

2025 Houston Invitational

The Skating Club of Houston Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex 8220 Willow Place Drive North Houston, TX 77070 March 7-9, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: February 7, 2024

For information email Lisa Hayes @ houstoninvitationalchair@gmail.com

Features: Excel Series, Theatre on Ice Exhibitions w/critiques, Showcase, Adaptive Skating, Pairs & Solo Dance w/critiques, Well Balanced, Icemen Social w/Guest TBD, Adult Skaters Social w/Gracie Gold For Event/Competition Registration, go to <u>USFS EMS</u>.

All additional Add-ons:
Merchandise, Critiques, Test
Credit, Icemen Social, Adult Social,
etc. go to EntryEeze to register.







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I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2025 Houston Invitational will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</u>, as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating <u>website</u>.

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, 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 <u>rulebook</u> for more information.

SERIES INFORMATION:

The 2025 Houston Invitational Competition is an Excel Series Competition. All rules and regulations lined out in the 2025 LOC Handbook will be followed.

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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 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 <u>HERE</u> or email <u>events@usfigureskating.org</u>.

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.

EVENTS OFFERED:

- U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements: <u>usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements</u>
- 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 by the close of the entry deadline on February 7, 2025 at houstoninvitationalchair@gmail.com.
 - o Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.
- Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.): Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email by the close of the entry deadline on February 7, 2025 at houstoninvitationalchair@gmail.com.
- Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.
- Events with Critiques: You must request your critique for events that have an included critique by following this link. Requests must be made at the time of registering for the competition and no later than Feb. 7th, 2025. https://forms.gle/Ft8uUA9fsAMNcmWR6

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

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate: Aspire 1-4	6.0	\$185	\$50
Excel Free Skate: Pre-preliminary, Preliminary, Preliminary Plus - Senior	IJS	\$185	\$50
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	\$185	\$50
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	\$185	\$50
Adult Free Skate (Silver - Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$185	\$50
Adult Beginner/High Beginner/Pre- Bronze/Bronze: Free Skate	6.0	\$185	\$50
PAIRS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Short Program (critique included - must request)	6.0	\$185	\$50
Free Skate (critique included - must request)	6.0	\$185	\$50
Adult Pairs Free Skate (critique included - must request)	6.0	\$185	\$50
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 - 8)	6.0	\$185	\$50
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 - 9)	6.0	\$185	\$50
Spins Challenge (Level 1 - 6)	6.0	\$185	\$50

SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Aspire- Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$185	\$50
Choreographic Artistry (Aspire - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$185	\$50
Lyrical Pop (Aspire - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$185	\$50
Character Performance (Aspire - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$185	\$50
Comedic Impressions (Aspire - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$185	\$50
Duets/Trios (Aspire - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$185	\$50
Theme Event	CJS	\$185	\$50
Inflatables	CJS	\$185	\$50
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$185	\$50
Production Ensemble	CJS	\$185	\$50
Adaptive Individual Showcase	6.0	\$185	\$50
Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	6.0	\$185	\$50
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Solo Free Dance (critique included - must request)	6.0	\$185	\$50
Solo Free Dance (critique included - must request) Adult Solo Free Dance (critique included - must request)	6.0	\$185	\$50
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100	\$50
Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$100	\$50
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$100	\$50
Compete USA - Spin Challenge	6.0	\$100	\$50
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	6.0	\$100	\$50
Compete USA - Showcase	6.0	\$100	\$50
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	6.0	\$100	\$50
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	6.0	\$100	\$50
Skate United *see statement above	6.0	\$100	\$50
THEATRE ON ICE (exhibition w/critique, 10-minute OPI)	JUDGING	1 st event CE or FS only	2 nd event FS + CE
Preliminary CE	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Juvenile CE	Ex./crit.	\$200	+\$100
Intermediate CE	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Novice CE	Ex./crit.	\$200	+\$100
Junior CE	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Senior CE	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Open CE	Ex./crit.	\$200	+\$100

Adult CE	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Preliminary FS	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Juvenile FS	Ex./crit.	\$200	+\$100
Intermediate FS	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Novice FS	Ex./crit.	\$200	+\$100
Junior FS	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Senior FS	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Open FS	Ex./crit.	\$200	+\$100
Adult FS	Ex/crit.	\$200	+\$100
Adaptive/Unified FS	Ex./crit.	\$200	+\$100

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>U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook</u>.

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 houstoninvitationalchair@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 HERE. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

<u>Coaches of foreign athletes:</u> 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 skater/team's 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

EMS ADMIN: The compliance tab within EMS lists ALL individuals who were declared by skaters at the time of registration or through their EMS Skater Portals (also allows access to skater schedule, music/PPC preview etc.). The compliance requirements are tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database and are updated daily removing the need for the LOC to manually update its list of attending coaches. Further, if a coach is non-compliant, they will receive system-generated emails through the start of the competition. Click here for additional information.

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

IF USING EMS: All team personnel and skaters who will need to receive a credential must be listed in the Team Portal for the competition (Team Personnel for coaches and team managers; Competition Roster for skaters and alternates). In order to be added in EMS, the individual must first be added in the team's profile through Member's Only.

MANDATORY ATHLETES

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

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration will be through EMS for all competition Events. You will need to then log into Entryeeze and create a profile for all other competition add-ons such as merchandise, test credit, icemen social, adult skater socials, etc.

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:

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% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: 02/07/2025 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 02/09/2025 at 11:59 PM ET + \$25 Late Fee

*The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

- 1. Go to <u>www.usfsaonline.orq</u>
- 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 "2025 Houston Invitational" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

PARTNERED EVENTS:

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.

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 "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the Members Only login page.

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (TOI teams):

All teams are required to register online via the U.S. Figure Skating Event Management System (EMS). Anyone listed as a team manager or coach for a team in their Members Only Team Profile will be able to access the registration system. Registration for the competition is not considered final until online payment has been received. Online payment via credit card is the only form of accepted payment for registration in EMS.

- 1. Go to https://m.usfigureskating.org.
- 2. Use your personal member number and password to login.
- 3. Click the BLUE "EMS Event Management System" button.
- 4. Choose "Competition Registration Teams" from the menu.
- 5. Select the team you would like to register for competition.
- 6. Click the REGISTER NOW button next to your competition's name.
 - **NOTE**: Only the competitions for which your team(s) are eligible will appear.
- 7. Walk through the on-screen registration process which will include:
 - a. <u>Team Verification</u>: Confirm the team's information is accurate.
 - b. Registration Overview: Review general information about the competition.

 - c. <u>Event Selection</u>: Confirm the event you are registering the team for is accurate.
 d. <u>Competition Roster Selection</u>: Click the "Add Skaters" link. The screen will display all skaters listed in your Main Roster. Check the box next to each skater's name to add them to the competition roster.
 - Coach Information: Click the "Add Coaches" link. The screen will display all coaches listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each coach's name to add them. Only the coaches who will be attending this competition should be

listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add coaches who are listed in your Team Profile.

- f. Team Service Personnel Information: Click the "Add Team Service Personnel" to add attending team service personnel. The screen will display team managers and team service personnel listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each name to add them. Only the team service personnel who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add team service personnel who are listed in your Team Profile.
- 8. Payment via credit card will be required to complete your registration as it is the only accepted form of payment for registration in EMS. Registrations are not considered complete until an invoice confirmation via email has been received. A 3% processing fee will be assessed at check-out.

NOTE: Payment must be submitted individually for each team's registration. If you are planning on registering multiple teams in a short period of time, it is recommended that you contact your credit card company to prevent anti-fraud systems from being activated.

FOREIGN SYNCHRO AND THEATRE ON ICE TEAMS:

Additional steps are required to complete your registration. For a full guide to registering foreign teams, <u>CLICK HERE</u>. Email <u>memberservices@usfigureskating.org</u> if you require assistance.

TEST CREDIT:

Test credit may be requested for events that qualify per the <u>IJS Protocol for Test</u>

<u>Credit</u> document. If you request test credit prior to the start of the competition in the Entryeeze portal <u>here</u>, the fee is \$10. Please complete prior to 2/7/2025.

Test credit may be requested up to 4 hours to the start of the event for a fee of \$25 at the competition registration desk.

CRITIOUES/FEEDBACK:

Events with Critiques included (pairs and solo dance): You must request your critique for events that have an included critique by following this link. Requests must be made at the time of registering for the competition and no later than Feb. 7th, 2025. REQUEST CRITIQUE HERE.

Due to Excel Series and Adult Series rules and regulations, critiques will not be available for any Excel Events.

Showcase and Well Balanced short program and free skate events preliminary and above my request a critique for an additional fee of \$20 by registering through the portal here. Get feedback on your 2025 program early!!!

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than 2/21/25 at 11:59PM ET. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$35 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: 2/21/25 AT 11:59PM ET \$35 Late Fee will automatically be applied.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email <u>productsupport@usfigureskating.org</u>

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.

PPC: PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD - FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:

PPC for all IJS events will be turned in through EMS at the time of registration.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) - Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **February 21, 2025**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$35 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: 2/21/2025 by 11:59 PM ET \$35 Late Fee will automatically be applied. You must then complete this PPC Paper form, <u>click here</u>, and turn in through email <u>houstoninvitationalchair@gmail.com</u> asap.

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®, The Skating Club of Houston and Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex 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:

Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex 8220 Willow Place Dr. N., Houston, TX 77070

www.aerodromes.com

The Houston Invitational will be held at the Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex, 8220 Willow Place Dr. North, Houston, Texas 77077. The Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex is a one-sheet facility that also contains a full Pro Shop, and a snack bar. The ice surface is 200' x 85' with rounded corners. Skaters will enter the ice at the far end of the rink. The Aerodrome Ice Skating Complex is a free-standing facility and can be chilly. Please be sure to dress accordingly.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms are available for changing BY REQUEST ONLY:

Open locker rooms and changing areas will not be available in this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

If you feel a locker room is a necessity due to multiple events, travel, or other possible needs, please complete this form to request a Locker room, <u>please click here and complete the form.</u>

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only and will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes under 11 years old 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 in the SkateSafe® Handbook.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (TEAM LOCKER ROOMS):

The designated team coach, team manager, team service personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. The team coach, team manager, and team service personnel should remove themselves from the Locker Room/Changing Area while any Minor Athlete(s) are actively changing or undressing. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room/Changing Area monitor. If there are concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing Area is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Once the team is in the locker room, they must remain until their performance.

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 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:

Please check <u>www.skatingclubofhouston.org</u> for any communications. A newsletter will be distributed often with information regarding the competition. It is imperative that you read ALL EMAILS AND COMMUNICATIONS THAT ARE SENT THROUGH U.S. PRODUCT SUPPORT.

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the smore newsletter, EMS schedule, and productsupport@usfigureskating.org emails frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

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.

Due to the nature and multitude of events this competition is hosting, special schedule requests for ANY REASON will not be guaranteed. By Registering you agree that your event could be scheduled any day/any time during the duration of the competition. Refunds will not be given for being unable to compete on the day your event is scheduled.

PRACTICE ICE:

<u>Pre-Purchase:</u> Practice ice credits may be purchased after participants complete their event registration, via the EMS Competition Portal. Skaters who purchase credits during the pre-purchase period will be able to select sessions during the selection period, after the schedule has been completed and posted.

- Click Here for a Pre-Purchase How-To Document
- Open: Registration Open
- Close: 2/7/25 11:59PM ET
- Maximum credits per registered event:
 - o UPI #1
- Cost per credit: \$25

<u>Pre-Purchase Selection:</u> After the close of entries and shortly after the competition schedule is published, skaters will receive an email with notice of the practice ice schedule and the date/time when pre purchased credits can be scheduled via EMS.

- Click Here for a Selection How-To Document
- Open: 2/24/25 6:00 AM

<u>Open and Onsite Sales:</u> Practice Ice sessions will be available after the schedule has been published. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them.

- Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document
- Open: 2/27/25 6:00 AM
- Maximum sessions per registered event:
 - o UPI #2
- Cost per session: \$30

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Friday, March 7, 2025 45 minutes prior to the start of the first practice ice on each day of the competition. The Check-in table will close after the scores of the last competition event have been posted each evening.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented after the final scores are posted on the live link. Medals are awarded to 1st through 6th places. The awards will be located in the party room of the rink.

RESULTS LIVE LINK

Will be posted at the rink during the competition.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

There will be volunteer opportunities available. Please watch for competition information for more information.

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include LOC leadership, locker room monitors and <u>emergency</u> 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.

MKT Photography will be providing professional photographs for sale. Please watch competition communications for more information.

SPECATATORS ARE PROHIBITED from photographing or videotaping any skater other than their own.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Icemen:

This competition will be an Icemen competition which means...we will do our best to schedule as many of the male events together as we can to help socialization and comradery among males in the sport. In addition, all male competitors will be invited to an Icemen social featuring male coaches/skaters - guests to be determined - which is included in the cost of the entry fee (entry by credential). Additional male skaters may join for \$30 by registering through Entryeeze.

Adult Skaters Coffee Club Featuring Gracie Gold:

Attention all adult skaters of the competition, included in your entry fee is entry to our Adult Skater Coffee Club hour with Gracie Gold! Adult skaters not competing may attend for \$40 by registering through Entryeeze.

Official Hotel Accommodations:

Information coming soon

Room blocks have been reserved for a discounted rate at the following vetted hotels for those traveling to the area:

Springhill Suites
Hyatt Place
Courtyard by Marriott (Louetta road)
Residence Inn

Airport information

The closest airport is the Intercontinental Airport of Houston (IAH). You may also fly into Hobby Airport, however it is much farther from our area.

Website:

Go to Entry Eeze Houston Invitational Site for registration information and to purchase additional services such as:

- Merchandise pre-orders:
 T-shirts and Sweatshirts will be available for purchase
- o <u>Test Credit</u>
- o Icemen Social w/ TBD
- o Adult Skater Social w/Gracie Gold

Vendors:

Judy & Unicorn Sports - skate dresses and attire, stuffies, and other skate related items

Royal T. Boutique - personalized jewelry Missy Custom Dresses & More - Fabric made gifts and more

Vendor & Sponsorship opportunities: To become a vendor or sponsor our competition, please contact Britt Jenkins @ bkjenkinsO613@gmail.com

<u>Tentative schedule:</u> <u>TBD</u>

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: www.skatingclubofhouston.org

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Lisa Hayes	houstoninvitationalc hair@gmail.com	832/264-1755
Competition Co- chair:	Kristen Belcourt	Kristen.belcourt@g mail.com	
Chief Referee:	Lee Gardner	<u>Leegardnerf@mac.c</u> <u>om</u>	
Practice Ice Chair:	Sherry Schramm	Sschramm21@yahoo .com	



Join us for our Second Annual Road to Gold Training Camp that will begin immediately following our competition Sunday, March 9 from 2-6 and Monday, March 10th . 7:30 am - 11:30 am

Registration and more information can be found at www.entryeeze.com