



2026 Compete USA Boston - Winter

January 31, 2026 - Synchronized Skating

February 1, 2026 - Singles

The Skating Club of Boston | Norwood, MA

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Compete USA Boston - Winter 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.

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: Preliminary Girls Free Skate and Preliminary 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.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults)

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

Synchronized Skating:

For test requirements, please select the statement below that best applies to your competition.

- For synchronized skating 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
- **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.

EVENTS OFFERED:

COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Plus)	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Free Skate	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Pairs & Dance	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
Skate United *see statement above	6.0	\$80.00	\$45.00
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
Aspire 4	6.0	\$250.00	N/A
Aspire Adult	6.0	\$250.00	N/A
Unified (1-3)	6.0	\$250.00	N/A

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 be 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.

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 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

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

EMS TEAM Coach Resources (SYS 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.

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: 01/04/2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: N/A

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

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 "**COMPETE USA BOSTON - WINTER**" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS (Synchro teams):

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: 01/04/2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: N/A

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

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.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **January 23, 2026, at 11:59 PM**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature 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.

DEADLINE: DATE 1/23/2026 AT 11:59 PM EASTERN OR \$30.00 LATE FEE

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.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, and The Skating Club of Boston and the Club's facility located at 750 University Avenue, Norwood, MA, 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 Winter will hold synchronized skating events on Saturday, January 31, 2026, in the Tenley E. Albright Performance Center and is an exciting competition opportunity held in conjunction with the 2026 U.S. Synchronized Skating International Classic. Anyone with a competition credential will receive complimentary admission to the 2026 U.S. Synchronized Skating International Classic Free Skate competition on Saturday, January 31, 2026, from approximately 5:00 - 9:00 PM Eastern. Accompanying parents, friends, etc. must purchase a ticket for the international competition.

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 will be used for competition for synchronized skating on Saturday, January 31, and the West Rink will be used for competition and practice ice for singles on Sunday, February 1. 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.

TEAM LOCKER ROOMS (SATURDAY-ONLY):

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.

READY ROOMS (SUNDAY):

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available for this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

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

If necessary, official notices will be posted on the 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 the bulletin board frequently 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.

A link will be available on the website and results will be posted online.

SCHEDULE

Synchronized Skating events will be scheduled on Saturday, January 31st, with Compete USA singles events on Sunday, February 1, 2026. The competition and practice ice (if available) schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice sessions *may* be offered prior to the start of the competition. Information will be sent to registered teams and posted in EMS after the close of entries if sessions are available.

Singles - If offered, practice sessions will be \$25.00 per 25 minutes and will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-serve basis, on EMS.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on January 31, 2026, 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.

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:

Team medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place teams and can be picked up at the registration desk. Singles events (Sunday) will receive medals for 1st place through 4th place, and ribbons will be awarded for 5th and 6th place, respectively. Awards will be presented in the Lobby at The Skating Club of Boston, at the top of the hours for posted events.

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:

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

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: scboston.org/compete-usa

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chairs:	SC Boston Events	events@scboston.org	617-783-0103
Chief Referee:	Ann Buckley	Ann.buckley@scboston.org	
Chief Accountant:	Amy Fairchild (Synchro) Chris Brunner (Singles)	amymfairchild@gmail.com cpbrunner@gmail.com	