

2010

New Hampshire

Figure Skating Festival

Hosted by Gate City FSC

April 18, 2010

**Conway Arena
8 Riverside Street
Nashua, NH 03062**

Deadline for Entries: March 3, 2010 Approval # Pending



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NEW HAMPSHIRE FIGURE SKATING FESTIVAL FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION

Hosted by the Gate City FSC, Sanctioned by US Figure Skating & Member of NCSG
NH Figure Skating Festival is a qualifying competition for the State Games of America Championships

Date: April 18th, 2010

Location: Conway Arena, Nashua, NH 03062

Entry Deadline: postmark March 3, 2010

Eligibility

New Hampshire Figure Skating Festival Competition shall be open to any eligible skater. Minimum requirements for eligibility include: 1. A skater who is a resident of New Hampshire 2. Skaters who represent a NH skating club, 3. Skaters who go to school in NH. 4. Skaters who are members of USFSA or ISI in good standing to participate.

Participation is also extended to skaters from the states of Maine and Vermont who are residents of either state, represent a club or go to school in Maine or Vermont. Skaters choosing to participate in the NH Figure Skating Festival from Maine and Vermont will compete against skaters from participating states and medalists qualify to represent their home state at SGA in San Diego in 2011.

*2011 National State Games of America: Medalists placing 1st thru 3rd at the 2010 Figure Skating Festival are eligible to compete at the 2011 National Skate Games of America in San Diego, CA. Dates and details to be announced.

General Rules:

Competition Format: Solo events will be subdivided by age bracket as determined by the LOC committee. When only one competitor is entered in an event that competitor will be given the option of competing against the book. Entrants may skate up one level then their test level. The top three skaters in each event that medal will qualify for State Games of America. Except where specifically allowed, participants may not enter more than once in the same division. Skaters holding membership in both US Figure Skating and ISI must skate at the highest level attained. Except where rules herein specifically differ, US Figure Skating rules, as set forth in The Current Official US Figure Skating Rulebook, will preside.

Music: Skaters must provide their own music. Cassette tapes and CD's will be permitted. Programs are allowed a ten-second leeway from the designated times except where indicated otherwise. The NH Figure Skating Festival will make every effort to protect your music but will not be responsible for individual tapes and CD's. Competitors should have duplicate music with them. Please pick up your music at the registration desk after your event. The NH Figure Skating Festival assumes no responsibility for music that is not picked up prior to the end of competition.

Referee: The decision of the Chief Referee on all matters will be final. The Chief Referee, along with the competition chair, shall have the right to exclude any persons whose behavior is deemed unruly or unsportsmanlike.

Refund Policy

Full refunds are available if withdrawal is prior to March 3, 2010. After March 3, 2010 entry refunds are only available if the competition is not held or there is a death in the competitor's immediate family. There will be no medical refunds given.

Liability, Judging and Governing Body

The 6.0 judging system will be used to determine placements. This will be a US Figure Skating sanctioned event endorsed by the ISI but membership in US Figure Skating and/or ISI is NOT required. Registered members of US Figure Skating and ISI must be in good standing. US Figure Skating and ISI members must include their US Figure Skating or Membership number. US Figure Skating's ordinal scoring method with separate marks for technical merit and for composition and style will be used. Where events include restrictions, judges will be instructed to deduct 0.2-0.5 for every element included that is not permitted. Local members of the artistic community may be used for Showcase and Team entertainment events.

Coaches Registration/Credentials:

In accordance with current rules, all coaches participating in this event must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating. For more information on the registration process, please visit www.usfigureskating.org. We will provide all registered coaches with a credential. Every coach in attendance will be required to check in at the registration table and must show a picture I.D. to receive their credential. We strongly recommend that you also bring any registration confirmation materials. Coaches must wear their badge at all times when coaching skaters at rinkside of a sanctioned competition. Monitors will be instructed to ensure that anyone standing rinkside has their credential.

Awards

Awards will be presented as closely to the conclusion of each event as possible. Medals will be awarded to the top three places in each event. The qualifying rounds will entitle the top three places to a medal. The championship round will entitle the top three places to medals. All medalists from the NH FESTIVAL will qualify to advance to the state games of America nationals competition to be held in San Diego, CA.

Practice Ice

A schedule of practice ice will be sent out after applications for the competition have been received via email. Walk on sessions will be available pending availability. If email address is not available- US mail will be used.

Event Schedule:

A tentative schedule of events will be posted online at www.conwayarena.com as soon as it is available. Competitors must be available to compete at any time Sunday.

Accommodations:

Official hotel for the competition, which is listed below offer a preferred rate for a limited number of rooms. In order to obtain the group rate, refer to the competition name when making reservations.

Hampton Inn 403 Amherst Street, Nashua NH 03063 (603) 883-5333

General Questions:

Competition Chairman	Lisa Langley	603-595-2400x103	lisa@conwayarena.com
Registrar	Candace Sullivan	603-595-2400x100	candace@conwayarena.com

Please provide a legible e-mail address in the space provided on the application. Confirmations and competition information including times and directions will be sent via e-mail. Please note and read carefully all event information and descriptions of events being offered. Because this competition is a qualifying event for SGA the categories being held for NH Figure Skating Festival correspond with SGA. Make sure that your skater is entered in the correct event.

Competitive Test Track Free Skate Events

Skaters may enter either the appropriate Competitive Test Track free skate event or the Well-Balanced free skate event, but not both. Test requirements apply as of the deadline for entries, March 3, 2010. Competitors must be 20 years of age or younger as of March 3, 2010. There will be no final rounds. All events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system. All program times are ±10 seconds.

Penalties:

- 0.1 each mark for each illegal element
- 0.1 each mark per 10 seconds time violation
- 0.1 in 1st mark for insufficient revolutions
- 0.1 in 1st mark for step sequence not fully utilizing the ice, Pre-Juvenile and above in 1st mark for each technical element not permitted in the event description.

FREESKATE LEVELS PROGRAM DURATIONS (Vocals allowed through Intermediate)	COMPETITIVE TEST TRACK ELEMENTS <i>Deductions will be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.</i>
Limited Beginner 1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Must not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating <u>Basic Skills</u> free skating badge test. ELEMENTS: Two upright spins, no change of foot (Min 3 revolutions) Only jumps with no more than one half rotation (from to back or back to front) are permitted Combination jumps or jump sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.
Beginner 1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Must not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating <u>Basic Skills</u> free skating badge test. ELEMENTS: Two upright spins, change of foot optional (Min 3 revolutions) Jumps with no more than one half rotation (from to back or back to front) are permitted Single rotation jumps – only Salchow and Toe Loop are permitted Combination jumps or jump sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.
Pre-Preliminary Test 1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Must not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating <u>Pre Preliminary</u> free skate test. ELEMENTS: Two spins held in one position only of a different nature, no change of foot (Min 3 revolutions and no flying spins) All single solo jumps allowed (NO axels). Maximum 5 jump elements. Jump combinations or sequences using only a Waltz jump, Toe loop and Salchow are allowed Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.
Preliminary Test 1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Must have passed US Figure Skating <u>Pre-Preliminary</u> free skate test, but may not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating <u>Preliminary</u> free skate test. ELEMENTS: Two solo spins of a different nature, combination spins allowed (min. 3 revolutions each); no flying spins Jumps with not more than one rotation (NO axels); Jump combinations and sequences allowed Maximum 5 jumping elements Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.
Pre-Juvenile Test 2:00 +/- 10 seconds	Must have passed US Figure Skating <u>Preliminary</u> free skate test, but may not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating <u>Pre-Juvenile</u> free skate test. ELEMENTS: Three solo spins in any position (min. 4 revolutions); one must be a combination spin with change of foot optional (min. 3 revolutions on each foot or 6 total revolutions); no flying spins Jumps with not more than one rotation (NO axels); Jump combinations and sequences allowed Maximum 6 jumping elements One step sequence, straight line, circular or serpentine, fully utilizing ice surface
Juvenile Test 2:15 +/- 10 seconds	Must have passed US Figure Skating <u>Pre-Juvenile</u> free skate test, but may not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating <u>Juvenile</u> free skate test. ELEMENTS: Three spins in any position (min. 4 revolutions); one must be a combination spin with change of foot optional (min. 4 revolutions on each foot); may include flying spins Any single jumps and jump combinations with not more than 1 ½ rotations (axel permitted) Maximum 6 jumping elements One step sequence, straight line, circular or serpentine, fully utilizing ice surface
Intermediate Test 2:30 +/- 10 seconds	Must have passed US Figure Skating <u>Juvenile</u> free skate test, but may not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating <u>Intermediate</u> free skate test. ELEMENTS: Three spins in any position (min. 4 revolutions); one must be a combination spin with change of foot optional (min. 4 revolutions on each foot); may include flying spins Any single jumps Double jumps may only be the double salchow and double toe loop ; Jump combinations and sequences allowed Maximum 6 jumping elements One step sequence, straight line, circular or serpentine, fully utilizing ice surface

<p align="center">Novice Test</p> <p>3:00 +/- 10 seconds (ladies) 3:30 +/- 10 seconds (men)</p>	<p>Must have passed US Figure Skating Intermediate free skate test, but may not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating <u>Novice</u> free skate test.</p> <p>ELEMENTS: Three spins in any position (min. 6 revolutions); one must be a combination spin with change of foot optional (min. 5 revolutions on each foot); may include flying spins Any single jumps Double jumps may only be the double salchow, double toe loop, and double loop; Jump combinations and sequences allowed Maximum 7 jumping elements One step or spiral sequence (see Rule 3640 for description)</p>
<p align="center">Junior Test</p> <p>3:30 +/- 10 seconds (ladies) 4:00 +/- 10 seconds (men)</p>	<p>Must have passed US Figure Skating Novice free skate test, but may not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating <u>Junior</u> free skate test.</p> <p>ELEMENTS: Three spins – one must be a flying spin, a solo spin (min. 6 revolutions each) and combination spin consisting of all three positions and one change of foot (min. 2 in each position and min. 5 revolutions on each foot) Any single jumps and double jumps may only be the double salchow, double toe loop, double loop, and double flip ; Jump combinations and sequences allowed Maximum 7 jumping elements for ladies and 8 for men Ladies: One step and one spiral sequence (see Rule 3640 for description) Men: Two different step sequences</p>
<p align="center">Senior Test</p> <p>4:00 +/- 10 seconds (ladies) 4:30 +/- 10 seconds (men)</p>	<p>Must have passed US Figure Skating <u>Junior</u> free skate test</p> <p>ELEMENTS: Four spins (min. 6 revolutions on all solo spins) – one must be a flying spin, one a solo spin, one spin combination consisting of all three positions and one change of foot (min. 2 in each position and min. 5 revolutions on each foot) At least four different double jumps; one must be a double Lutz; Jump combinations and sequences allowed Maximum 7 jumping elements for ladies and 8 for men Ladies: One step and one spiral sequence (see Rule 3640 for description) Men: Two different step sequences</p>

Competitive Test Track Compulsories

LEVELS	FREESKATE COMPULSORY <i>Placing 1, 2, 3 qualifies skater for Compulsory Moves at SGA</i>
<p>Basic Graduate No USFS Tests (ISI 2) 1 min</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Waltz jump toe loop combination 2) Salchow jump 3) One foot spin 4) Forward spiral
<p>Pre- Preliminary ISI 3 (Adult Bronze) 1 min</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Flip Jump 2) Combination- Waltz jump with any single jump (note 1) 3) Upright change foot spin 4) Forward or backward spiral
<p>Preliminary ISI 4 (Adult Silver) 1 min 15 sec</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Lutz Jump 2) Combination- Loop jump plus any single jump except lutz or Axel 3) Sit or camel spin 4) Balance Move sequence (note 2)
<p>Pre Juvenile ISI 5 1 min 15 sec</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Axel 2) Combination Loop jump plus any single jump except Axel (note 1) 3) Spin with change of position, no change of foot 4) Balance move sequence (note 2)
<p>Juvenile ISI 6 (Adult Gold) 1 min 30 sec</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Double Salchow or Double Toe Loop 2) Combination of two single jumps (axel permitted) 3) Spin with change of position & change of foot, may not be begin with a jump 4) Circular, straight line or serpentine step sequence.

WELL BALANCED TEST TRACK

Skaters may enter either the appropriate Competitive Test Track free skate event or the Well-Balanced free skate event, but not both. There will be no final rounds. All events will be judged under the 6.0 judging system.

All program times are ± 10 seconds.

Penalties for events judged under 6.0 judging system:

- 0.1 each mark for each illegal element
- 0.1 each mark per 10 seconds time violation
- 0.1 in 1st mark for insufficient revolutions
- 0.1 in 1st mark for step sequence not fully utilizing the ice, Pre-Juvenile.
- 0.2 in 1st mark for each failure to meet minimum requirements and for each element exceeding the

maximum requirements.

FREESKATE LEVELS PROGRAM DURATIONS (Vocals allowed through Intermediate)	WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE ELEMENTS <i>A well balanced program containing required elements as listed in the 2009-2010 US Figure Skating Rule Book.</i>
No-Test (No Axel) 1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Must not have passed any US Figure Skating Free Skating Test, and shall be age 17 or under. Skated in accordance with 3721 in 2009-2010 Rulebook. No multi-revolution jumps, nor jumped or flying spins are allowed.
Pre-Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Preliminary Free Skating Test, and shall be age 17 or under. All single jumps are permitted, including Axel, and may be repeated alone or in combination. No multi-revolution jumps, nor jumped or flying spins are allowed. Skated in accordance with 3711 in 2009-2010 Rulebook.
Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 seconds	Shall have passed the US Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test, but must not have passed the Pre Juvenile Free Skating Test, and shall be age 17 or under. NO DOUBLE AXEL. Skated in accordance with 3701 in 2009-2010 Rulebook.
Pre-Juvenile 2:00 +/- 10 seconds	Shall have passed the US Figure Skating Preliminary Free Skating Test but must not have passed the Juvenile Free Skating Test. NO DOUBLE AXEL allowed. Skated in accordance with 3691 in 2009-2010 Rulebook.
Juvenile (12 years and younger) 2:15 +/- 10 seconds	Shall have passed the US Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test, but must not have passed the Intermediate Free Skating Test. NO TRIPLE JUMPS permitted. Skated in accordance with 3681 in 2009-2010 Rulebook. Open to skaters 12 years and younger.
Open Juvenile (13 years and older) 2:15 +/- 10 seconds	Shall have passed the US Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test but must not have passed the Intermediate Free Skating Test. NO TRIPLE JUMPS permitted. Skated in accordance with 3681 in 2009-2010 Rulebook. Open to skaters 13 years and older.

Intermediate SP: 2 minutes MAX FS: 2:30 +/- 10 seconds	Shall have passed the US Figure Skating Juvenile Free Skating Test, but must not have passed the Novice Free Skating Test. Short program must contain the required elements stated in 3671. Free Skating program must be skated in accordance with 3672 in 2009-2010 Rulebook. Open to skaters 17 years and younger.
Novice SP: 2:30 MAX Free Skating: 3:00 +/- 10 (L) 3:30 +/- 10 (M)	Shall have passed the US Figure Skating Intermediate Free Skating Test but must not have passed the Junior Free Skating Test. Short program must contain the required elements stated in 3661(Men) and 3662 (Ladies). Free Skating program must be skated in accordance with 3663 in 2009-2010 Rulebook.
Junior SP: 2:50 MAX Free skating: 3:30 +/- 10 (L) 4:00 +/- 10 (M)	Shall have passed the US Figure Skating Novice Free Skating Test but must not have passed the Senior Free Skating Test. Short program must contain the required elements of *Group A stated in 3651 (Men) and 3652 (Ladies). Free Skating program must be skated in accordance with 3653 in 2009-2010 Rulebook. *Refer to Technical Notification 28 dated July 3, 2008
Senior SP: 2:50 MAX Free skating: 4:00 +/- 10 seconds (L) 4:30 +/- 10 seconds(M)	Must have passed at least the US Figure Skating Junior Free Skating Test. Short program must contain the required elements stated in 3641(Men) and 3642 (Ladies). Free Skating program must be skated in accordance with 3643 in 2009-2010 Rulebook. *Refer to Technical Notification 28 dated July 3, 2008

Adult Free Skate Events

In the case of a single entry in any event, events may be combined at the discretion of the Chief Referee. The combined group will skate the elements from the lower group. Groups may be separated/combined based on age at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Men and women will be separated. Minimum age: 21 years old as of March 3, 2010. Please note that +/- 10 Second time allowances **DO NOT** apply to Adult Events. All times are maximums and may not be exceeded.

ADULT BRONZE FREESKATING: Open to skaters 21 years and older as of March 3, 2010 who have passed no higher than the U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze Free Skating Test or the Preliminary Free Skating Test. Program in accordance with 3800 in the 2009-2010 Rulebook. No axel or multi-revolution jumps allowed. Free skating program duration: 1 minute 40 seconds maximum.

ADULT SILVER FREESKATING: Open to skaters 21 years and older as of March 3, 2010 who have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating Adult Bronze Free Skating Test, but no higher than the U.S. Figure Skating Juvenile or the Adult Silver Free Skating Test. Program in accordance with 3790 in the 2009-2010 Rulebook . Free skating program duration: 2 minutes 10 seconds maximum.

ADULT GOLD FREESKATING: Open to skaters 21 years and older as of March 3, 2010 who have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating Adult Silver Free Skating Test, but no higher than the U.S. Figure Skating Adult Gold

Free Skate Test or Intermediate Free Skating Test. Program in accordance with 3780 in the 2009-2010 Rulebook. Free skating program duration: 2 minutes 40 seconds maximum.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIGURE SKATING FESTIVAL
APPLICATION FOR FIGURE SKATING EVENTS

Official Entry Form

Please **print legibly to ensure accuracy.** Email addresses will be used solely to provide you with information related to the competition – thanks!

SKATER'S NAME _____ PHONE # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY, ST _____ ZIP _____

SKATER'S BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ AGE ____ MALE ____ FEMALE ____

SKATER'S CLUB _____ U.S. FIGURE SKATING or ISI # _____
(only if current member of a club – otherwise indicate “independent”) (valid # required)

PARENT’S EMAIL _____
(for competition purposes only)

COACH’S NAME _____ COACH PHONE #(_____) _____

COACH’S EMAIL _____ Certified USFSA/PSA # _____ (required)

Please circle/ Highlight EVENT

Competitive Test Track-	Free Skate Compulsory	Well Balanced Free Skate-	Well Balanced Free Skate-
Limited Beginner	Basic Graduate	No Test	Intermediate Short
Beginner	Pre- Preliminary	Pre Preliminary Test	Novice Short
Pre Preliminary Test	Preliminary	Preliminary	Junior Short
Preliminary Test	Pre Juvenile	Pre Juvenile	Senior Short
Pre Juvenile Test	Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate Long
Juvenile Test		Open Juvenile	Novice Long
Intermediate Test		Adult Bronze	Junior Long
Novice Test		Adult Silver	Senior Long
Junior Test		Adult Gold	
Senior Test			

I certify that the skater listed above is registered for _____ and _____
Please print circled events

Fees: \$60 entry fee. Skaters are encouraged to participate in the compulsory event and short and long programs at no additional charge. If skaters choose to compete in one event the price will not be pro rated.

Mail **completed** application with a check for entry fee (made out to New Hampshire Figure Skating Festival) and **required signed waiver form page to:**

NH Figure Skating Festival
C/O Conway Arena
8 Riverside St
Nashua, NH 03062

NEW HAMPSHIRE FIGURE SKATING FESTIVAL INDIVIDUAL ATHLETE’S RELEASE OF LIABILITY— READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in a New Hampshire Figure Skating Festival competition, its related events and activities, I, **X** _____, the undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular skills, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,

2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,

3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the Company immediately; and,

4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE NEW HAMPSHIRE FIGURE SKATING FESTIVAL, Gate City FSC, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used for the activity (“Releases”), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property associated with my presence or participation, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5. I also give, by my signature below the New Hampshire Figure Skating Festival, or any of their assigns, permission to use my (or my child’s) photograph, image, voice, or recorded likeness for any purpose including publication on any print or electronic medium.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

X _____ Age: _____ Date Signed: **X** _____

PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(UNDER AGE 18 AT TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releases, and, for myself, my child and our heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releases from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child’s involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

X _____ Date Signed: **X** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE (print name)

All athletes are expected to exhibit good sportsmanship at all times while participating in a New Hampshire Figure Skating Festival event. The New Hampshire Figure Skating Festival reserves the right to remove any athlete from competition for any reasonable reason without refund or compensation. Event commissioners have the right to make any decision necessary regarding their event. In the event an athlete’s eligibility is questioned, it is the responsibility of the athlete to prove age.