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ST. MORITZ ICE SKATING CLUB

RISING STARS

ANNOUNCEMENT

To be held at

TRI VALLEY ICE DUBLIN
7212 San Ramon Road
Dublin, California 94568

On
Sunday, January 17, 2027
Note: This year events will start at approximately 1:00 PM
and go into evening as needed

ENTRY DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18, 2026
ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

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2027 RISING STARS COMPETITION
January 17, 2027

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The RISING STARS COMPETITION 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 independent member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the rulebook for more information.

SERIES INFORMATION:
This competition is not a part of any series this year.

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.
    - Skate Up (If allowed at your competition): 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:
    - If an athlete has a paid EMS series registration 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 registration 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 registration 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 Letter

- **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.

SINGLES	**JUDGING**	**1st Event Price**	**2nd Event Price**
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile Plus)	*IJS*	*$130.00*	*$55.00*
Championship Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juv)	*IJS*	*$130.00*	*$55.00*
Adult Free Skate (Adult Bronze – Masters Jr/Sr)	*IJS*	*$130.00*	*$55.00*
Adult Beginner & High Beginner + Pre-Bronze Free Skate	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$55.00*
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	**JUDGING**	**1st Event Price**	**2nd Event Price**
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 - 8)	*IJS*	*$55.00*	*$55.00*
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	*IJS*	*$55.00*	*$55.00*
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	*IJS*	*$55.00*	*$55.00*
COMPETE USA EVENTS	**JUDGING**	**1st Event Price**	**2nd Event Price**
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	*CJS*	*$75.00*	*$40.00*
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$40.00*
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$40.00*
Compete USA – Showcase	*CJS*	*$75.00*	*$40.00*
ADAPTIVE	**JUDGING**	**1st Event Price**	**2nd Event Price**
Adaptive Individual Showcase	*CJS*	*$25.00*	*$25.00*
Special Olympics Badges 2 - 12	*CJS*	*$25.00*	*$25.00*
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program	*CJS*	*$25.00*	*$25.00*
Skate United **see statement above*	**see above*	**see above*	**see above*

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 understanding 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 2.00*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 3.00*), 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 be verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (including 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.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:
Online registrations will be accepted via EMS. Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a Processing Fee and Platform Fee.

Registration Deadline: December 18, 2026 by 8:59 PM PT (11:59 PM ET)
Late Registration Deadline: December 23, 2026 by 8:59 PM PT (11:59 PM ET) + $50 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 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 "RISING STARS" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
    a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact 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.

TEST CREDIT:
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.

Skaters in eligible event levels – ***Adult Silver and higher only*** – may sign up for Test Credit (in EMS). There is a $10 fee for the test credit packet in advance. **Test credit requests will not be taken at the competition.** Test Credit packets must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. Please remember that the test credit packet needs to be submitted to **skater's home club test chair** for processing.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:
EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **January 2, 2027 by 8:59 PM PT (11:59 PM ET)**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **$20 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.

MUSIC DEADLINE: January 2, 2027 by 8:59 PM PT (11:59 PM ET); $20 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 **January 9, 2027 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 **$20 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.

PPC DEADLINE: January 9, 2027 by 8:59 PM PT (11:59 PM ET); $20 late fee

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE
If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY
One entry for all levels & event types will be considered an event. Entry fees will not be refunded after regular entry deadline unless the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:
U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club, Inc and TriValley Ice Dublin 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:
TriValley Ice Dublin, 7212 San Ramon Rd, Dublin, CA 9458
www.dublinice.com

Tri Valley Ice Dublin is a single surface ice rink that is 192 x 85 with slightly rounded corners. This ice arena tends to be *very cold* so layered clothing/blankets are recommended.

There are only vending machines onsite. However, there are many restaurants within a 5 – 10 mile distance of the rink.

There will be no admission fee charged to view any events.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:
Locker rooms and changing areas ***will not*** be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready to compete (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. Please do not change in the bathrooms.

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:
The website for the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club is www.stmoritzisc.org.

Schedule information will be posted via the Rising Stars competition portal in EMS and all competitors/coaches will be notified via email once it is available. Updates will be made online if necessary and the most current schedule will be posted at the rink as well.

Groups, skating orders, and results will be posted online. The link will be available on the club's website as well as via a QR code posted at the rink.

It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

SCHEDULE
Competitors may be scheduled at any time during the announced date (Jan. 17) of the competition. The competition schedule will be available as soon as possible after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

Note: Please check the schedule for updates before arriving. It is the intention of the Chief Referee and host club that all events will run as close to on-time as possible; however, any event may start late or up to ***20 minutes*** early or if the last event of the day, as soon as all competitors are present and ready to skate.

PRACTICE ICE:
Practice ice will ***only*** be made available if time allows depending on the number of entries. If practice ice is available, skaters will be notified approximately 2 weeks in advance of the competition and given the opportunity to sign up for sessions. There will be *no* pre-sale of practice ice.

For information regarding regular free skating or public sessions that may be available for practice, please contact TriValley Ice Dublin at 925-829-4444 or visit their website, www.dublinice.com

ONSITE CHECK-IN:
A registration table will be located in the arena lobby and open approximately one hour prior to the start of the competition. All competitors are required to register and be ready to skate *at least* forty-five minutes prior to the tentatively scheduled time for their event.

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:
All skaters placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will receive medals. For Compete USA, including Aspire events, all skaters will receive medals.

VOLUNTEER INFO:
We are always on the lookout for volunteers to assist with running the competition. We will primarily need volunteers as Ice Monitors, Registration/Check In, and Runners. If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please go to our club's website at www.stmoritzisc.org and sign up via the SignUp Genius link approximately two weeks before the competition.

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.

Availability of professional photo and/or video services is TBD. We will post information online and/or update this announcement as needed.

Spectators may ***NOT*** photograph or record (video) skaters unless directly related (i.e, parent/guardian, grandparent, sibling) to the athlete. Please do not record any warm ups or practices where there are multiple skaters on the ice.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Parking / Public Transportation: TriValley Ice Dublin provides free on-site parking. The rink is less than one mile from the West Dublin BART station.

Hotels: There are a number of hotels in the Dublin area or nearby in Pleasanton or San Ramon. There are no special rates being held by any hotels in association with this competition. Please research online reviews or information for hotels you may be interested in before booking.

Airport(s): The nearest airport to Dublin is the Oakland International airport. The San Jose International airport and San Francisco International airport are also options.

Event Notes: *One entry* constitutes an event. Events will be divided into groups (by age) if entries warrant. There will be no final rounds in the case of multiple groups.

For pre-juvenile and lower singles free skate events, if there is a single entry for one gender they will be given the opportunity to compete against the opposite gender or remain as a single-entry event.

Compete USA, Athlete Development, and Showcase events will **not** be divided by gender unless, by the discretion of the Chief Referee, entries warrant.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

www.stmoritzisc.org

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair &		
Chief Referee:	Lisa Erle	LNErle68@aol.com