

# 2019 BOSTON OPEN

September 19–22, 2019



*Hosted by*



*The Skating Club of Boston*

*Sanctioned by:*



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**CONTACT INFORMATION:** If you have questions, please contact co-chairs Jon Jepson or Cindy Stevenson at [BostonOpen@scboston.org](mailto:BostonOpen@scboston.org).

The 2019 Boston Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website. At the referee's discretion, group sizes may exceed the current maximums in rule 2466.

**ELIGIBILITY:** This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook. Skaters representing a foreign association, must refer to the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook regarding entry rules.

**COMPETE USA ELIGIBILITY (EXCEL BEGINNER & EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER ONLY):**

Excel Beginner and Excel High Beginner event registration is open to all members of either Learn to Skate USA or those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. Eligibility will be based on level as of closing date of entries.

[Compete USA Information](#)

**TEST LEVEL:** Competition level is defined as the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Skaters may enter either well balanced or the [Excel Program](#) (formerly test track), but not both.

**ENTRIES:**

Entries will only be accepted through online registration. Online registration using the U.S. Figure Skating EMS Portal via [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) is the ONLY method available to enter the competition.

*\*Only one team member for partnered events should register for the competition and purchase practice ice. Entry/practice ice fees cannot be split.\**

**SKATE CANADA MEMBERS/FOREIGN SKATERS:**

Skate Canada and foreign skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition. Please click [here](#) for additional information then follow the directions below for registration.

**REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) and enter log-in information
- Input your membership number (U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, Non-Member Account) and password
  - If you need assistance with your member number and/or password, email [ProductSupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:ProductSupport@usfigureskating.org)
- Click on the blue EMS button then select Boston Open

**EMS SKATER PORTAL:**

After registration is complete, skaters will have access to the EMS Skater Portal. The portal consists of [music upload](#), [PPC](#) (IJS events), [coach management](#), [practice ice](#) and [competition schedule](#). If you need assistance with EMS, please email [ProductSupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:ProductSupport@usfigureskating.org).

*\*For partnered events, the team member who registered for the competition has access to EMS.\**

**ENTRY: DEADLINE: Friday, August 23, 2019**

Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee and Competition Chairs. Additionally, a late fee will be assessed.

**REFUND POLICY:** Entry fees will not be refunded after August 23, 2019 unless no competition exists or the event is cancelled. There must be two competitors to hold an event. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Contested credit card charges will require an additional \$25 fee to complete the registration. Payment of all fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

**FACILITIES:** The competition will be held at The Skating Club of Boston at 1240 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, MA 02135. The ice surface measures 85 feet X 193 feet. The arena has locker rooms. Please refer to the Club's website, [www.scboston.org](http://www.scboston.org), for directions to the facility, and for instructions on parking in the area.

**REGISTRATION:** On-site check-in will be open before the first event/practice and run through the last event of the day. Please register promptly upon arrival. Skaters are requested to ***arrive two hours prior to the scheduled time of their event in case the competition is running early.*** The first scheduled event of the day will begin on-time so two hours early is not necessary if you are entered in that event.

**MUSIC UPLOAD:** **DEADLINE: [Sunday, September 1, 2019](#)**

All competition music must be uploaded via the EMS as a MP3 file (click [here](#) for instructions). If your music is not in MP3 format, please consider using the free applications – [Format Factory](#) (PC) or [Audacity](#) (Apple). Please note, U.S. Figure Skating/LOC does not endorse any conversion software.

**A late fee of \$10 will be assessed if music is not uploaded by the deadline.**

**PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (IJS ONLY):** **DEADLINE: [Sunday, September 1, 2019](#)**

For all IJS events, please refer to the link [here](#) for specific information relating to the event categories and their requirements and restrictions. In addition, please refer to the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#).

**A late fee of \$10 will be assessed if PPC is not uploaded by the deadline.**

**PRACTICE ICE:** Unofficial practice ice (UPI) is not included in your entry fee and can only be purchased through the EMS Skater Portal. Practice ice will be held at The Skating Club of Boston and will be limited. Please refer to the competition website for additional information with regards to practice ice.

**VIDEOGRAPHY:** Vision Photo & Video, LLC will provide services. One complimentary video download will be included with each's skater's registration. All photography and recording are restricted to hand-held battery operated equipment, without monopod or tripod. Photography or recording for any commercial purpose is strictly prohibited.

**\*\*FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME\*\***

**AWARDS:** Awards will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishes for all events.

**FEES:** All fees are payable in U.S. dollars.

- **First Event** = \$165 (for Pairs teams, this is the total cost per team.)
- **Each Additional Event** = \$75 (for Pairs teams, this is the total cost per team. No charge for 2<sup>nd</sup> ACS event)

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** An official competition bulletin board will be maintained at The Skating Club of Boston during the competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. A tentative schedule of events will also be posted at [www.scboston.org](http://www.scboston.org) prior to the start of the competition.

**SCHEDULE:** The competition schedule is subject to change at all times at the discretion of the Chief Referee. **Competitors must be ready to skate up to one hour prior to the scheduled event start time. This also includes the practice ice.**

**FINAL ROUNDS:** Final rounds will be held at the discretion of the Chief Referee and the Competition Organizing Committee.

**CRITIQUES:** Critiques will be offered for International Judging System (IJS) events Juvenile – Senior immediately upon the conclusion of the event. Location will be announced prior to the start of the competition.

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating and The Skating Club of Boston accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents/guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, or The Skating Club of Boston and against their Officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

#### **INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:**

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance

**COACHES** – To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches of U.S. Figure Skating members must meet the following requirements:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed Safesport Training and Education ○ The online program is FREE to U.S. Figure Skating Members via [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) and is valid for two (2) years after the completion date
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2018-19 Competition Season

#### **COACHES OF EXCEL BEGINNER & EXCEL HIGH BEGINNER LEVEL SKATERS (COMPETE USA):**

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed Safesport Training and Education
- Completed background check (green light status) \*for coaches/instructors 18 years old and over
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification \*for coaches under 18 years old

All coaches must be connected to a skater's registration through EMS (i.e. during the registration process or via the EMS Skater Portal). Once connected, coaches have access to [EMS](#) to review [schedule](#) and [skater music/PPC](#) (read only – cannot complete for the skater). If you have questions, please email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

The Skating Club of Boston will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive 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. There can be no exceptions to this policy. The Skating Club of Boston strongly urges *all* coaches to have their U.S. Figure Skating 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 a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event without compliance is an ethics violation, which the Club will be required to report to U.S. Figure Skating and the PSA.

**SAFESPORT:** The competition will follow all SafeSport policies and guidelines of U.S. Figure Skating and USOC.

**NEARBY ACCOMMODATIONS:** Please refer to the Club's website, [www.scboston.org](http://www.scboston.org) for a list of nearby accommodations to the Skating Club of Boston. The Skating Club of Boston is located at 1240 Soldiers Field Road, Boston, MA 02135.

**6.0 EVENTS:** The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for the following events:

- A. No-Test and Pre-Preliminary
- B. Excel Program (*formerly test track*): Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior [\\*CLICK HERE FOR EXCEL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\\*](#)
- C. Adult Free Skating: Adult 1-6, Adult Beginner, Adult High Beginner, and Adult Pre-Bronze
- D. Adult Compulsory Moves: Adult 1-6, Adult Beginner, Adult High Beginner, Adult Pre-Bronze, and Adult Bronze

**IJS EVENTS:** The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- A. IJS Singles Short Program and Free Skate (well balanced program): Preliminary (free skate only), Pre-Juvenile (free skate only), Juvenile (free skate only), Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior
- B. Adult IJS Free Skate (well balanced program): Masters Intermediate/Novice, Masters Junior/Senior, Adult Bronze, Adult Silver, and Adult Gold
- C. IJS Pairs Short Program and Free Skate (well balanced program): Pre-Juvenile (free skate only), Juvenile (free skate only), Intermediate (free skate only), Novice, Junior, and Senior

***Juvenile Girls: Skaters entering free skate events (IJS well balanced program) must be 12 years of age or younger at the close of entries.***

***Juvenile Boys: Skaters entering free skate events (IJS well balanced program) must be 13 years of age or younger at the close of entries.***

Skaters entering Beginner through Pre-Juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

**ADULT COMPETITION SERIES:**

The 2019 Boston Open is part of the 2019-2020 Adult Competition Series. Participating skaters will need to complete the online Series registration form and pay the necessary fee. The registration form can be found here: [2019-2020 Adult Competition Series Registration](#)

The Adult 1 through Adult Bronze compulsory moves and Free Skate events will follow the 2019-2020 Handbook, Information can be found here: [2019-20 Adult Series Handbook](#)