



**BOSTON
OPEN**

2021 Boston Open
September 30 – October 3, 2021
The Skating Club of Boston
750 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062
www.scboston.org/boston-open

Registration Opens: July 23, 2021 at 10:00 am Eastern
Registration Closes: August 20, 2021 at 11:59 pm Eastern

The 2021 Boston Open 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 members 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. Skaters 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 Excel free skate events, but not both.

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.

Showcase events: Referee may elect to combine events due to limited entries; additionally, multiple levels may be combined.

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment 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. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through adult bronze free skate events (based on the [Adult Competition Series rules](#)), and all levels of compulsory moves, solo dance, solo free dance, jumps, spins and dramatic/light entertainment events. Men and ladies will not be combined in adult silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

Compete USA Eligibility (Excel Beginner and Excel High Beginner only): 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 at the closing date of entries.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Registration Deadline: August 20, 2021 at 11:59 pm Eastern

Late Registration Deadline: August 27, 2021 at 11:59 pm Eastern + \$75 Late Fee

Competition registration may close early if the maximum number of entries is reached prior to the deadline. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee and Competition Chairs.

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.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "2021 Boston Open" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact 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.

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.**

Mandatory Athletes:

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

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after August 20, 2021, unless no competition exists or the event is cancelled. **There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals unless the individual tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of the event and proper documentation is provided in advance of the event.** The online processing fees are not refundable. Payment of all fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

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 750 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062. Please visit scboston.org for more information. The Performance Center and West Rink will be used for competition and practice ice, and the East Rink will be used for practice ice only. The Performance Center is Olympic-sized (200' x 100') and the West Rink and East Rink are NHL surfaces (200' x 85'). The facility has plenty of seating, the 1240 Café and Performance Center concessions, and Home Ice skate shop. The Performance Center and West Rink have no hockey lines or glass.

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: DEADLINE – September 22, 2021 at 11:59 pm Eastern.

Competitors are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **Wednesday, September 22 at 11:59 pm Eastern**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$30 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

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 bring a copy of their competition music on CD or digital copy (if you are accepting digital backup such as on a phone or memory stick) as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC): DEADLINE – September 22, 2021 at 11:59 pm Eastern.

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **September 22 at 11:59 pm Eastern**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$30.00 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

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. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

ONSITE CHECK-IN: Registration will be open at least one hour before the first event of the competition, and run through the last event of the final day of competition. The registration table will be located in the lobby of The Skating Club of Boston. Additional details regarding the check-in process will be available on the [event website](#).

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: *A decision regarding the use of locker rooms and changing areas will be communicated in advance of the competition by email and on the event website.* If locker rooms and changing areas are available for use at this event, they will be open 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 gender to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport](#) page).

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 (Norwood, MA) and will be limited. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the Main Page of your skater portal. We will offer a pre-purchase window (with session selection), along with open sales. Information regarding practice ice will also be emailed out to all competitors and posted on the event website.

EMS (SKATER) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES:

- **Skater: [Pre-Purchase](#) and [Selection](#) | [Open Sales](#)**

PHOTO/VIDEO: Event organizers will post updated photo, video and live streaming information on the competition website and email all registered competitors necessary information at the close of entries.

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

AWARDS: Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finishes for all events. An awards schedule will be posted.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: If necessary, official notices will be posted on the event website: [event website](#) during the competition and/or sent out via email to registered participants. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check 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.

Results will be posted online and a link will be available on the website and at the competition.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit packet by submitting a request form, along with a \$20.00 administrative fee. Request forms can be submitted to registration prior to the end of the last event of the competition. Test credit packets will be emailed, as soon as possible, following the competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and be verified by U.S. Figure Skating.

With EMS, a coach must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the skater's 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 (*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. *
 - o 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. *
 - o 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. *
 - o 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. *
 - o 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 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.

VOLUNTEER INFO: If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please reach out to events@scboston.org.

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact the events department at The Skating Club of Boston by emailing events@scboston.org. Please allow 24 hours for a response.

- Chief Referee: Allison Duarte
- Chief Accountant: Amy Fairchild
- Technical Accountant: Alan Heinold
- Chief Music Coordinator: Allen Krawiec

HOTELS:

Hampton Inn Boston-Norwood

434 Providence Highway Rt. 1

Norwood, Massachusetts 02062

\$144-\$159/night – King Special and King with Sleeper Sofa

Rate includes breakfast
 Minimum 2-night requirement to receive group rate
Booking deadline: Monday, August 30, 2021
[Make a Reservation](#)

Courtyard by Marriott Boston Norwood/Canton
 300 River Ridge Drive Norwood, Massachusetts 02062
 Rate: \$139.00/night – 2 Queen Beds
Booking deadline: Thursday September 9, 2021
[Make a Reservation](#)

Residence Inn Boston Norwood/Canton
 275 Norwood Park South
 Norwood, MA 02062
 781-278-9595
 \$159/night – Studio King Suite
 Rate includes breakfast
Booking deadline: Monday, August 30, 2021
[Make a Reservation](#)

Please refer to the [Boston Open website](#) for additional information (travel, accommodations, places to eat, etc).

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

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Well Balanced Short Program (21/22) (Intermediate-Senior)	IJS	\$165.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (21/22) (Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$165.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (21/22) (No Test – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$130.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
Excel Free Skate (Juvenile – Senior & all Plus Events)	IJS	\$165.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$130.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$165.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$130.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
PAIRS	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Short Program (21/22) (Novice-Senior)	IJS	\$165.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
Free Skate (21/22) (Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$165.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION**	JUDGING	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$130.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
COMPETE USA EVENTS				
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$95.00	\$90.00	\$65.00
Compete USA Manual				