

# Battle of the Blades

Non-Qualifying Competition  
Hosted by the



## August 26-27, 2023

SportONE Parkview Icehouse  
3869 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
Phone: 260-387-6614

**EMS Registration Deadline: July 25, 2023, at 11:59pm ET**

**Registration May Close Early!**

**The Fort Wayne Figure Skating Club reserves the right to limit entries prior to the deadline by event based on entry date/timestamp if estimated skating time exceeds available ice time. This may result in registration closing prior to the stated deadline.**

EMS upload deadline for Music and PPC: August 15, 2023, at 11:59pm ET  
Online purchase of practice ice sessions will be available through EMS

**PART OF THE**



**Chief Referee:** Gretchen Bonnie  
**LOC Chair:** Alena Lunin  
**LOC Co-Chair:** Theresa Overy

For more information go to <http://www.fortwayneiceskatingclub.org/>

*This event is a standard USFS Non-qualifying Competition Sanction # 33586*



This competition will be part of the 2023 Indiana Championship Series. The Indiana Championship Series is open to all Indiana Residents and members of Indiana Figure Skating Club.

More Information can be found on the Indiana Figure Skating Council website <https://sites.google.com/view/indianafigureskating/home/indiana-championship-series>

The Battle of the Blades 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 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, and who are currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test Level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Note, "skating up" is at the discretion of LOC and athletes may not skate down in any event.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

- Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger
- Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older
- Intermediate must be under the age of 18
- Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

### **ADULT EVENTS:**

Age classes for all free skate and showcase events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee.

### **COMPETITION REGISTRATION:**

Online registration must be completed by **July 25, 2023, at 11:59pm ET.**

Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the LOC. If accepted, a late fee of \$50 will be assessed.

**ENTRY FEES: FULL Ice offered for Snowplow and all Basic Skills events!**

Photos and Videos of every registered event are included in the cost of registration.

Compete USA 6.0 events - \$80 / 6.0 Events - \$105 / IJS Event - \$130

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**EMS REGISTRATION:**

Entries will be accepted via EMS with credit card only.

Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

**Registration Deadline: July 25, 2023, at 11:59pm ET**

**Late Registration Deadline: August 1, 2023, at 11:59pm ET + \$50 Late Fee**

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration."
4. Choose "COMPETITION NAME" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

**FOREIGN SKATERS:** Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

**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.

**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.

**FACILITIES:** The competition will be held at SportONE Parkview Icehouse facility at 3869 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. The ice surfaces are 85'x200' with slightly rounded corners. The facility has a full restaurant service. Seating accommodation 300 spectators and there is ample parking. Admission to the Battle of the Blades for all is free.

### **EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:**

**DEADLINE: August 15th, 2023, at 11:59pm ET**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **August 15, 2023, at 11:59pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 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.

### **EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)**

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

All 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.

### **MUSIC CRITERIA:**

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
  - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a CD in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CD's (standard format CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event and running time.

\*Skaters competing in Snowplow - Basic 1-6 program events will have to provide their own music and upload music on EMS.

### **EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – IF IJS:**

**DEADLINE: August 15, 2023, at 11:59 pm ET.**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **August 15, 2023, at 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 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.

### **EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)**

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, Fort Wayne Ice Skating Club and SportONE Parkview Icehouse 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.

**ONSITE CHECK-IN:** Check-in will open before the first event and will be located in the main lobby of SportONE Parkview Icehouse. Please register/check-in promptly upon arrival.

**LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS**

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

**EMS PRACTICE ICE:**

All sessions are 20 minutes in duration. There are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used. No music is played on practice ice. Sessions will be available throughout the competition and designated by level and discipline.

**PRE-PURCHASE:** Practice ice will be available during registration until **July 25, 2023, at 11:59 pm ET**. Practice ice will be selected by skater during the session-selection window. After close of the entries, you will receive an email in order to access your practice ice record and select your sessions via EMS. **Practice ice will be \$15 per 20min if you pre-purchased sessions. A maximum of 2 practice ice sessions may be pre-purchased per skater eligible event.**

**SESSION SELECTION:** The session-selection window will begin no later than August 15, 2023, at 3:00 pm ET.

**OPEN SALES:** Following the close of the pre-purchase selection window, skaters will have an opportunity to purchase and select additional PI sessions for \$20 per session. The open sales selection open on **August 20, 2023, at 3:00pm** and will be available throughout the event. Purchase will be subject to availability.

**VIDEO:** Studio 828 will be providing exceptional quality professional video services. Every skater will receive an email with instructions, including video a link, for each event they registered and participated. Videos of every registered event are included in the cost of registration.

**Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.**

**AWARDS:** Medals will be presented to 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place winners in all events. Results will be posted online; printed results will not be available. Skaters should report to the awards table after the final results have been posted online.

**TEAM TROPHY:** A Team Trophy will be awarded to the club that accumulates the most team points across all events (excluding the host club)

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:**

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating. Please note that no coach will be allowed to enter the facility without a credential.

**EMS Coach Resources** (\*include links in your announcement):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. \*
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. \*
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

\* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

[www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) → Person Icon  or Account → Member Profile → Compliance

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page

**CONTACT INFO:**

- Alena Lunin, Competition Chair [alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com](mailto:alunin@sportoneparkviewicehouse.com)
- Theresa Overy, Competition Co-Chair [dover6@hotmail.com](mailto:dover6@hotmail.com)
- Gretchen Bonnie, Chie Referee [gretchenbonnie@att.net](mailto:gretchenbonnie@att.net)

**SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.**

**Click below to view the program requirements for the current season.**

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/program-requirements>

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>IJS/6.0</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Preliminary)	6.0	\$105	n/a
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus – Senior)	IJS	\$130	n/a
Well Balanced (No Test – Preliminary)	6.0	\$105	n/a
*Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Juvenile)	IJS	\$130	n/a
Adult Free Skate (Adult Beginner – Bronze)	6.0	\$105	n/a
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$130	n/a
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Program w/Music (Full Ice)	6.0	\$80	n/a
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/Music	6.0	\$80	n/a
Adult 1-6 Program w/Music	6.0	\$80	n/a

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**LODGING:**

**TownePlace Suites by Marriott** - [Cut-off date 07/23/2023](#)

(The same parking lot with the Rink)

Price: \$159+tax (per night)

Address: 3949 Ice Way, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Phone: (260)483-1166

[Book your group rate for Battle of the Blades 2023-Participants](#)

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