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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
SEPTEMBER 13-17, 2017

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OVERVIEW

Following its successful launch in 2012, U.S. Figure Skating will host the 6th Annual U.S. Novice & Junior Challenge Skate, in conjunction with the U.S. Senior International Figure Skating Classic in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 13-17, 2017.

U.S. Figure Skating's Athlete Development Committee and Athlete Development Department are the oversights for the U.S. Novice and Junior Challenge Skate event. This event is a domestic developmental competition; it is not part of the U.S. Figure Skating High Performance department, Team USA, or the International Committee.

Goals of the U.S. Novice and Junior Challenge Skate:

- ✓ To provide an opportunity for athletes that have competed at the sectional or national level in intermediate, novice and junior, to experience what it would be like to compete at an international competition, through following the same event format as an international competition, observing the senior competition, and being part of a team.
- ✓ To provide these athletes with an opportunity to compete at a high-level challenging competition with similarly talented athletes from across the country.
- ✓ For the competition and program to be a fun and inspirational learning experience for both athletes and parents.

GENERAL

The U.S. Figure Skating Novice and Junior Challenge Skate will be conducted in accordance with the international judging system and the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Participation criteria were determined by the Athlete Development Committee (ADC), and its respective discipline subcommittee. Please see the attached document for selection information and criteria.

EVENTS TO BE SKATED

At the event in Salt Lake City, the following events will be skated: Novice Men, Novice Ladies, Novice Pairs, Novice Dance, Junior Men, and Junior Ladies, Junior Pairs, and Junior Dance. Entries are limited to 12 athletes per singles event, 10 couples per dance event, and 8 teams per pairs event by assigned tier (Tier information below). Entry date and time will be recorded by the online registration system.

COMPETITION VENUE

All practice and competition will take place at the Salt Lake City Sports Complex in Salt Lake City, Utah. The complex served as the official figure skating training venue for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. This complex features two indoor ice-rinks, air conditioned and heated with the ice surface of each 60m x 30m; the rinks are next to each other.

Salt Lake City Sports Complex

645 South Guardsman Way (1580 East)

Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

T: 801 583-9713

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Novice Singles: The novice singles events will be in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 4220, in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, and any relevant U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications and ISU Communications.

Junior Singles: The junior singles events will be in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 4210, in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, and any relevant U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications and ISU Communications.

Novice Pairs: The novice pairs event will be in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 5220, in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, and any relevant U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications and ISU Communications.

Junior Pairs: The junior pairs event will be in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 5210, in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, and any relevant U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications and ISU Communications.

Novice Dance: The novice dance event will be in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6220, in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, and any relevant U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications and ISU Communications, with the exception that only one pattern dance will be skated, the Argentine Tango.

Junior Dance: The junior dance event will be in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 6210, in the 2018 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, and any relevant U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications and ISU Communications.

Athletes should go to the following web site to check for any updates or clarifications to rules:

http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=355

Test requirements for all events:

Athletes are permitted to skate at their current test level or “skate up” one level. However, athletes are **not** permitted to “skate down.” If a skater was invited to participate in this event by virtue of having competed as a junior in 2017, if they pass their senior test and plan to compete in senior for the 2018 qualifying season, they are no longer eligible to compete in the U.S. Novice & Junior Challenge Skate.

EVENT STRUCTURE & PRACTICE ICE

The competition will include one of the following:

- One practice day, followed by two consecutive competition days.
- One practice day, followed by two competition days with an additional practice day in between.

Each practice day will include one 40 minute practice session, and each competition day will include one 20 minute warm-up session.

Unofficial practice ice will be available for purchase through the Salt Lake City Sports Complex; information will be available closer to the start of the event.

ENTRY FEE PACKAGE

The entry fees for all entries are as follows:

- Singles - \$329.00 per athlete
- Pairs and Dance - \$429.00 per team

The entry fee package includes:

- Event entry fee
- One (1) 40-minute official practice session, per practice day
- Two (2) 20-minute warm-up sessions
- U.S. Challenge Skate Team Jacket
- Social event
- Team Leader for each discipline & educational seminars for athletes and parents
- Free access to the senior events of the U.S. International Figure Skating Classic (athletes only)

ENTRIES

The registration deadline for ALL skaters and teams will be **Friday, July 21, 2017**. 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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th 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 5th or 6th 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 5th – 8th 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 5th – 8th at the Sectional Championships and have met the minimum TES score
- RETURNING teams who finished lower than 8th 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 DEADLINE: The final registration deadline is Friday, July 21, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. MT

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 18th, 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 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.

PANELS OF OFFICIALS

Officials will consist of both U.S. national and/or international level officials and officials from other ISU member federations who are officiating at the U.S. International Figure Skating Classic

ACCOMMODATION

The official hotel for the U.S. Figure Skating Novice & Junior Challenge Skate is:

Salt Lake City Marriott – University Park

480 Wakara Way
Salt Lake City, Utah 84108

Additional information about possible hotel group rates will be sent out at a later date.

TRANSPORTATION

Skaters, coaches and parents should plan to fly into the Salt Lake City International Airport (SLC). It is recommended, for ease, that families attending the event rent a car. Parking is free at the official hotel and the rink. The rink is approximately 1.5 miles from the official hotel, less than a 5 minute drive.

There will **NOT** be an event shuttle available to U.S. Novice & Junior Challenge Skate athletes, coaches, parents, or chaperones. All participants are responsible for providing their own transportation. It is possible to walk to the rink, with an estimated time of 15-20 minutes. More details will be provided after the close of entries.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Following the close of entries, and closer to the event, all registered athletes will be provided with additional, detailed information about the event, including:

- ✓ Registering for unofficial practice ice
- ✓ Team Leaders
- ✓ Meeting & seminar schedule / topics
- ✓ Registration room information

TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE

Below is the list of the **TENTATIVE** events that will be skated each day. This schedule is based on estimated entries for both this event and the U.S. International Classic. A change in anticipated entries in either event could result in changes to the schedule. Entries will be confirmed in late July, and an updated schedule will be released in early August.

Athletes, parents and coaches are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to wait to book any airline tickets until the beginning of August, after the updated schedule is released. It is our experience that in the past flight prices and availability to Salt Lake City have not drastically changed between early and late summer.

If you do choose to purchase airline tickets in advance of an updated schedule being published, it is suggested that you plan to be there for the duration of the competition.

WEDNESDAY, September 13TH 2017

(Beginning Early Afternoon)
Novice Ladies Official Practice
Novice Pairs Official Practice
Novice Men Official Practice
(Unofficial practice ice available for purchase)

THURSDAY, September 14th 2017

Novice Pairs Warm-up & Short Program Competition
Novice Ladies Warm-up & Short Program Competition
Novice Men Warm-up & Short Program Competition
Unofficial Practice Ice Available for Purchase
* Senior Pairs Short Program
* Senior Men's Short Program

FRIDAY, September 15th 2017

Novice Men Warm-up & Free Skate Competition
Novice Ladies Warm-up & Free Skate Competition
Novice Pairs Warm-up & Free Skate Competition
Junior Ladies Official Practice
Junior Dance Official Practice
Novice Dance Official Practice
Junior Pairs Official Practice
Junior Men Official Practice
* Senior Dance Short Dance
* Senior Ladies Short Program
* Senior Pairs Free Skate
* Senior Men's Free Skate

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SATURDAY, September 16TH 2017

Novice Dance Warm-up & Pattern Dance Competition

Junior Dance Warm-up & Short Dance Competition

Junior Ladies Warm-up & Short Program Competition

Junior Men Warm-up & Short Program Competition

Junior Pairs Warm-up & Short Program Competition

* Senior Dance Free Dance

* Senior Ladies Free Skate

SUNDAY, September 17th 2017

Novice Dance Warm-up & Free Dance Competition

Junior Dance Warm-up & Free Dance Competition

Junior Ladies Warm-up & Free Skate Competition

Junior Men Warm-up & Free Skate Competition

Junior Pairs Warm-up & Free Skate Competition

(Competition is tentatively scheduled to conclude at approximately 5:00pm)

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