



2025 Falling Leaf Classic

October 18, 2025

Sponsored by the San Diego FSC

To be held at San Diego Ice Arena

in San Diego, CA

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Falling Leaf Classic is a Compete USA event and 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.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced 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: 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 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 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.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced 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 Well-Balanced 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).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to the information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

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

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

Compete USA	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$105	\$80
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$105	\$80

Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Plus)	6.0	\$105	\$80
Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Free Skate	6.0	\$105	\$80
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6 and Adult 1-6	6.0	\$105	\$80
Aspire 1-4, Adult Pre-Bronze	6.0	\$105	\$80
Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary, Adult Bronze	6.0	\$105	\$80

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 and Level 1 - 4	6.0	\$105	\$80
ADULT EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$105	\$80
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)	6.0	\$105	\$80
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$105	\$80
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$105	\$80

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.

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.

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

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

Entries must be submitted online via Entryeze (www.entryeze.com) by midnight (PDT) September 15th, 2025. San Diego FSC requires “on-line” entry. Entries will be accepted online via EntryEeze with credit card only. Each transaction includes a credit card fee. Processing fees are not refundable, even if the event is canceled or the skater withdraws before close of entries. For questions or concerns, please contact Katy Hewitt for assistance at Registrar@SanDiegofsc.org Credit Card Disputes: San Diego FSC reserves the right to charge an additional fee of \$40.00, in addition to the entry fee to resolve any disputes to the credit card charge.

Registration Deadline: 11:59PM (PDT) –September 15th, 2025. Late registrations will only be accepted at the discretion of the LOC and will be subject to a \$55 late fee.

CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK

Exhibitions will be offered for any skaters or teams Pre-Juvenile and above. If time permits, critiques will be added in addition. There will be a \$70 charge for freeskate exhibitions or critiques and a \$175 charge for synchro exhibitions.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

For the Falling Leaf Classic, music is accepted ONLY online via Entryeze. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the “Competition” tab and then selecting “My Music.” Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. **Music upload deadline is midnight October 9, 2025.** **There is a \$10 fee for music uploaded after the deadline.**

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.

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. Processing fees are not refundable, even if the event is canceled or the skater withdraws before close of entries. There will be no refunds for any reason after the close of entries.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, San Diego Figure Skating Club and San Diego Ice Arena 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:

San Diego Ice Arena
11048 Ice Skate Place
San Diego, CA 92126
www.sdice.com
Ice size is 200 x 85

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

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.

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 official schedule of events will be posted on Entryeze and the San Diego FSC website (www.sandiegofsc.org). It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the websites listed above frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. During the competition, updates will be posted through the on-line portal and will supersede all other schedules. Notices posted on the San Diego FSC website will be considered sufficient notice to all skaters. No schedules will be mailed. Skaters are requested to arrive 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted as noted above prior to the competition.

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

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.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice may be offered if time permits. If available, sales will be offered through Entryeze. Check the SDFSC website for updates.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

A registration desk will be set up in the entrance area of the San Diego Ice Arena during the competition. All skaters are required to register a minimum of 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time for each event or segment.

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:

Medals will be awarded to skaters 1st-6th place. Awards may be picked up at the photographer's podium.

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.

Videography will be provided by Coronado Productions. Each competitor will receive a video of each performance (without music per US Figure Skating policy) along with a link for the livestream to share with friends and family.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Official hotel accommodations:

Springhill Suites San Diego Rancho Bernardo/ Scripps Poway
12032 Scripps Highlands Drive
San Diego, CA 92131
1-858-635-5723

Vendor information will be emailed prior to the start of the competition

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Katy Hewitt and Clara Nguyen	Flc@sandiegofsc.org
Chief Referee:	Julie Anne Keen	