



## U.S. FIGURE SKATING NOVICE & JUNIOR CHALLENGE SKATE

*The Novice & Junior Challenge Skate will be held in conjunction with the U.S. International Classic Figure Skating Championships (Challenger Series), Sept. 13-17, 2017, in Salt Lake City, Utah.*

The U.S. Figure Skating Novice & Junior Challenge Skate is a program supported by U.S. Figure Skating's Athlete Development Committee. Athletes are selected by the ADC, in cooperation with the International Committee.

### ATHLETE SELECTION CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

The registration deadline for ALL skaters and teams will be **Friday, July 21, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. MT**. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis with athletes in the higher tier having an advantage during their 1 week window. Once the 1 week window elapses, skaters in a higher tier will no longer have an advantage.

#### ENTRY NUMBERS

- Singles events: maximum of 12 athletes per event
- Pairs events: maximum of 8 teams per event
- Dance events: maximum of 10 teams per event

#### SINGLES REGISTRATION CRITERIA:

**Tier 1 Athletes:** Registration will open on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. MT:

- Athletes in the 2017-18 International Selection Pool or the 2017-18 Athlete High Performance Development Pool

**Tier 2 Athletes:** Registration will open on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. MT:

- Athletes that qualified for the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Novice Men, Novice Ladies, Junior Men, or Junior Ladies
- Athletes that placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> at the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Intermediate Men or Intermediate Ladies

**Tier 3 Athletes:** Registration will open on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. MT:

- Athletes that placed 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> at their respective Sectional Championships in Novice Men, Novice Ladies, Junior Men or Junior Ladies
- Athletes that qualified for the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Intermediate Men or Intermediate Ladies

#### PAIRS & DANCE REGISTRATION CRITERIA:

**Tier 1 Teams:** Registration will open on Monday, June 26, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. MT:

- Teams in the 2017-18 International Selection Pool or the 2017-18 Athlete High Performance Development Pool

**Tier 2 Teams:** Registration will open on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. MT:

- Teams (both partners) that qualified to compete in the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Intermediate Pairs, Novice Pairs, Junior Pairs, Intermediate Dance, Novice Dance, or Junior Dance

**Tier 3 Teams:** Registration will open on Monday, July 10, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. MT:

- Teams where ONE partner qualified to compete in the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Championships in Intermediate Pairs, Novice Pairs, Junior Pairs, Intermediate Dance, Novice Dance, or Junior Dance
- Teams (both partners) that finished 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> in their respective Sectional Championships in Intermediate Pairs, Novice Pairs, Junior Pairs, Intermediate Dance, Novice Dance, or Junior Dance

**Tier 4 Teams:** Registration will open on Monday, July 17, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. MT:

- NEW teams where neither partner qualified for the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Championships and have met the minimum TES score
- NEW teams where only one partner finished 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sectional Championships and have met the minimum TES score
- RETURNING teams who finished lower than 8<sup>th</sup> at the Sectional Championships and have met the minimum TES score

**RULES FOR MEETING THE MINIMUM TES SCORE FOR TEAMS IN TIER 4** (Teams in Tiers 1, 2 & 3 are exempt):

Teams wishing to qualify under Tier 4 must compete in a non-qualifying competition between June 1 and August 6, 2017, and achieve a minimum Technical Elements Score (TES) to be eligible.

Scores for both segments must be achieved, but it isn't necessary to achieve them at the same competition. For example, a couple could get their short program score at the Philadelphia Summer Championships and their free skate score at Skate Detroit, or their short dance score at the Chesapeake Open and their free dance score at Lake Placid.

**Minimum Scores:**

Junior Pairs:

Short Program TES = 18.00

Free Skate TES = 28.00

Novice Pairs:

Short Program TES = 16.00

Free Skate TES = 26.00

Junior Dance:

Short Dance TES = 18.00

Free Dance TES = 26.00

Novice Dance:

Pattern Dance TES = 10.00 (on any one PD of the season)

Free Dance TES = 25.00

Entries will be limited to 12 entries per singles event, 10 entries per dance event, and 8 entries per pairs event. Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Entries for an event may close sooner than the entry deadline if an event meets the maximum capacity. A message will be posted on the registration form web site should an event fill. Click [here](#) to register.

## REGISTRATION NOTES:

Registration will close early if the maximum number of entries in each event has been reached. Athletes in Tiers 1 & 2 must use their advance window to register in order to secure their advantage (for example, if a Tier 1 athlete chooses to register after June 18<sup>th</sup>, Tier 2 athletes registering before them may bump them out). A waiting list will be established on a first come, first served basis. U.S. Figure Skating may consider increasing the number of athletes accepted if demand greatly exceeds the availability of spots, and the number of entries in each respective international competition allows for time in the schedule.

Any pair or dance team qualifying under Tier 4 may register provisionally. If they do not obtain a qualifying score by August 6, they will receive a refund.

### **ATHLETES ASSIGNED TO THE [2018 International Selection Pool \(ISP\)](#):**

There are no restrictions on ISP athletes entering this competition. Any athlete and coach who feel this program will be a benefit may enter. However, those that have been assigned a Junior Grand Prix event must have the permission of the International Committee Chair ([Rob Rosenbluth](#)) and the Senior Director of Athlete High Performance ([Mitch Moyer](#)) to participate in the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Novice & Junior Challenge Skate.

Any athlete that registers, and is subsequently assigned a Junior Grand Prix event, will be given the choice of withdrawing and receiving a refund. In order to receive a refund, the assigned athlete(s), must inform Justin Dillon via email at: [jdillon@usfigureskating.org](mailto:jdillon@usfigureskating.org) within 72 hours of having received their assignment. ISP athletes and coaches should plan in advance how receiving a JGP assignment would alter their training and competition plans. If an entered athlete does not appear at the U.S. Figure Skating Novice & Junior Challenge Skate without appropriately notifying Justin Dillon, eligibility to participate next year will be impacted. This event historically has a lengthy waitlist and if an athlete and coach decide not to attend due to injury or a JGP assignment, in the interest of being fair and sportsmanly, notice must be given so that there is ample time to fill the slot.

### **MINIMUM ENTRIES:**

In order for an event to be held, there must be a minimum of three entries. Events with fewer than three entries will be canceled. Refunds will be provided.

**REFUND POLICY:** All entries are considered final, and refunds will not be provided for any reason, with the following three exceptions:

1. A pair or dance teams registers but fails to meet the minimum TES and becomes ineligible.
2. An athlete or team is assigned to a Junior Grand Prix event, and notifies Justin Dillon of their withdrawal within 72 hours of having received their assignment.
3. An event is canceled due to fewer than three entries.