



2026 SKATE ST. MORITZ
COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT
2026-27 National Qualifying Series (NQS) Event

September 11 – 13, 2026

To be held at

**OAKLAND ICE CENTER
519 – 18TH Street
Oakland, California 94612**

INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM (IJS) USED FOR PRE-PRELIMINARY & HIGHER

***SINGLES – COMPETE USA PROGRAMS WITH MUSIC, ASPIRE, EXCEL,
FREE SKATE: PRE-PRELIMINARY TO JUVENILE & ADULTS;
COMBINED SP/FS: INTERMEDIATE TO SENIOR; SHOWCASE – ALL LEVELS***

**2026 – 2027 U.S FIGURE SKATING RULES & REQUIREMENTS
WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR THIS COMPETITION**

REGISTRATION (Digital Videos are included in the entry fee)

OPENS: JULY 8 at 12:00 PM (Pacific) / 3:00 PM (Eastern)

CLOSES: AUGUST 6 by 8:59 PM (Pacific) / 11:59 PM (Eastern)

ONLINE REGISTRATION (EMS) ONLY

Sanctioned by:





Skate St. Moritz
Sept. 11 – 13, 2026
Hosted by the St. Moritz ISC
at the Oakland Ice Center in Oakland, CA

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 46th annual Skate St. Moritz competition 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.

SERIES INFORMATION:

2026-27 National Qualifying Series

This competition has been approved as a 2026-27 National Qualifying Series event by U.S. Figure Skating for singles. Any athlete looking to participate in this competition as an NQS event must read the [2026-27 NQS Athlete Handbook](#) prior to registering for this competition. Beginning July 1, 2026, athletes MUST complete the NQS Series Application prior to the start date of this competition for scores from this competition to count toward the series standings.

If you have any questions about the 2026-27 National Qualifying Series, email events@usfigureskating.org.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Championship Track 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.

- 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 Championship Track 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 Championship Track 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 Championship Track 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).

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.

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 LNERLE68@aol.com.
 - [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 LNERLE68@aol.com.
 - [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.

National Qualifying Series (NQS) Events SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Championship Track Free Skate (Preliminary)	IJS	\$170	\$75
Championship Track Free Skate (Pre-Juvenile – Juvenile)	IJS	\$225	\$75
Combined: Short Program & Free Skate (Int – Senior)	IJS	\$300	\$75
Nonqualifying Events SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Championship Track Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary)	IJS	\$170	\$75
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Plus)	IJS	\$170	\$75
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$185	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$170	\$75
Adult Beginner, High Beginner & Pre-Bronze Free Skate	CJS	\$100	\$75

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 – 8)	CJS	\$80	\$75
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	CJS	\$80	\$75
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	CJS	\$80	\$75
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$75
Choreographic Artistry (Introductory; Juv - Sr, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$75
Lyrical Pop (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$75
Character Performance (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$75
Comedic Impressions (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$75
Duets/Trios (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$75
Theme Event (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$100	\$75
Adaptive Individual Showcase	CJS	\$30	\$30
Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	CJS	\$30	\$30
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$100	\$75
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$100	\$75
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$100	\$75
Compete USA – Showcase (Basic & Aspire)	CJS	\$100	\$75
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	CJS	\$30	\$30
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program	CJS	\$30	\$30
Skate United <i>*see statement above</i>	CJS	<i>Same as “standard” option</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 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 LNERLE68@aol.com.

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.

Maximum of **TWO** coach credentials per registered athlete will be provided.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)." 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](#)

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: **August 6, 2026 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 11:59 PM (ET)**

Late Registration Deadline: **August 12, 2026 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 11:59 PM (ET) + \$60 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
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 “**SKATE ST. MORITZ**” from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

PARTNERED EVENTS (SHOWCASE DUETS/TRIOS):

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

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.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters in eligible event levels (Juvenile and higher in Excel or Championship tracks) for singles free skate may sign up for Test Credit on EMS. There is a \$10 fee for the test credit packet. **Test credit requests will not be taken at the competition. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Test Credit packets must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. 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 home club for official processing within the permissible timeline.**

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **August 28, 2026 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 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: August 28, 2026 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 11:59 PM (ET) *Late fee = \$30

NOTE: Changes to music after the deadline will also be subject to the \$30 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.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **September 4, 2026 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 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: September 4, 2026 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 11:59 PM (ET) *Late fee = \$30

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. *Credit Card processing fees are not refundable for any reason.*

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club, Inc and the Oakland Ice Center operated by Sharks Ice 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:

Oakland Ice Center (operated by Sharks Ice)

519 -18th Street, Oakland, CA 94612

<http://www.oaklandice.com/>

The Oakland Ice Center is a dual-surface ice rink. This year, we will be using both ice surfaces; the NHL Rink is 200' X 85' with slightly rounded corners and the OLY rink is 200' X 100' with slightly rounded corners.

The rink tends to be very cold, please dress appropriately – layers and blankets are recommended.

The Oakland Ice Center has a snack bar and vending machines.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available at 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 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:

All competition information will be included in the EMS Skater/Coach competition portal. Additionally, information will be posted on the club's website at <https://stmoritzisc.org> and schedules posted on the walls at the Oakland Ice Center. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check EMS or the posted information at the rink for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

Starting orders and results will be posted online. A link to the starting orders and results page will be posted at <https://stmoritzisc.org> and posted at the rink.

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.

Skaters should arrive at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event.

PRACTICE ICE:

Depending on the number of entries, a limited number of unofficial practice ice sessions (UPI) may be offered by the host club. **IF offered, final details for scheduling practice ice will be made available to competitors through EMS shortly after the posting of the official schedule.**

Athletes may be able to find ice time on free skate or public sessions offered by the Oakland Ice Center in advance of the competition weekend. Check the rink's website (<http://www.oaklandice.com/>) or contact the rink directly to check on availability.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

A registration/check-in table will be located in the arena on the NHL rink side, 2nd floor. Check in will be available approximately 1 hour prior to the start of the first event and run through the check-in for last event each day.

All competitors are required to check in and be ready to skate *at least* 45 minutes prior to the tentatively scheduled time for their event.

Coaches are also required to check in and retrieve their credential prior to their first event or practice.

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:

Skaters placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will receive medals.

However, all skaters in the Aspire & Basic Skating events will receive awards (groups for these levels will be maximum of 6 skaters).

Special Awards:

IAN KNIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY: Presented in memory of Ian Knight who was a long-time St. Moritz ISC member and professionally rated instructor/choreographer. Awarded for excellence in Artistry as demonstrated through the program components in the Junior Men or Women championship track free skate events. Awarded to the skater with the highest combined average score for the composition and presentation components in the free skate program. Only awarded when there is more than one entry in the Junior FS events.

KENNETH L. BROWN MEMORIAL TROPHY: Presented in memory of Kenneth L. Brown, U.S. Figure Skating past president and St. Moritz ISC past president. Awarded to the winner of the Novice Men singles event when there is more than one entrant.

JEAN ROBINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY: Presented in memory of Jean Robinson who was a long-time St. Moritz ISC member, past club president, and ISU World judge. Awarded to the winner of the Senior Women singles event when there is more than one entrant.

SUSAN WISE MEMORIAL TROPHY: Presented in memory of Susan Wise who was a long-time St. Moritz ISC member and a PSA rated instructor/choreographer. Awarded for excellence in Artistry as demonstrated through the program components in the Pre-Juvenile Boys or Girls championship track free skate events. Awarded to the skater with the highest combined average score for the composition and presentation components in the free skate program. Only awarded when there is more than one entry in the Pre-Juvenile FS events.

VOLUNTEER INFO:

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with running the competition. We will primarily need volunteers as Ice Monitors, Registration/Check In, Runners, and for Awards. If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please go to our club's website at <https://stmoritzisc.org> and sign up via the SignUp Genius link.

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.

Professional videographer: Pro-Mix Sound & Video (note – digital videos are included with all entry fees)

Professionals action photography may be available (TBD).

There will be no awards photographer.

Absolutely **no flash photography** is allowed of competitors on the ice. The flash may cause distraction leading to error or injury.

Personal photography and/or recording of a performance is allowed of one's own skater(s) only with *handheld equipment and in the seating area only*. The recording of warm ups and practice sessions is prohibited. Only battery-powered video units are allowed (no electrical cords). **The use of a tri-pod or monopod and standing near the railing to film is prohibited.**

Note, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater's performance is strictly prohibited. If you have been asked to photograph or video another skater's performance, written permission from the parent/guardian should be provided to you and be available to the Competition Chairs or Chief Referee on request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Parking / Public Transportation – Parking at the Oakland Ice Center is limited at all times. Please consider the time needed to find parking when planning your arrival for your practice ice and your event. Skaters may be dropped off at the front entrance on 18th Street if necessary.

The Dalziel Parking garage on 16th Street is the best option for parking on Friday & Saturday during the competition. Parking in this garage may be validated for those arriving after 4 PM on Friday and all day Saturday by using the Park Mobile app and code provided by the rink.

Most street parking near the rink is metered. Meters are in effect Monday – Saturday from 8 AM – 6 PM. There is an unmonitored parking lot at the corner of 18th and San Pablo (parking fees apply).

ATTENTION! The Oakland Ice Center is in a downtown, urban area. All participants are strongly urged to be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. If driving, **DO NOT leave anything visible in your car after parking it**. We also strongly recommend not leaving anything of value in your trunk as an added precaution.

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) may be an option. Please check their online information and schedule at bart.gov. *The nearest BART station to the Oakland Ice Center is **the 19th Street station**.*

Other options would be to use a ride sharing services (such as UBER / LYFT) or a taxi.

Airports—The nearest airport is the Oakland International Airport (OAK). Alternate airport is the San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Both airports have rental car availability and both are accessible via BART.

Hotels – There are a number of hotels in the Oakland area or in nearby Emeryville. There are no special rates being held by these hotels in association with this competition. Please research online reviews or information for hotels you may be interested in before booking. If assistance is needed, contact our Competition Chair.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: <https://stmoritzisc.org>

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Co-Chair:	Lisa Erle	LNErle68@aol.com
Chief Referee:	Denise Leto	deniseleto@comcast.net