



2023 Cranberry Open
August 9-13, 2023
The Skating Club of Boston
750 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062
www.scboston.org/cranberry
[Registration Link](#)

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Cranberry Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or current Compete USA handbook 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.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

SERIES INFORMATION: This event will be part of the Adult Competition Series.

II. ELIGIBILITY

TEST LEVEL:

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor**.

The **competitive floor** is the lowest level an athlete can compete at and is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Eligibility Notes:

1. If an athlete participates in BOTH Excel and NQS, their NQS level may be ONE lower than their Excel level. For example, if an athlete skates Junior Excel, they may skate Novice NQS.
2. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
3. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
4. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

EVENTS OFFERED:

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: [usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](https://usfigureskating.org/skate-compete-program-requirements)

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Well Balanced Short Program (Intermediate – Senior)	IJS	\$215.00	\$135.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$215.00	\$135.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$160.00	\$110.00
Excel Free Skate (Juvenile – Senior and all Plus levels)	IJS	\$215.00	\$135.00
Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$160.00	\$110.00
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$215.00	\$135.00
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$160.00	\$110.00
PAIRS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Short Program	IJS	\$230.00	\$145.00
Free Skate	IJS	\$230.00	\$145.00
Combined Short Program & Free Skate	IJS	\$375.00	
Adult Pairs Free Skate	IJS	\$230.00	
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$110.00	\$75.00
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$110.00	\$75.00
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110.00	\$75.00
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$110.00	\$75.00
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110.00	\$75.00
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$110.00	\$75.00
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110.00	\$75.00
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$110.00	\$75.00
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$110.00	\$75.00

Each skater competing in Singles and Pairs events will receive their photo download and video download, as part of their entry fee.

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 values 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:

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.

Each skater can list up to two coaches on their EMS profile. With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the 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:

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, 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 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.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: July 9, 2023 at 11:59PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: July 13, 2023 at 11:59PM ET + \$35 Late Fee

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.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 "2023 Boston Open" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

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.**

FOREIGN SKATERS:

Those skaters wishing to compete in the 2023 Cranberry Cup International should search "2023 Cranberry Cup" from the list of competitions.

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for the 2023 Cranberry Open 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 "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit packet by submitting a request form, along with a \$25.00 administrative fee. Skaters should register for test credit via EMS. 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.

CRITIQUES:

Critiques will be offered for skaters at the juvenile-senior levels. More information will be emailed to skaters in advance of the event.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **August 1, 2023 at 11:59PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$35 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.

DEADLINE: August 1, 2023 at 11:59PM ET

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **August 1, 2023 at 11:59PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$35 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.

DEADLINE: August 1, 2023 at 11:59PM ET

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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.

LIABILITY:

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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

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.

Pre-Purchase: Deadline is July 13 at 11:59PM Eastern

Session Selection: July 24 at 2:00PM Eastern – July 30 at 11:59PM Eastern

Open Sales: July 31 at 2:00PM Eastern – end of competition

EMS (SKATER) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES:

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

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at 750 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062. Please visit scboston.org/ for more information. 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 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. The boards in the West Rink are 24 inches high.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

IF OFFERING LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (GENERAL LOCKER ROOMS):

Locker 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. An exception can be made for athletes under 11 years old that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy:

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the [SkateSafe Handbook](#).

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the event webpage (scboston.org/cranberry) and EMS page frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition. 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.

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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Registration will open the first day of practice through the end of the competition. The

AWARDS:

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

VOLUNTEER INFO:

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

PHOTO/VIDEO:

KrPhotogs Photography will be taking photos and videos at the event. Each Cranberry Open competitor skating in the Singles and Pairs events will receive a digital download of photos and video, included in their entry fee. A live stream will be available, and details will be shared with competitors via email and on event website. Flash photography is not permitted at any time

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

AREA HOTELS WITH PREFERRED RATES:**Courtyard by Marriott Dedham/Westwood**

64 University Avenue, Westwood, MA 02090

Last day to book: July 20, 2023

Rate: \$129/night

[Click here to book](#)

Courtyard by Marriott Boston/Norwood Canton

300 River Ridge Dr, Norwood, MA 02062

Last Day to Book: July 20, 2023

Rate: \$149-\$169

[Click here to book](#)

Hilton Boston/Dedham

25 Allied Drive, Dedham, MA 02026

Last day to Book: July 10, 2023

Rate: \$164/night

[Click here to book](#)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Norwood

225 Norwood Park S, Norwood, MA 02062

Last day to Book: July 9, 2023

Rate: \$165/night, includes breakfast

[Click here to book](#)

Fairfield Inn Dedham

235 Elm Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Last day to Book: July 9, 2023

Rate: \$145/night, includes breakfast

[Click here to book](#)

Residence Inn Dedham

259 Elm Street, Dedham, MA 02026

Last Day to Book: July 10, 2023

Rate: \$169/night, includes breakfast

[Click here to book](#)

Please refer to the competition website (scboston.org/cranberry) for additional information on hotels and the local area.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have questions, please contact Leslie Graham and Kelly Flaherty at The Skating Club of Boston by emailing events@scboston.org. Please allow 24 hours for a response.

- Chief Referee: Alexander Enzmann (xander@mitre.org)
- Chief Accountant: Colleen Newman
- Technical Accountant: Alan Heinold
- Chief Music Coordinator: Allen Krawiec (aekallen@verizon.net)
- LOC Chairs: Leslie Graham and Kelly Flaherty (events@scboston.org)