



2025 Compete USA Boston Synchro Invitational
February 8, 2025
 The Skating Club of Boston
 750 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062

Open to Aspire 1 - 4 Synchronized Skating Teams
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM Eastern
Registration will close early if the maximum number of entries is reached.
 Sanction #: 35946

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2025 Compete USA Boston Synchro 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 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.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Synchronized Skating: For teams, skating skills test requirements are as of the entry deadline.

EVENTS OFFERED:

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** [usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements](https://usfigureskating.org/Skate/Compete/ProgramRequirements)
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeusa
- **Skate United:** For any Skate United (S.U.) Athlete, please have them register for their appropriate level under the “standard” option. Once the registration is complete, the following form must be submitted to the competition chair via email at events@scboston.org.
 - [Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.](#)
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at events@scboston.org.
 - [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING	JUDGING	Team Fee	Skater Fee
Aspire 1	6.0	\$250.00	N/A
Aspire 2	6.0	\$250.00	N/A
Aspire 3	6.0	\$250.00	N/A





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Aspire 4	6.0	\$250.00	N/A
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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 receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the [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.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline at events@scboston.org.

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 two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. 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.

Coaches of foreign athletes: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.



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A maximum of two coaches will be credentialed per registered team.

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 in 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 (not SYS or TOI):

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

EMS Coach Resources (SYS or TOI only):

- [Team Management Guide](#)

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

All team personnel and skaters who will need to receive a credential must be listed in the Team Portal for the competition (Team Personnel for coaches and team managers; Competition Roster for skaters and alternates). In order to be added in EMS, the individual must first be added in the team's profile through Member's Only.

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 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.



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III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS

DEADLINE: January 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM Eastern

We have limited space available for this competition. Registration will close early if the maximum number of entries is reached.

All teams are required to register online via the U.S. Figure Skating Event Management System (EMS). Anyone listed as a team manager or coach for a team in their Members Only Team Profile will be able to access the registration system. Registration for the competition is not considered final until online payment has been received. Online payment via credit card is the only form of accepted payment for registration in EMS.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>.
2. Use your personal member number and password to login.
3. Click the **BLUE** "EMS Event Management System" button.
4. Choose "Competition Registration – Teams" from the menu.
5. Select the team you would like to register for competition.
6. Click the REGISTER NOW button next to your competition's name.
NOTE: Only the competitions for which your team(s) are eligible will appear.
7. Walk through the on-screen registration process which will include:
 - a. Team Verification: Confirm the team's information is accurate.
 - b. Registration Overview: Review general information about the competition.
 - c. Event Selection: Confirm the event you are registering the team for is accurate.
 - d. Competition Roster Selection: Click the "Add Skaters" link. The screen will display all skaters listed in your Main Roster. Check the box next to each skater's name to add them to the competition roster.
 - e. Coach Information: Click the "Add Coaches" link. The screen will display all coaches listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each coach's name to add them. Only the coaches who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add coaches who are listed in your Team Profile.
 - f. Team Service Personnel Information: Click the "Add Team Service Personnel" to add attending team service personnel. The screen will display team managers and team service personnel listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each name to add them. Only the team service personnel who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add team service personnel who are listed in your Team Profile.
8. Payment via credit card will be required to complete your registration as it is the only accepted form of payment for registration in EMS. Registrations are not considered complete until an invoice confirmation via email has been received. A 3% processing fee will be assessed at check-out.

NOTE: Payment must be submitted individually for each team's registration. If you are planning on registering multiple teams in a short period of time, it is recommended that you contact your credit card company to prevent anti-fraud systems from being activated.



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FOREIGN SYNCHRO TEAMS:

Additional steps are required to complete your registration. For a full guide to registering foreign teams, [CLICK HERE](#). Email memberservices@usfigureskating.org if you require assistance.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **JANUARY 20 AT 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25.00 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.

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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.

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. There will be no partial refunds.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA® and The Skating Club of Boston (host club and arena), 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

The Compete USA Boston Synchro International is an exciting competition opportunity held in conjunction with the 2025 U.S. Synchronized Skating International Classic and a rehearsal opportunity for the Worlds 2025 Sweeper Team (2025 ISU World Figure Skating Championships). There will be "tossies" thrown onto the ice surface after each team finishes their performance. This will not disrupt the team's performance but competitors should be informed and prepare to see "tossies" being thrown on the ice and other skaters entering the ice surface to collect them. **Competitors should not skate to the "tossies" or pick them up.**

Anyone with a competition credential will receive **complimentary admission to the 2025 U.S. Synchronized Skating International Classic Free Skate** competition on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from approximately 5:00 - 9:00 PM. Accompanying parents, friends, etc. must purchase a ticket for the international competition.



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Additional information about the international can be found here:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/event/2025-us-synchronized-skating-international-classic>

FACILITIES

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617-782-5900 | <https://scboston.org/the-facility/>

The Tenley E. Albright Performance Center will be used for competition. The Performance Center is Olympic-sized (200' x 100') with 2,500 upholstered seats and no hockey lines or glass. This state-of-the-art facility includes the 1240 Café and Performance Center concessions, Home Ice skate shop and ticket office.

The facility controlling temperature is 64 degrees. That is an average from four different sensors in the facility, two on ice level (colder) and two over the fixed seating to read closer to the mezzanine level (warmer).

The Skating Club of Boston facility is handicap-accessible, with parking, elevators and handicap seating available.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

The designated team coach, team manager, team service personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. The team coach, team manager, and team service personnel should remove themselves from the Locker Room/Changing Area while any Minor Athlete(s) are actively changing or undressing. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room/Changing Area monitor. If there are concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing Area is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

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

Visit EMS and the official competition page, <https://scboston.org/compete-usa>, for important information and competition updates. It is the responsibility of team management or coach to check the competition website and EMS frequently for any schedule changes and information updates.

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.



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PRACTICE ICE

There is no practice ice available for this competition.

ONSITE CHECK-IN

Check-in will open on February 8, 2025, approximately 2 hours prior to the competition and will be located at the Club Office which is located immediately on the left upon entering the Club Entrance.

EMS ADMIN: [Onsite FAQ](#), [Onsite Check-In](#) and [Onsite Practice Ice Sales](#)

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams and can be picked up at the registration desk.

VOLUNTEER INFO

The Skating Club of Boston appreciates all volunteer support from in and around the Club's community. If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please email events@scboston.org for a signup link. Volunteers receive complimentary admission for the Compete USA Boston Synchro and international events on Saturday.

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include LOC leadership, locker room monitors and emergency medical providers.

PHOTO/VIDEO

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tentative Schedule

A tentative schedule will be posted on the competition website as soon as it is available.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Competition website: <https://scboston.org/compete-usa>

For questions, please contact:

Competition Chairs: Leslie Graham, Kelly Flaherty, Brian Podgurski, events@scboston.org

Chief Referee: Sarah Jayne Howland, sarahjayne_howland@hotmail.com

