



**2023 NATIONAL
SHOWCASE**
NORWOOD, MASSACHUSETTS

2023 National Showcase Competition

July 31 - August 6, 2023

The Skating Club of Boston
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Please visit our websites on a regular basis to obtain current information
www.2023nationalshowcase.com

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 9, 2023

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 2023 National Showcase competition will be held July 31 - August 6, 2023. The event will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), the Showcase Guidelines, 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 a registered member 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.

The rules and policies in the [SkateSafe Handbook](#) will apply.

ELIGIBILITY & TEST REQUIREMENTS

Required age and test qualifications must be in effect at the date entries are closed. Subsequent changes will not affect eligibility **(with the exception of Adult Championships and Adult Sectionals)**. All U.S. Figure Skating members must be members in good standing. Skaters representing another governing body must meet that body's closest possible equivalent to the specified U.S. Figure Skating test requirement. Any decision made by the Referee will be deemed final.

For Duets/Trios, entries must be according to the age and level of the highest test skater. Skaters must have completed test minimum prerequisites.

Placement Prerequisite: Singles competitors, Preliminary through Senior, Adult Bronze through. Adult Gold and Masters, may compete at National Showcase in an event where: (1) they placed (any placement) in a contested or skated uncontested at a non-qualifying showcase skating event held in the United States from June 1, 2022 to June 1, 2023; or (2) placed in the top four in the event at the prior National Showcase competition. Levels lower than Preliminary and Adult Bronze are not eligible to compete in National Showcase. (3) Where only one competitor has entered an event of a non-qualifying competition, the Chief Referee may combine events to create a contested event if possible or create an uncontested event where such skaters will automatically qualify for National Showcase. When such events/levels are combined there will be no limit placed on the placement in the combined event to ensure that the competitors earn qualification to National Showcase.

Qualification must occur in the Emotional Performance, Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop, Character, Comedic Impressions categories. Skaters must qualify in each singles event, if they intend to compete at National Showcase in those events. Skaters do not need to qualify based on event level. Once qualified, the skater(s) may then compete in elective events (duets, interpretive). Mini Productions and Production Ensembles do not need to qualify. Skaters may skate up a level, as long as they meet the minimum requirements for competition entry.

The deadline to satisfy test prerequisites, competition qualification, and entry for National Showcase is June 9, 2023. Late entries may be accepted until June 16, with a \$50.00 late fee.

ENTRY FEES

All entries and payments must be submitted online through Entryeeze. **Deadline for entry is 11:59 PM EDT June 9, 2023.**

Entry fees are as follows:

1st Singles event:	\$185.00
Additional Singles event(s)	\$ 95.00
Interpretive event (if registered for an additional Singles event; otherwise, 1st Singles event fees applies)	\$ 95.00
Inflatable event: Open event for all levels to compete.	\$100.00
Duet/Trio: per duet (Only one registration needed per duet team, but both skaters must be listed on the team roster.)	\$ 185.00
Mini-Production and Production Ensembles: per team plus per skater (Team manager registers the entire team and all members must be listed on the team roster by the entry deadline)	\$160.00 per team + \$25.00 per skater

Competitors must list the coach that will be accompanying the skater(s) to National Showcase as the primary coach. Credentials will be prepared only for the competitor and primary coach listed in Entryeeze. Mini Production and Production Ensembles may designate **two** coaches (or 1 coach + 1 team manager) – both must be designated at the time of registration. To receive a credential, any designated coach or team manager must have completed the SkateSafe training and successfully passed a background check for the current membership year. Those that cannot produce proof that these have been successfully completed will not be provided a credential. Please see the [SkateSafe](#) Handbook for more details. Foreign coaches from other federations must present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

No Chaperone Credentials or complimentary tickets are included in the entry fee.

Non-credentialed spectators, including parents/guardians, must purchase a ticket to watch the competition. Tickets will be available at scboston.org/tickets after July 1. Skaters who need assistance for competition or practice may be accompanied by a ticketed parent or guardian in the designated area at the entrance of the Performance Center hallway. Ticketed parents/guardians are not permitted in the locker rooms at any time.

The replacement cost for all lost credentials will be the full ticket price at the door.

TEAM EVENT ENTRIES (Mini-Production + Production Ensemble)

You will need to register each team separately in the online system. When you register, you will need to provide the following information (please gather all of this information prior to beginning your online registration):

- "Team Contact" – this will be the contact information for a primary person who will be responsible for the team
- "Team Name" – this will be the name used on the starting orders and in the program
- Number of team members (this should include alternates) and will be the basis of the per member charge for the event
- The team roster - for each of the team members, you will need the following information:
 - Skater first and last name
 - Skater date of birth
 - Skater highest test passed for free skate, MIF, dance
 - Skater USFS number
 - Email address of the skater if over 18 or the email address of the skater's legal guardian if under 18 so that they can accept the liability waiver.

Mandatory Athletes: Athletes aged 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one minor athlete must complete SkateSafe training.

Minor Athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SkateSafe training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SkateSafe 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.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

A 20-word maximum description of the performance can only be submitted with your online entry. Please include all descriptions in your Entryeeze registration. You will be required to enter this information before you can pay for your registration. **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY TIME YOU MAY ENTER YOUR DESCRIPTION. PLEASE AVOID USING COMMAS IN THE DESCRIPTION.** Those submitted may be corrected for grammar.

Judges Location:

The judges will be center ice, ice level, on the left upon exiting the curtain area.

Boards + Seating:

The boards in the Performance Center are normal height, however, the boards in the West Rink are approx 2 feet high, and very low to the ice level. *Skaters are also not permitted to enter/exit the ice surface into the crowd during their performance.*

THE PARADE OF CHAMPIONS

- The Parade of Champions will include the champion from each singles event (Emotional, Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop, Character (Light and Dramatic), Comedic Impressions) from Junior, Senior and Senior Elite Pro-Am.
- The Parade of Junior Champions will include the champion from each singles event (Emotional, Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop, Character, Comedic Impressions) from Intermediate, Novice and Open Juvenile events.
- The Founders Parade of Champions will include the champion from each singles event (Emotional, Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop, Character, Comedic Impressions) from Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, and Juvenile events.
- The Parade of Adult Champions will be the champion from each singles event final (Emotional, Choreographic Artistry, Lyrical Pop, Character, Comedic Impressions) Young Adult, Adult Bronze, Adult Silver, Adult Gold and Masters events.
- The Parade of Duet/Trio Champions will include the champion from each Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Open-Juvenile, Intermediate, Young Adult, Novice, Junior, Senior events. Champions will compete using their winning program.
- The Parade of Adult Duet/Trio Champions will include the champion from each Young Adult, Adult Bronze, Adult Silver, Adult Gold and Masters events. Champions will compete using their winning program.
- The Parade of Interpretive Champions will be held for Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Open-Juvenile, Intermediate, Young Adult, Novice, Junior, Senior, Adult Bronze, Adult Silver, Adult Gold, and Masters events. Champions will compete using new interpretive music that will be provided.

The Parade of Champions will not include Inflatables or Ensembles. In the Parades of Champions, the champions will perform their winning performances. If said champion of an event is unable to perform in their Parade of Champion event, the runner-up will have the opportunity to skate in the parade. Skaters must inform LOC immediately so runner-ups may be notified of their Parade participation. If a skater is champion of more than 1 singles event, then they are only permitted to skate a maximum of two programs in their Parade; a skater should notify the LOC (or Accountants) immediately which two events they would like to skate for their Parade (and in which order).

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 received, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the most current 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.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted to coach athletes/competitors, nor be present in the designated coaching area, at rink side during events including practice sessions. This is absolutely a rule we must abide by for the safety of our skaters through U.S. Figure Skating and SkateSafe rules.

REGISTRATION

The registration desk will open at least 1.5 hours before the start of competition and will remain open throughout the competition and practice ice hours. The registration table will be clearly marked and located upon entry into The Skating Club of Boston.

Only Team Managers are to register a team. Music must be submitted online before the close of entries and team rosters will be confirmed. The official bulletin board for all official notices will be on our website: www.2023nationalshowcase.com.

Practice ice selection, personal "Good Luck" messages for the program, tickets, pin, merchandise and program pre-orders will be available online through Entyeeze and are subject to the same deadline.

MUSIC

Upon online registration, skaters must upload their music to the EntryEeze website by July 1st. Late submissions will incur a \$35 late fee. All music files must be in MP3 format. The following website can convert music to MP3:

<https://www.coolutils.com/online/Audio-Converter/>.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone. The backup must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. An appropriate adapter (USB-C, Apple Lightning) must be provided with the phone if it does not have a standard 3.5mm headphone jack. The phone should be presented to the music official with music ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

BULLETIN AND NOTICES

The official schedule of events will be posted on the website (www.2023nationalshowcase.com) and will supersede all other schedules. It is the responsibility of each competitor and coaches to check the website for all official information. Notices posted here are considered sufficient notice to all competitors, coaches, and participants. Check frequently.

DRAW

All draws will be closed.

CRITIQUES

There will be no critiques for the National Showcase competition.

AWARDS

- Winners of the initial rounds with second, third, and fourth places, receive medals.
- Winners of a final round, or of a group without a final round, will be U.S. Figure Skating National Showcase Champions in their respective levels and categories. E.G.: "U.S. Figure Skating National Showcase: Intermediate Dramatic Champion." They will, with the second and third, and fourth places, receive medals.
- Winners of the Parades of Champions will be U.S. Figure Skating National Showcase Champions and will, with second, third, and fourth places, receive trophies. The name of the winner of the Parade of Champions will also be added to the Richard Dwyer Trophy (Perpetual Trophy).
- Winners of the Parade of Junior Champions will, with second, third, and fourth places, receive trophies. The name of the winner of the Parade of Junior Champions will also be added to the Haley Gans Skate with All Your Heart Trophy (Perpetual Trophy).
- Winners of the Founders Parade of Champions
- The Winners of the Production Ensemble event will be awarded the Kathy Slack Trophy.
- Winners of the Adult, Interpretive, and Showcase Duet/Trio Parades of Champions will, with the second, third, and fourth places, receive trophies.

LIABILITY AND REFUNDS

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA 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.

Refunds: According to U.S. Figure Skating rule #3048, **absolutely no refunds will be given after the competition entry deadline.** U.S. Figure Skating, its members or officials, the official host club and the facility cannot and will not be responsible for any losses incurred by teams in cases of emergency, theft, or acts of God.

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. Full refunds minus the convenience fee will be given if withdrawn before the competition deadline. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

ADMISSION

No free All-Event Tickets or Chaperone Credentials will be provided.

Skaters who need assistance getting ready for competition or practice may be accompanied by a ticketed parent or guardian in the designated area at the entrance of the Performance Center hallway. Ticketed parents/guardians are not permitted in the locker rooms at any time.

Tickets are required for entry on competition days. Tickets will be available for purchase at scboston.org/tickets. Free entry for children 2 years of age and under. Reduced ticket prices for children 3 to 11 years of age and seniors. Additional ticket packages may be available (based on final schedule) and will be posted on [ticket packages page](#).

VOLUNTEER INFO

If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to events@scboston.org.

ADVERTISING

Opportunities are available to wish your skaters "Good Luck" in the official digital program for the 2023 National Showcase competition. Good Luck Ads can be created and added to your cart on Entryeeze. For program advertising, send artwork to The Skating Club of Boston by email events@scboston.org.

- Skater Good Luck Ad: \$10 (small)
- Half Page Ad: \$15
- Full Page Advertisement: \$30

Pins: Trading pins will be available for purchase through Entryeeze or at the competition (limited quantities) for \$10 .

CREDENTIALS

- All individual skaters, rostered team members and alternates will receive credentials.
- The primary coach listed in Entryeeze will receive a credential.
- Credentials will be obtained at the registration desk. Photo ID is required to receive Coach and Team Manager credentials. Names must be listed at registration on Entryeeze

READY ROOM POLICY

Ready rooms use will be limited to putting on and taking off skates - no changing will be permitted. Skaters should plan to come to the event in their costume with hair and makeup already complete. Doors will remain open at all times.

Ready rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. Skaters who need assistance for competition or practice may be accompanied by a ticketed parent or guardian in the designated area at the entrance of the Performance Center hallway. Ticketed parents/guardians are not permitted in the locker rooms at any time.

U.S. Figure Skating's Locker Rooms and Changing Areas policy can be found here: [Locker Rooms and Changing Areas](#)

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEO

Official video and photography will be available for purchase at the event.

Photography will be provided by Kevin Phelan of [KrPhotogs Photography LLC](#)

Video information will be available on the event website. www.2023nationalshowcase.com

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

ARENA INFORMATION

The Skating Club of Boston

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The Skating Club of Boston is a three-rink training facility and performance center that opened in the fall of 2020, and is redefining figure skating not only in New England, but in the country. The Tenley E. Albright 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 size (200' x 100') and the West Rink and East Rink are NHL size (200' x 85'). The Performance Center and West Rink have no hockey lines or glass. The boards in the West Rink are 24 inches high. The facility has plenty of seating, the 1240 Café and Performance Center concessions, and Home Ice skate shop.

ICE RINK SET UP

Curtain:

There will be a curtain/partition used during the events.

Rink Access:

The main entrance to The Skating Club of Boston is located on the North side of the building, parallel to University Avenue. Access to the West Rink will be only through the main entrance. Access to the East Rink will be through the main entrance or via the East Rink entrance which is on the left side of the building when looking at the main entrance.

The scenery and Large Props will enter through the rear Zamboni doors. Storage restrictions and details TBA.

Lighting:

Follow spots (spotlights) will be used for all events except for Mini Production, Production and Interpretive events where House lights only will be used. We will schedule spotlight events on both rinks, subject to change. The Inflatable event will be held under dim arena lighting.

Props for Interpretive Events:

Props for interpretive events must be brought into the monitored room, using nothing larger than a carry-on luggage suitcase with a measurement of **45 linear inches**, prior to listening to the music for the very first time.

Prohibited Items:

FACILITY RESTRICTIONS

Helium-filled balloons are not permitted in the facility, at any time.

Per Showcase Guidelines, the following items are illegal or prohibited on the ice:

- Scenery may not exceed 7'6" in height
- For insurance reasons no propulsion or projectile devices will be permitted. This includes items such as cannons and trampolines. Apparatus such as these, which could be used to assist skaters with jumping into the air, are NOT permitted.
- The use of smoke, fire, dry ice, liquids, live animals, feathers, bubble machines or any substance that may harm the ice surface and/or skaters is not permitted.
- No glass mirrors or glass of any kind is allowed on the ice.
- People may not be used as props.
- Dangerous props that may harm participants/audience could result in disqualification from the event/competition.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

A tentative schedule* is provided below. Practice ice will begin the day prior to the competition start date (based on final entries).

Monday, July 31

Practice Ice: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Competition (if necessary): 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Tuesday, August 1

Practice Ice: 9:00 am – 10:00 pm

Competition: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Wednesday, August 2

Practice Ice: 6:00 am – 10:00 pm

Competition: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Thursday, August 3

Practice Ice: 6:00 am – 10:00 pm

Competition: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Friday, August 4

Practice Ice 6:00 am – 10:00 pm

Competition: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Saturday, August 5

Practice Ice 6:00 am – 10:00 pm

Competition: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

Sunday, August 6

Practice Ice 6:00 am – 12:00 pm

Competition: 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

*All events may be on either rink throughout the week.

This schedule is subject to change based on the number of entries. An updated schedule will be posted on the event website <http://2023nationalshowcase.com/> approximately 10 days from the close of entries. Do not assume days of competition and please note that the specific competition dates are tentative and may change based upon the final entry numbers following the close of entries.

AREA INFORMATION

Hotel, Airport and Ground Transportation information will be on the competition website

PRACTICE ICE

There are no complimentary practice ice sessions. The Skating Club of Boston has 3 ice surfaces allowing practice ice availability Monday through Sunday. Pre-paying for practice ice during registration will assure the ability to schedule practice ice around your competition schedule. Pre-paid practice ice sessions are limited to **2 sessions per program for solos** (with a maximum of 1 spotlight practice), and 2 sessions per program for teams and duets/trios. When selecting practice ice sessions, select sessions that are either the day prior to your event or 1.5 hours before your scheduled competition time.

If additional practice ice slots remain following the close of entries, all registered skaters will simultaneously receive an email from Entryeeze indicating practice ice sessions are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Remaining practice ice sessions may be available on a walk-on basis during the event at \$5 more per session. Check-in at the registration desk to determine if additional practice ice can be purchased on-site.

Practice Ice Prices and Descriptions:

- **Spotlight Practice:** Skater or Duet/Trios will get ONE run through of their performance with music under spotlights. Props are allowed.

Cost: \$35 for individual and \$45 for Duet/Trios

- **Regular Practice:** Skater or Duet/Trios will get 20 minutes of practice. Max skaters on ice will be 20. This practice is similar to a freestyle session. No music will be played, and full house lights will be on.

Cost: \$25 for individual and \$40 for Duet/Trios

- **Private Team Ice:** This ice is only for Mini Productions and Production Teams. Limit 2 per team. Each team will have ice to themselves, props allowed, music played at the discretion of the coach, and full house lights on.

Cost: \$110 for 12 minutes.

There will be no refunds or alterations to practice ice sessions once purchased.

COMPETITORS' WELCOME PARTY

If time permits, all competitors are invited to join us for a Welcome Party. More information will be provided at www.2023nationalshowcase.com, once the schedule is finalized.

LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACTS

Competition Co-Chairs: Leslie Graham and Kelly Flaherty - events@scboston.org

Chief Referee: Lori Osborne - MidwestSkater@gmail.com

US Figure Skating, Showcase Contacts:

- Casey Mallory, Manager of Figure Skating Programs: cmallory@usfigureskating.org
- Gerald Miele, Chair of Programs and New Program Development: gmiele69@aol.com
- Daren Patterson, NVC Showcase: showcaseusfs@gmail.com



TECHNICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Events Offered:

All events will be offered at the Preliminary/Adult Bronze level and above, as outlined in the National Showcase Guidelines.

- **Singles**

- Character Performance
- Choreographic Artistry (Juvenile – Senior Only)
- Comedic Impressions
- Dramatic Performance
- Lyrical Pop
- Interpretive
- Inflatable

- **Team Events:**

- Duet/Trio
- Mini Production
- Production Ensemble

- **Special Olympic/Adaptive**

Adaptive events below may be combined into one event for National Showcase, pending number of entries.

- Young Adult Showcase (all levels)
- Adult/Masters Showcase (all levels)
- Partners Showcase (all levels)
- Duet / Trio
- Production Ensemble

The National Showcase Competition will be run in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the 2022-2023 National Showcase Guidelines:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/2022-23%20Showcase%20Guidelines.pdf>