



June 4 – 5, 2010

Application Deadline: Postmark - May 7, 2010

Sanctioned by:



Hosted by the Ice Skating Club of Fresno

The Ice Skating Club of Fresno cordially invites you to participate in the 2nd Annual Central Valley Open to be held from June 4 - 5, 2010.

Eligibility and Rules:

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2009-2010 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook except as stated herein. In order to compete, skaters must be members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating as of the date of the competition. Skaters may compete at the level for which they are qualified based on U.S. Figure Skating tests passed OR one level higher BUT may only compete at one level in any event. Test level and age (for purposes of age restricted events) is determined as of the closing date for entries. Two entries are required to hold an event. At the discretion of the Chief Referee and the organizing committee, single entries will be scheduled to perform an exhibition, and in the case of Artistic events, will be eligible for Recall. Rules adopted at Governing Council in May 2010 will be followed according to their effective dates.

Judging Systems:

The IJS scoring system will be used for the Well Balanced Free Skate and Short Program events for singles and pairs at the Juvenile level and above. All other events, including Open Juvenile, will be judged under the 6.0 scoring system. NOTE: Skaters participating in IJS scoring events must submit planned program content forms online at U.S. Figure Skating (www.usfigureskating.org) no later than the deadline for entries.

Officials:

The Chief Referee for this competition is Victoria Aversano. The Chief Accountant is Jean Fahmie. Judges and Technical Panel will be selected from U.S. Figure Skating officials.

Application Deadline and Fees:

All entry fees must accompany applications. Applications must be postmarked on or before May 7, 2010. Any application postmarked after May 7th will be considered a late entry. Late entries may be accepted only at the discretion of the organizing committee and Chief Referee. A \$25 late entry fee may be charged. A \$50 service charge will be added to any returned checks. Changes are subject to the approval of the Chief Referee. Please make sure all applications are complete and the correct test levels are entered.

Mail both fees (make checks payable to: "ISCF") and application to:

Ice Skating Club of Fresno
Central Valley Open 2010 Registrar
4538 N. Maple Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726

Contact Information:

Competition Chair: Rhonda Murphy Email: practice_ice@yahoo.com
Registrar: Melinda Graff Email: melindagraff@yahoo.com Phone: 559-916-5970

Tentative Schedule of Events:

A schedule of events will be posted on the club bulletin board at least one week prior to the competition. Schedules will also be posted on the club website at www.iscfresno.org. The tentative schedule is subject to change. Please check the bulletin board or website frequently.

Refunds & Withdrawals:

No refunds will be given after the closing date for entries for any reason except for a death in the skater's immediate family within two weeks of the event or if the event is cancelled. Refunds will be subject to a processing fee of \$30. To withdraw from an event prior to the competition, please notify the Registrar by email. To withdraw from an event after the start of the competition, please notify the registration desk promptly.

Facilities:

All competition events and practice ice will be held at Gateway Ice Center, 2473 North Marks Avenue, Fresno, CA 93722 (559) 277-2233. The arena has an indoor rink with an 85' x 200' ice surface with slightly rounded corners. There is free parking available in the lot. There is seating available for spectators with a warm room having windows overlooking the rink upstairs. Locker rooms are located at the Zamboni end of the rink. Concessions may be available in the warm room upstairs. No admission will be charged.

Photography & Video Vendors:

These services will be available in the lobby during the competition. Additional information and order forms will be available at their designated vendor tables. Flash photography is not permitted during the events for the safety of the skaters. Individuals are ONLY allowed to videotape their own skater (for their personal use). Video recording of any other competitor's program is strictly prohibited.

Registration:

The registration desk will be open during all practice ice sessions and events. Skaters should check in at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time for their event. Events may run ahead of schedule at the discretion of the referee.

Coaches:

Coaches accompanying skaters must be a US Figure Skating registered coach in good standing. Coach's registration will be checked. Coaches must wear credentials. Only coaches with credentials will be allowed in the competitor entry area prior to events.

Music:

Only CDs will be accepted (no cassettes). For reasons of compatibility and reliability, music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable "CD RW " discs. Skaters must furnish CDs in labeled clearly with the skater's name, event and level. CDs may only contain ONE track. If you are competing in multiple events that require music, you must submit separate CDs for each program. Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two seconds. A duplicate CD should be readily available at rink side. Music must be turned in at the time of registration and must be picked up at the registration desk following the conclusion of the event. Music not picked up by the end of the competition will not be returned and is not the responsibility of the organizing committee.

Practice Ice:

No official practice ice is included in the entry fee; however there will be freestyle sessions held at the rink on Friday and, if the time schedule permits on Saturday. These freestyle sessions will be filled on a first come, first served basis and cannot be reserved or purchased in advance. All freestyle session fees are due at the beginning of the session. Prices and times of all available freestyle sessions will be posted on the club website at www.iscfresno.org.

Awards:

Events judged under IJS scoring system: Medals will be given to the top four skaters in each event. Events judged under the 6.0 scoring system: Medals will be presented to the top five skaters in each event.

Warm-up Times and Groups

Warm up for Singles and Pairs will be limited to twice the specified length of the Free Skating program but will not exceed six (6) minutes nor be less than three (3) minutes. Skaters will be divided into groups at the sole discretion of the Chief Referee. All decisions of the Chief Referee are final.

Hotel Accommodations

A list of hotels offering special rates for competitors will be posted on the club website at www.iscfresno.org.

IJS SCORING EVENTS:

The Short Program and Free Skate are separate events. Elements will be for the 2010/2011 season. Times indicated for short program are maximums allowed. Times indicated for free skate are +/- 10 seconds. Skaters may skate up one level. There are no final rounds. Vocal music is permitted at Juvenile and Intermediate levels.

Level	Singles - Short Program	Pairs - Short Program
Senior	Must have passed Junior Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3641 and 3642. Program time: 2:50 max.	Must have passed Junior Pair test. Rules per section 4041. Program time: 2:50 max.
Junior	Must have passed Novice Free Skating Test, but not Senior Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3651 and 3652. Program time: 2:50 max.	Must have passed Novice Pair test, but not Senior Pair test. Rules per section 4051. Program Time: 2:50 max.
Novice	Must have passed Intermediate Free Skating Test, but not Junior Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3661 and 3662. Program time: 2:30 max.	Must have passed Intermediate Pair test, but not Junior Pair test. Rules per section 4061. Program time: 2:50 max.
Intermediate	Must be less than 18 years of age as of close of entries. Must have passed Juvenile Free Skating Test, but not Novice Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3671. Program time: 2:00 max.	N/A
Juvenile	N/A	N/A
Level	Singles - Well Balanced Free Skate	Pairs - Well Balanced Free Skate
Senior	Must have passed Junior Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3643. Program time: Men - 4:30; Ladies - 4:00.	Must have passed Junior Pair Test. Rules per section 4042. Program time: 4:30.
Junior	Must have passed Novice Free Skating Test, but not Senior Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3653. Program time: Men - 4:00; Ladies - 3:30.	Must have passed Novice Pair test, but not Senior Pair test. Rules per section 4052. Program Time: 4:00.
Novice	Must have passed Intermediate Free Skating Test, but not Junior Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3663. Program time: Men - 3:30; Ladies - 3:00.	Must have passed Intermediate Pair Test, but not Junior Pair Test. Rules per section 4062. Program time: 3:30.
Intermediate	Must be less than 18 years of age as of close of entries. Must have passed Juvenile Free Skating Test, but not Novice Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3672. Program time: 2:30.	Must be less than 18 years of age as of close of entries. Must have passed Juvenile Pair test, but not Novice Pair test. Rules per section 4071. Program Time: 3:00.
Juvenile	Must be less than 13 years of age as of close of entries. Must have passed Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test, but not Intermediate Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3681. Program Time: 2:15	Must be less than 16 years of age as of close of entries. Must have passed Preliminary or Pre-Juvenile Pair test, but not Intermediate Pair test. Rules per section 4081. Program Time: 2:30.

WELL BALANCED FREE SKATING EVENTS - 6.0 Scoring System:

Program times are +/- 10 seconds unless a maximum time is indicated. Skaters may skate up one level. There are no final rounds. Vocal music is permitted.

Level	Singles - Well Balanced Free Skate	Pairs - Well Balanced Free Skate
No Test	Must not have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test. Rules per section 3721. Program Time: 1:30	N/A
Pre-Preliminary 1 (NO Axel)	Must not have passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test. Rules per section 3711 <u>except no axel jumps permitted.</u> Program Time: 1:30	N/A
Pre-Preliminary 2 (Axel OK)	Must not have passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test. Rules per section 3711. Program Time: 1:30	N/A
Preliminary	Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating test, but not the Pre-Juvenile Free Skating test. Rules per section 3701. Program Time: 1:30	N/A
Pre-Juvenile	Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skating test, but not the Juvenile Free Skating test. Rules per section 3691. Program Time: 2:00	Must be less than 14 years of age as of close of entries. No test is required. Must not have passed the Juvenile Pair test. Rules per section 4091. Program Time: 2:00.
Open Juvenile	Must be 13 years of age as of close of entries. Must have passed Pre-Juvenile Free Skating test, but not Intermediate Free Skating test. Rules per section 3681. Program Time: 2:15	N/A
Young Adult / Adult Pre-Bronze <i>Young Adults must be 18 to 20 years of age and. Adults must be 21 years of age or older as of close of entries. Adults and Young Adults will compete in their own events.</i>	Must not have passed higher than Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test or Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3806. Program time: 1:40 max.	N/A
Young Adult / Adult Bronze	Must not have passed higher than Preliminary Free Skating Test or Adult Bronze Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3801. Program time: 1:50 max.	Rules per section 4124 and 4125. Program time: 2:10 max.
Young Adult / Adult Silver	Must not have passed higher than Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test or Adult Silver Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3791. Program time: 2:10 max.	Rules per section 4122 and 4123. Program time: 2:40 max.
Young Adult / Adult Gold	Must have passed at least Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test or Adult Silver Free Skating Test. Rules per section 3781. Program time: 2:40 max.	Rules per section 4120 and 4121. Program time: 3:40 max.

COMPETITIVE TEST TRACK SINGLES EVENTS - 6.0 Scoring System:

Skaters may enter either the test track free skate program or the well-balanced track free skate program but not both during this competition. Competitors will skate to music of their choice, vocal music permitted. The 6.0 judging system will be used for all test track events. All times indicated are +/- 10 seconds unless a maximum time is indicated. Skaters must be 20 years of age or younger as of the competition date.

Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

- 0.1 from EACH mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
- 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra or lacking element.
- 0.1 for any spin with less than required revolutions.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Steps	Qualifications
Limited Beginner Time: 1:40 max	Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). Jump sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements.	Two upright spins, no change of foot (Min 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	May not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests
Beginner Time: 1:40 max	Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements.	Two upright spins, change of foot optional (Min 3 revolutions)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	May not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests
Pre-Preliminary Test Time: 1:40 max	Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). Jump combinations or sequences using only a waltz jump, toe loop, and Salchow are permitted. Maximum 5 jump elements.	Two spins held in one position only of a different nature, no change of foot (Min 3 revolutions and no flying spins)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	May not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary free skate test
Preliminary Test Time: 1:30 +/- 10	Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements.	Two spins of a different nature, combination spins allowed (Min 3 revolutions each and no flying spins)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Preliminary free skate test but not higher than Preliminary free skate test
Pre-Juvenile Test Time: 2:00 +/-10	Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jumping elements.	Three spins in any position (Min 3 revolutions), One must be a combination spin with change of foot optional (Min 3 revolutions on each foot or 6 total revolutions and no flying spins).	One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface.	Must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating Preliminary free skate test but not higher than Pre-Juvenile free skate test
Juvenile Test Time: 2:15 +/-10	Any single jumps and jump combinations with not more than 1 1/2 rotations. (Axel permitted). Maximum 6 jumping elements.	Three spins in any position (Min 4 revolutions) One must be a combination spin with one change of foot (Min 4 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins.	One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface.	Must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile free skate test but not higher than Juvenile free skate test

COMPETITIVE TEST TRACK SINGLES EVENTS - 6.0 Scoring System: (Continued)

Skaters may enter either the test track free skate program or the well-balanced track free skate program but not both during this competition. Competitors will skate to music of their choice, vocal music permitted. The 6.0 judging system will be used for all test track events. All times indicated are +/- 10 seconds unless a maximum time is indicated. Skaters must be 20 years of age or younger as of the competition date.

Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

- 0.1 from EACH mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
- 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra or lacking element.
- 0.1 for any spin with less than required revolutions.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Steps	Qualifications
Intermediate Test Time: 2:30 +/-10	Any single jumps. Double jumps may only be the double Salchow and double toe loop. Jump combinations and sequences allowed. Maximum 6 jumping elements.	Three spins in any position (Min 4 revolutions) One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot (Min 4 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins.	One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface.	Must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating Juvenile free skate test but not higher than Intermediate free skate test
Novice Test Time: Ladies 3:00 +/-10 Men 3:30 +/-10	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 for men and 6 for ladies.	Three spins in any position (Min 6 revolutions) One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot (Min 5 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins.	One step or spiral sequence (see rule 3660 for description).	Must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating Intermediate free skate test but not higher than Novice free skate test
Junior Test Time: Ladies 3:30 +/-10 Men 4:00 +/-10	Any single jumps. Double jumps may only be the double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and double flip Jump combinations and sequences allowed. Maximum 8 jumping elements for men And 7 for ladies.	Three spins: One must be a spin in one position, one a flying spin, (6 revolutions each) one combination spin consisting of all three positions and one change of foot (Minimum 2 in each position and Minimum 5 revolutions on each foot).	One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface. (see rule 3650 for description)	Must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating Novice free skate test but not higher than Junior free skate test
Senior Test Time: Ladies 4:00 +/-10 Men 4:30 +/-10	At least four different double jumps One must be a double Lutz. Jump combinations and sequences allowed. Maximum 8 jumping elements for men and 7 for ladies.	Three spins: One must be a spin in one position, one a flying spin, (6 revolutions each) one spin combination consisting of all three positions and one change of foot (Minimum 2 in each position and Minimum 5 revolutions on each foot).	Men: Two different step sequences. Ladies: One step sequence and one spiral sequence (see rule 3640 for description).	Must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating Junior free skate test

ARTISTIC SINGLES EVENTS - 6.0 Scoring System

Artistic events will be judged using only the second presentation mark in the 6.0 scoring system. No technical skating mark will be used. Judges will consider the effectiveness and complexity of choreography, performance strength, the skater's style, originality, interpretation and expression of the character of the music, as well as the use of skating skills. **There are no required technical elements for Artistic events at any level.** Technical skating skills, i.e. the difficulty and number of jump/spin elements included will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements. Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will reduce a skater's marks. Theatrical elements evaluated will include: energy, poise, acting, gestures, eye contact, choreography, form, extension, and the use of costumes, ice and props. Only hand held props are permitted and may be placed on the ice. There are no restrictions on music; vocal or instrumental may be used.

There will be a Recall Event for the Artistic competition. Recall medals will be given to all recalled skaters who participate. The Artistic Recall Event will be divided into upper and lower level skaters, with upper level being Juvenile and above, including Adult/Young Adult, and lower level being Pre-Juvenile and below. A first place and runner up award will be awarded to the top two skaters of each Artistic Recall Event. Judges may recall up to two skaters from any single Artistic event by majority vote of the judging panel. Males and females will be combined in the Recall Events.

Categories

Skaters may enter both the Light and Dramatic events if they choose.

Light: A routine that has entertainment value and is not of a melancholy nature; usually a musical or character type routine where the skater is recognizable in appearance and performance style as a character.

Dramatic: A routine that has a serious theme or emotional interpretation of the music.

Levels

Skaters may compete at the level qualified based on tests passed or ONE level higher, but they must compete at only one level for all Artistic events. Age restrictions that apply to Free Skate events apply to the same level of the Artistic events. Test Track and Well-Balanced Program skaters will be combined for all Artistic events. Males and females will be combined at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

Maximum Program Times for Levels:

Timing starts with the first motion of the body, hand, head, skate, etc... and ends when all motion stops. There will be a 0.2 deduction for up to every five seconds in excess of the maximum performance time.

1:40 minutes	2:10 minutes	2:40 minutes
Beginner	Juvenile / Open Juvenile	Junior
Pre-Preliminary	Intermediate	Senior
Preliminary	Novice	
Pre-Juvenile		
Adult / Young Adult		

NOTE: Skaters who place 1st through 4th in an artistic event may qualify for National Showcase 2010. Eligible skaters will have passed at least the Preliminary Free Skating test (and above) OR completed requirements for Adult Interpretive Free Skating (and above).

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SKATER PROFILE:

Name: _____ Sex (M/F): _____

US Figure Skating #: _____ Home Club: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): ____ / ____ / ____ Age on May 7, 2010: _____

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Phone: _____ Coach's E-mail: _____

Highest U.S. Figure Skating Tests Passed:

Free Skate: _____ Moves: _____ Pairs: _____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES:

A. Club Certification:

I hereby approve the entry of the above named skater and certify to the best of my knowledge that he/she is a member in good standing at my club, is eligible to enter the specified events, and is eligible in accordance with U S Figure Skating rules.

Signature of Club Official

Print Name & Title of Club Official

Date

B. Skater/Parent Authorization:

I have read and agree to abide by the rules of this competition. I understand that ice skating can be dangerous and is at the competitor's sole risk. I accept full risk and financial responsibility for my or my child/ward's participation and waive all rights to assert or levy any and all claims, losses, liabilities, costs, and/or liens against United States Figure Skating, the Ice Skating Club of Fresno, and Gateway Ice Center. I waive the rights of my heirs, executors, and/or administrators to assert or levy any and all claims against the aforementioned organizations. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the aforementioned organizations and their officers, directors, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, costs, and or liens for accidents or injuries to myself, my child/ward, or any other person, or for property damage caused by me or my child/ward, arising out of participating in any activity of this competition.

Signature of Competitor

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian
(if skater is under 18 years of age)

Date

ENTRY FEES: MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "ISCF"

6.0 System Scoring Events:

Well Balanced or Artistic First Event \$60 = \$ _____

Test Track Events \$50 = \$ _____

Additional 6.0 Scoring Events _____ x\$40 = \$ _____

IJS Scoring Events:

First IJS Scoring Event \$85 = \$ _____

Additional IJS Scoring Events _____ x\$45 = \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: = \$ _____

DEADLINE: Entries must be postmarked, or in the ISCF mailbox located at the rink, by May 7, 2010.

MAILING ADDRESS:

Ice Skating Club of Fresno
Central Valley Open 2010 Registrar
4538 N. Maple Ave.
Fresno, CA 93726

Send both pages indicated – Completed Skater Profile, Required Signatures, Entry Fees and Event Checklist

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EVENT CHECKLIST:

6.0 Scoring Events

TEST TRACK SINGLES

ENTRY FEE \$50 per event

- Limited Beginner
- Beginner
- Pre-Preliminary
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior

WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE SINGLES

ENTRY FEE \$60 if first event
\$40 if additional event

- No Test
- Pre-Preliminary 1
- Pre-Preliminary 2
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile
- Adult / Young Adult
Pre-Bronze Free Skate
- Adult / Young Adult
Bronze Free Skate
- Adult / Young Adult
Silver Free Skate
- Adult / Young Adult
Gold Free Skate

Questions???

Registrar
Melinda Graff
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559-916-5970

Competition Chair
Rhonda Murphy
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6.0 Scoring Events

ARTISTIC SINGLES

ENTRY FEE \$60 if first event
\$40 if additional event

Select Level and Category

LEVEL

- Beginner
- Pre-Preliminary
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Open Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior
- Adult / Young Adult

CATEGORY

- Light Entertainment
- Dramatic

PAIRS

ENTRY FEE \$60 if first event
\$40 if additional event

Please write in Partner's name and send entries together

- Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
- Adult / Young Adult
Bronze Free Skate
- Adult / Young Adult
Silver Free Skate
- Adult / Young Adult
Gold Free Skate

Partner's name

IJS Scoring Events

SINGLES

ENTRY FEE \$85 if first event
\$45 if additional event

NOTE: Short Program and Free Skate are separate events.

- Juvenile Free Skate
- Intermediate Short Program
- Intermediate Free Skate
- Novice Short Program
- Novice Free Skate
- Junior Short Program
- Junior Free Skate
- Senior Short Program
- Senior Free Skate

PAIRS

ENTRY FEE \$85 if first event
\$45 if additional event

NOTE: Short Program and Free Skate are separate events.

Please write in Partner's name and send entries together

- Juvenile Free Skate
- Intermediate Free Skate
- Novice Short Program
- Novice Free Skate
- Junior Short Program
- Junior Free Skate
- Senior Short Program
- Senior Free Skate

Partner's name

DON'T FORGET: Complete Planned Program Content Form at www.usfigureskating.org For IJS Scoring Events Only