

## Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating



During the 2011-2012 competition season, the Skating Council of Illinois is again offering skaters the opportunity to earn an invitation to the Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating by competing in Free Skate events at our competitions. The top 12 skaters in each category will be invited to compete, at no cost, at the Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating, which will be held at the Northbrook Sports Center on September 23, 2012. Skaters must compete in a minimum of 4 of the competitions listed below. Special recognition will be given to skaters who compete in all 8 events. Grand Prix information and standings will be posted on the Skating Council of Illinois website at <http://www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org/>

### Competitions:

- March 22-25, 2012 - W.I.M - Greater Milwaukee FSC
- April 19-22, 2012 - Ladybug - Glenwood FSC
- April 28-29, 2012 - Riverbend Spring Classic - East Alton SA
- May 11-13, 2012 - Northern Blast - Northern Ice SC
- June 8-10, 2012 - Quad Cities Championships - FSC of the Quad-Cities
- June 14-16, 2012 - Southport Summer Classic - Southport SC
- July 26-29, 2012 - Chicago Open - Chicago FSC
- September 6-9, 2012 - Greater Chicagoland Fall Invitational - Wagon Wheel FSC

### Awards:

The Free Skate events of each competition will be eligible for accumulating points. The system for scoring points for the final award will be as follows:

Placement	Points	Placement	Points
1 <sup>st</sup> place	10 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> place	7 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 points	4 <sup>th</sup> place	3 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	2 points	Participation	1 point
Bonus for Final Round			1 point

Competitors who perform their free skate program more than once at a competition (i.e., qualifying and final rounds) will receive the highest points earned for any one performance. If an event has less than 6 skaters, the points will be awarded as if there were 6 skaters in the group. If there is only one skater in the group, they will be awarded 5 points. At the end of the Series, the top 12 competitors in each category, who have competed in at least 4 competitions, will be invited to the Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating. Ties will not be broken.

### The Following "Well-Balanced" Free Skate events will be offered at all of the above competitions:

No Test	Pre-Preliminary 1	Pre-Preliminary 2
Preliminary	Pre-Juvenile	Open Juvenile
Adult Bronze	Adult Silver	Adult Gold

### The Following "Test Track" Free Skate events will be offered at all of the above competitions:

Juvenile Test Track	Intermediate Test Track	Novice Test Track
Junior Test Track	Senior Test Track	

### The Following "IJS" Free Skate events will be offered at all of the above competitions:

Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice
Junior	Senior	

Please Note: Individual Competitions may have additional Free Skate categories; however those categories will not be eligible for the Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating.



## Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating Frequently Asked Questions

**How do I enter the Championships?** Participation in the Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating is by invitation only. To be invited to compete, you must have competed in at least 4 of the Grand Prix competitions and must be one of the top 12 skaters in each category. Eligible competitors will be sent invitations immediately following the Greater Chicagoland Fall Invitational.

**What does it cost to enter?** There is no entry fee for the Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating. The Skating Council of Illinois and our participating clubs are supporting this event. Practice Ice will be available for purchase. There will also be vendors, including video and still photography.

**Who will keep my points and how will I know how many points I have?** Ed Mann, a National Accountant, will tabulate points as the season progresses. Standings will be posted on the Skating Council of Illinois web site at [www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org](http://www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org). It is the responsibility of each competitor to verify the accuracy of the points posted on the website. Discrepancies should be brought to the attention of Ed Mann.

**What happens to my points if I change categories during the season?** Your points stay with you if you skate at more than one level. Eligibility to skate at the Illinois Grand Prix of Figure Skating will be determined by test level.

**Who can I ask if I have more questions?** Contact any Skating Council of Illinois officer, or visit [www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org](http://www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org) and click on "Contact Us."