>Basic 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward one foot glide either foot 2. Two foot turn in place forward to backward 3. Backward two foot swizzles 6 – 8 in a row 4. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line across width of ice 5. Moving snowplow stop 	<p>Basic 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward two foot glide 2. Forward two foot swizzles 6 – 8 in a row 3. Backward wiggles 6 – 8 in a row 4. Forward snowplow stop

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