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**2026 Boston Adult Classic**  
**February 13-15, 2026**  
**The Skating Club of Boston, Norwood, MA**  
***Sanction # 36773 and 36842***

## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The 2026 Boston Adult Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and [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.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events:**

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
  - o Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
  - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
  - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.

- If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to the information sheet [HERE](#) or email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

#### **All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):**

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

#### **Synchronized Skating:**

- For synchronized skating teams, this competition requires that skating skills test requirements for the team's level be met by the entry deadline.

#### **EVENTS OFFERED:**

We encourage all competitions to promote and support all athletes, including skaters with disabilities through offering Adaptive events and levels (included in the table below). If you have any questions regarding Adaptive Skating, the levels offered, and/or accommodations for skaters, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** [usfigureskating.org](https://usfigureskating.org) --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** [learntoskateusa.com/competeusa](https://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](mailto:events@scboston.org).
  - [Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.](#)
  - If you have questions about how to support Skate United Athletes at your competition, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).
- **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](mailto: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.

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	<i>IJS</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance (Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
Choreographic Artistry (Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
Lyrical Pop (Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
Character Performance (Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
Comedic Impressions (Adult)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
Theme Event	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
Inflatables	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$125.00</i>
Adaptive Individual Showcase	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	<i>IJS</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>
Adult Solo Free Dance	<i>IJS</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>	<i>\$175.00</i>
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>	<i>\$140.00</i>
<b>ADAPTIVE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
Skate United	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>	<i>\$100.00</i>
<b>THEATRE ON ICE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>Team Fee</b>	<b>Skater Fee</b>
Adult (CE Only)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	-
Collegiate (FS Only - Exhibition)	<i>CJS</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>	-
<b>SYNCHRONIZED SKATING</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>Team Fee</b>	<b>Skater Fee</b>
Collegiate	<i>IJS</i>	<i>\$700.00</i>	-
Adult	<i>IJS</i>	<i>\$700.00</i>	-
Masters	<i>IJS</i>	<i>\$700.00</i>	-
Open Collegiate	<i>IJS</i>	<i>\$700.00</i>	-
Open Adult	<i>IJS</i>	<i>\$700.00</i>	-
Open Masters	<i>IJS</i>	<i>\$700.00</i>	-

**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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto: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](mailto:events@scboston.org).

**COMPLIANCE:**

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.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 two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [in Members Only](#), click the blue "COACH" button. 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.

#### EMS Coach Resources (Singles events!):

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

#### EMS Coach Resources (SYS and 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 aged 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](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

## **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Singles and Partnered events only):**

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% Processing Fee.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 12:00 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: Thursday, January 15, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET + \$75 Late Fee

\*The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

1. Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "2026 Boston Adult Classic" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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 "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

#### **ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Synchro and TOI teams):**

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.

**FOREIGN SYNCHRO AND THEATRE ON ICE TEAMS:**

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

**TEST CREDIT:**

If offering test credit at your competition, review the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) document and consult with your Chief Accountant on process (advance applications/providing results etc.) and timeline. An online form, in advance of the competition, is recommended (example form [HERE](#)) vs. paper at the competition or you can use EMS for registration. Be sure to include details about eligible levels for test credit, post-competition paperwork processing, deadlines, etc.

Any athlete seeking IJS Test Credit is responsible for all steps outlined in the "For Athletes" section of the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) document. This includes submitting your Test Credit Packet and coach statement to your club for official processing within the permissible timeline.

**MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **Thursday, January 29 at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature 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.

**DEADLINE: Thursday, January 29, 2026 @ 11:59 PM (otherwise subject to \$30 late fee)**

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

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:**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **Thursday, January 29 at 11:59 PM ET**. 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.

**DEADLINE: Thursday, January 29, 2026 @ 11:59 PM (otherwise subject to \$30 late fee)**

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

## **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**

### **FACILITIES:**

The Skating Club of Boston  
750 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062  
scboston.org

The Tenley E. Albright Performance Center and the West Rink will be used for competition. The Performance Center is Olympic-sized (200' x 100') with 2,500 upholstered seats, while the West Rink is an NHL surface (200' x 85'). The West Rink has seating for 1,500 spectators, and the Performance Center and West Rink have 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:**

#### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (GENERAL LOCKER ROOMS):**

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only and will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

#### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (TEAM LOCKER ROOMS):**

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 must 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 who are at least 8 years of age 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 competition website frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to 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.

### **PRACTICE ICE:**

Practice ice will begin on Friday (February 13) and be offered at various times on all days of the competition. There are no refunds for practice ice after it has been purchased. No props are allowed on unofficial practice ice.

#### Types of Practice Ice Available

- Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI)
  - o 20-minute segments
  - o No music will be played on UPI sessions

**Pre-Purchase:** Practice ice credits may be purchased after participants complete their event registration, via the EMS Competition Portal. Skaters who purchase credits during the pre-purchase period will be able to select sessions during the selection period, after the schedule has been completed and posted.

- [Click Here for a Pre-Purchase How-To Document](#)
- Open: Wednesday, November 5, 2026 at 12:00 PM ET
- Close: Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 11:59 PM ET
- Maximum credits per registered event:
  - o UPI - 2
- Cost per credit: \$25

**Pre-Purchase Selection:** After the close of entries and shortly after the competition schedule is published, skaters will receive an email with notice of the practice ice schedule and the date/time when pre purchased credits can be scheduled via EMS.

- [Click Here for a Selection How-To Document](#)
- Open: Wednesday, January 15, 2026 at 12:00 PM ET
- Close: Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 12:00 PM ET

**Open Sales:** Practice Ice sessions will be available after the schedule has been published. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them.

- [Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document](#)
- Open: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 12:00 PM ET
- Close: Saturday, February 14, 2026 at end of event
- Cost per session: \$30

**SHOWCASE:**

A curtain will not be used for Showcase events. No spotlights will be used for any events. This event will serve as a qualifying competition for 2026 National Showcase.

**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](#).

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](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

**AWARDS:**

Awards will be given off ice for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place finishers for all events immediately following the posting of results.

**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](mailto:music@usfigureskating.org).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Please refer to the competition website: ([scboston.org/boston-adult-classic/](http://scboston.org/boston-adult-classic/)) for additional information on hotels and the local area.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Competition website: [scboston.org/boston-adult-classic/](http://scboston.org/boston-adult-classic/)

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

**Chief Referee:** Mary Elizabeth-Wightman ([marye81@mac.com](mailto:marye81@mac.com))

**Chief Scoring Specialist:** Chris Brunner

**Scoring System Technician:** Gordon MacKay

**LOC Chairs:** Leslie Graham, Kelly Flaherty and Brian Podgurski ([events@scboston.org](mailto:events@scboston.org))