



7th ANNUAL ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL FIGURE SKATING TEAM COMPETITIONS

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Carlson Ice Arena

4150 N Perryville Rd, Loves Park

TBD

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Oakton Ice Arena

2800 W Oakton St, Park Ridge

1:00 – 5:00 PM

Saturday, March 3, 2018

Oak Lawn Ice Arena

9320 S. Kenton Ave, Oak Lawn

11:30 AM – 4:30 PM

SECTION 1: GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

A. COMPETITION INFORMATION, RULES, ELIGIBILITY AND TEST LEVEL SPECIFICS:

High school competitions are run as U.S. Figure Skating, sanctioned nonqualifying competitions.

Athletes participating in these events are considered to be student-athletes. Their education is of the highest priority, and in all decision making matters, the Program Development Committee and the Skating Council of Illinois have a responsibility to minimize the days missed from school.

1. Athletes must be eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating, and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice or be individual members of U.S. Figure Skating by December 1 yearly.
2. A minimum of two (2) skaters are required to form a team.
3. Competitors must be currently enrolled in a high school as a full-time student, as defined by the institution they attend. This includes both traditional and home school students.
4. Athletes may compete either for the high school they are attending, or for area high school team formed either as:
 - Athletes from a single school, representing that school, OR
 - Athletes representing two or more area high schools combining to form a single team.
 - NOTE: Competitors may not represent more than ONE high school team.
5. Home-schooled students may join a school team with permission from the school Athletic Director of the team they are joining.
6. High schools may combine as per Illinois High School Association (IHSA) rules, if applicable. All combined teams must be listed on the team application form.
 - If combined teams are not from the same school district, the following rules apply: An administrator from each school must sign the team entry form. All skaters from the combined schools must be allowed to skate on the team. Combined teams not adhering to these guidelines will be disqualified.
7. Team members may include both ladies and men.
8. All skaters who enter must be in at least 9th grade and be enrolled as a student in the high school as per IHSA rules, if IHSA rules are applicable.

9. A skater will not be allowed to participate unless they have a signed Skater Entry Form on file with the Skating Council of Illinois at least one week prior to the competition.
10. A skater may not accept prize money in any amount or merchandise having a value greater than \$25 for any skating competition.
11. Team or individual byes will not be granted for any competition including the High School Final, as per IHSA rules (if IHSA rules are applicable). Except in the case of injury, a skater must have competed in at least one regular season team event in order to be eligible to skate in the team event at the High School Final competition.
12. No skaters may be added after the competition's deadline, except with special permission of the registrar, national vice chair of School Programs and the U.S. Figure Skating programs manager.
13. A competition will not be canceled unless there is a state of Emergency declared in the area where the rink is located, even if school districts of participating teams have closed or cancelled events. Points will be awarded based on teams participating.
14. Team banners are encouraged.
15. No food is allowed in the locker rooms. Some ice arenas have rules regarding outside food. Please check with the ice arena before bringing in food for your team.
16. Unsportsmanlike conduct & foul language will not be tolerated at any competition and is grounds for disqualification.

B. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are \$50 for one competition, \$60 for two or three competitions.

Entry fees MUST accompany entry form(s). Schools/teams are required to submit one collective check payable to the Skating Council of Illinois.

Checks returned for any reason will carry a \$35.00 handling charge and payment of this fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. No refunds will be made for any reason, unless the event is eliminated by the Skating Council of Illinois or chief referee. Late entries will not be accepted.

The Skating Council of Illinois reserves the right to limit the number of entries, eliminate events due to insufficient entries and combine or divide groups as necessary.

C. SCHOOL AFFILIATED CLUB (SAC) TEAM MEMBERSHIPS

All High School Teams participating in high school competitions must register with U.S. Figure Skating by filling out the **School Affiliated Club (SAC) Membership and Team Registration Form** and paying required annual membership dues. This can be found on the High School Programs webpage at <https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/form1909/index.html> and in the High School Competition Handbook. Teams are required to submit a copy of their SAC application or SAC Certificate for proof of membership with their competition application.

D. REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline, unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. In the event that events are cancelled, the Skating Council of Illinois will refund the appropriate entry fees in the manner specified within the competition announcement.

E. LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, the host figure skating club, high school team and hosting ice arena will not accept any responsibility for injury or damage sustained by participants in the high school competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

F. JUDGING SYSTEM

The 6.0 Majority judging system will be used for all events and levels at high school competitions. The ISU judging system will not be used.

G. AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to places 1 – 3 in each event. A team award will be given to the teams in Level A, B and C that have earned the most total points.

H. OFFICIAL NOTICES

An official bulletin board will be maintained at the competition arena. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, team and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

I. INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

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 Skating Council of Illinois 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 compliance 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>

SECTION 2: HIGH SCHOOL TEAM COMPETITION RULES, ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

A. COMPETITION RULES

The Illinois High School Figure Skating Team Competitions will be conducted in accordance with the 2017-18 High School Competition Handbook. This announcement and the High School Competition Handbook will take precedence if there is a conflict with the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

B. TEST LEVEL

Team maneuvers: Athletes may skate up to any level they desire, but they may not compete on a team at a lower level than the highest Freeskate and Moves in the Field test they have passed.

C. WARM-UP GROUPS

Warm-up groups for events will be posted at the start of the competition, but are subject to change up to 15 minutes prior to the start of an event, due to withdraws.

D. RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARTICIPATING TEAMS

It is each participating team's responsibility to review the competition schedule for accuracy within 72 hours of receipt and notify the competition chair of any errors.

SECTION 3: EVENT SPECIFICS AND SKATING REQUIREMENTS:

A. TEAM MANEUVERS EVENT

General event parameters:

1. Team maneuver events consist of teams of at least 2 athletes (any mix of male and female) from the same high school or combined schools with no one skater performing more than half of the total number of elements.

Note:

- *Teams must attempt all 4 listed elements in each category: There are a total of 12 elements, and only 6 may be performed by one skater.*
- *If a competitor performs an element higher than that listed, that element will receive no credit. For example, if the element specified is a Salchow jump and the competitor performs a double Salchow jump, no credit is given for this element.*

2. Each high school may enter only one team in each competitive level.

3. An athlete may compete for only one team. Athletes may "skate up" to any level they desire, but they may not compete on a team at a lower level than the highest Freeskate and Moves in the Field test they have passed.

4. Teams will have the option to use one retry, per category, per team. Retries must be signaled properly to the event head referee by raising one arm into the air for a retry.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step or Moves in the Field Sequence
<p>TEAM LEVEL A Junior & Senior (no test restrictions)</p>	<p>a) Single Axel or double Axel b) Double jump – either double loop, double flip or double Lutz c) Combination Jump – consisting of two double jumps or a triple jump and a double jump d) Double or triple Lutz immediately preceded by footwork.</p>	<p>a) Solo spin of choice (min 8 revs in position; may include flying entry) b) Camel Spin (min 8 revs) c) Flying Spin – Any entry and may include change of position (minimum 8 revs in position) d) Combination spin – with only 1 change of foot, at least 1 change of position, a minimum 6 revolutions per foot AND 2 revolutions in position</p>	<p>a) Choreographic Sequence – See Rule 4105 for description b) Forward loops (novice MIF) c) Ina Bauer or spread eagle d) Senior Moves in the Field element – Serpentine Step Sequence (both sides)</p>
<p>TEAM LEVEL B Juvenile – Novice (Skaters may not have passed higher than novice free skate test)</p>	<p>a) Single Axel b) Single or double loop c) Combination jump - consisting of a double jump and a single jump or two double jumps d) Double loop, flip or Lutz immediately preceded by connecting steps or other free skating movements</p>	<p>a) Solo spin (sit, camel, layback or cross foot spin (min. 5 revs; flying entry NOT permitted) b) Forward scratch spin (min 5 revs) c) Back spin (min 5 revs) d) Combination spin – with only 1 change of foot, a min. of 1 change of position, a minimum of 5 revolutions per foot AND minimum of 2 revolutions in position</p>	<p>a) Choreographic Step Sequence – See Rule 4105 for description b) Ina Bauer or spread eagle c) Juvenile Moves in the Field element – Forward Free Skate Cross Strokes d) Novice Moves in the Field element – Backward Rocker Choctaw sequence</p>
<p>TEAM LEVEL C Beginner – Pre-Juvenile (May not have passed higher than pre-juvenile free skate test)</p>	<p>a) Single Salchow jump b) Single toe loop jump c) Waltz jump-toe loop combination d) Single jump (Axel is NOT permitted)</p>	<p>a) Upright spin (optional free foot position, may change foot, min. 3 revs) b) Sit spin (min 3 revs) c) Back upright spin (min 3 revs) d) Combination spin – camel to sit spin (no change of foot, minimum of 6 revs total)</p>	<p>a) Step Sequence – See Rule 4105 for description b) Forward spiral c) Preliminary Moves in the Field element – Forward Circle 8 d) Pre-Juv MIF Moves in the Field element – Backward Power Change of Edge Pulls</p>

Each level (A, B, C) listed above will be held as its own event. The order of events will be: Team Level C, Team Level B, Team Level A; each conducted separately of each other (i.e. team level C will be completed in its entirety before Team Level B begins, etc.). The event will be judged on a team basis. Athletes will have a general warm-up of STROKING ONLY for 2 minutes. There will also be individual warm-ups for each element for 1 minute. Teams will be assigned a place to line up along the barrier, and should remain on the ice for their entire event. Elements will be skated one-at-a-time, and the announcer will call the representative from each

team when it is his or her turn to perform the prescribed element. Teams must attempt all the listed elements in each category. One retry per category, per team is allowed.

SECTION 4: QUALIFICATION FOR THE 2018 HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL FINAL COMPETITION

Any registered High School team with current U.S. Figure Skating School-Affiliated Club membership is eligible to enter the 2018 High School Final Competition.

THE SKATING COUNCIL OF ILLINOIS IS PLEASED TO HOST THE 2018 HIGH SCHOOL FINALS.

2018 High School Finals
Saturday and Sunday, March 24th & 25th, 2018
Northbrook Ice Arena
1730 Pfingston, Northbrook, IL 60062

SECTION 5: CONTACT INFORMATION

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**7th Annual Illinois High School Team Figure Skating Competitions
SKATER ENTRY FORM**

Skater's Name _____ Male _____ Female _____

E-mail (required) _____

Team Name (as you wish to be identified)

U.S. Figure Skating Home Club _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ US Figure Skating # _____

Highest test passed as of January 1, 2018:

Freestyle _____ Date Passed _____

Moves _____ Date Passed _____

Dance _____ Date Passed _____

High School Skater Attends _____

Skater's Signature

Indemnity Clause:

All entrants, their parents and guardians waive and release all claims which they may have against any competition officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the Skating Council of Illinois, affiliated clubs and their officers, the arenas, the high school named above, the school district and their employees and agents from any and all loss, damage and or injury that may be sustained by the entrant in any manner while participating in any of the activities of this competition series. Entries are accepted only on such conditions with full compliance to U.S. Figure Skating rule 1600.

Signature: parent/guardian or skater if 18 years of age _____ Date

HOME CLUB PERMISSION AND CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

Approval is hereby given to the above named competitor, who is a member in good standing of this club, and is an eligible skater in accordance with the rules of the US Figure Skating, and to the best of my knowledge is qualified to participate in any or all of the High School Competitions for the 2017-2018 Season. If your club has a permission form, that can be attached in lieu of an officer's signature.

Club _____ Signature Club Officer _____ Officer's Title _____ Date

**7th Annual Illinois High School Team Figure Skating Competition
Team Entry Form**

DISTRICT# _____

Name of School(s) (as you wish to be identified)

_____ Email _____ Date _____
Signature (athletic director or school administrator)

If *combined team (multiple schools)*, list all participating schools. Additional athletic director signature is not required if all schools are from the same school district.

_____ Email _____ Date _____
Signature (athletic director or school administrator)

_____ Email _____ Date _____
Signature (athletic director or school administrator)

_____ Email _____ Date _____
Signature (athletic director or school administrator)

Contacts:

Team Manager _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Primary Coach _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Contract Statement and Indemnity Clause:

I agree to waive and release all claims which I may have against any competition officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the Skating Council of Illinois, the affiliated clubs and their officers, the arenas, the high school(s) names above, and the school district and its employees and agents from any and all loss, damage, and or injury that may be sustained at the competition. Entries are accepted only on such conditions with the full compliance of USFS Rule 1600.

I understand that this entry must be received by January 10, 2018. The Skating Council of Illinois reserves the right to combine groups.

I have verified that the parent's signature, club permission, and all information on the Team Entry Form have been completed for every member of this team.

_____ Date _____
Team Manager

Payment and forms must be submitted by January 10, 2018. Mail completed forms and payment to: Skating Council of Illinois, c/o May Wiza, 3134 Monterey Drive, Flossmoor, IL 60422-2271.

Registrar: May Wiza mayfsc@aol.com (708) 957-4063

Competitions: Check the competitions you plan to participate in

Carlson Ice Arena, Sunday, January 21, 2018 _____

Park Ridge, Sunday, February 18, 2018 _____

Oak Lawn, Saturday, March 3, 2018 _____

Entry Fees:

(\$50) _____ 1 Competitions

(\$60) _____ 2 or more Competitions

Please submit a single check. No Individual skater checks please.

Forms That Need to be Completed for your application.

___ Copy of US Figure Skating School-Affiliated Club Membership (SAC) certificate or application.

This form can be downloaded from the US Figure Skating website at:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=67>

___ Team Entry Form

___ Skater Entry Forms

___ Team Event Roster