



35th Annual Amherst Skating Club Invitational and Basic Skills Competition

Saturday, November 14th, 2026

Amherst Skating Club, Inc

Northtown Center at Amherst – Feature Rink

1615 Amherst Manor Drive

Williamsville, New York 14221

<https://amherstskatingclub.uplifterinc.com/>

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 35th Annual Amherst SC Invitational and Basic Skills 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.

EVENTS OFFERED:

The program requirements are as follows:

- U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements: usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> [Program Requirements](#)
- Compete USA Program Requirements: learntoskateusa.com/competeusa

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate, Pre-Preliminary - Senior	CJS	\$100.00	\$45.00
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze - Master Jr/Sr)	CJS	\$100.00	\$45.00
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	CJS	\$100.00	\$45.00
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves Levels 1-5	CJS	\$100.00	\$45.00
Spins Challenge Levels 1-5	CJS	\$100.00	\$45.00
Jumps Challenge Levels 1-5	CJS	\$100.00	\$45.00
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$60.00	\$25.00
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$70.00	\$35.00
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$70.00	\$35.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	CJS	\$60.00	\$25.00
Adult 1-6 Elements	CJS	\$60.00	\$25.00

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel:

- 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.
 - o 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 Well-Balanced 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.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#). All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The online registration deadline is October 19, 2026 at 11:59 pm. If space permits applications may be accepted after this date with approvals of the chairperson and chief referee only and a \$30 late fee will be assessed. Registration is available on EntryEeze: <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=60>

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to the skater's Entryeeze registration account no later than October 20, 2026 at 11:59 pm. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who does not 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.

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.

Your music must meet the following criteria:

- i. File Format: MP3 or M4a (the online system will automatically check this)
- ii. Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file)
- iii. Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz (this will be checked by the music chairperson and they may request you upload a corrected file)
- iv. Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

- v. Music will only be played from the music uploaded to EntryEeze and cell phones or CDs will only be used as a back-up if there is a technical difficulty.

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled by the Amherst SC, Inc. In the event of low enrollment for an event, Amherst SC, Inc. will exercise its discretion to either hold single skater events or combine events per the allowed rules. Decisions will be made on an event-by-event basis and the skater will be notified of any changes to the events for which they registered. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, Amherst SC, Inc and the Town of Amherst's Northtown Center at Amherst – Feature Rink 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:

The Northtown Center at Amherst – Feature Rink
1615 Amherst Manor Drive, Williamsville, New York 14221
Feature Rink surface of 85' x 200'.
A restaurant and snack bar are available.

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 (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.

SCHEDULE:

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced date 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.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be available for purchase on EntryEeze after the schedule is posted. An email will be sent to all registered participants and coaches with information on practice after the schedule is posted on EntryEeze.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

There will be no photo/video available during this competition.

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open each day of the competition one hour prior to the start of the competition. The

Check-In Table will be located on the upper level of the Northtown's Center. Attendees should check in at least one hour prior to the event.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded for 1st through 3rd place and ribbons for 4th place

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained at the front of the lobby. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive one hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT:

Test Credit is not available.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have questions, please contact the Amherst Skating Club Competition Chair, Katie Burke, at AmherstSCInvitational@gmail.com., Additional info can be found on EntryEeze and at <https://amherstskatingclub.uplifterinc.com/>.