



# 2024 SKATE ST. MORITZ NONQUALIFYING COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT

September 6 – 8, 2024

To be held at

OAKLAND ICE CENTER  
519 – 18<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Oakland, California 94612

**INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM (IJS) USED FOR PRE-PRELIMINARY & HIGHER**

**NONQUALIFYING SINGLES – COMPETE USA PROGRAMS WITH MUSIC, ASPIRE, EXCEL,  
WELL BALANCED FS: PRE-PRELIMINARY TO SENIOR & ADULTS;  
SHORT PROGRAMS: JUVENILE TO SENIOR; SHOWCASE – ALL LEVELS**

**NOTE: SHORT PROGRAM & WELL BALANCED FS EVENTS ARE STAND-ALONE (i.e., not combined)**

**2024 – 2025 U.S FIGURE SKATING RULES & REQUIREMENTS  
WILL BE IN EFFECT FOR THIS COMPETITION**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
AUGUST 2, 2024 by 8:59 PM (Pacific) / 11:59 PM (Eastern)**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY**

**Sanctioned by:**





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**Skate St. Moritz**  
**Sept. 6 – 8, 2024**  
**Hosted by the St. Moritz ISC**  
**at the Oakland Ice Center in Oakland, CA**

## I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Skate St. Moritz 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 individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

### SERIES INFORMATION:

The 2024 Skate St. Moritz competition is not a part of any series these season.

**Showcase events** will qualify skaters for the **2025 National Showcase** if they meet placement and eligibility requirements (see Showcase Guidelines)

## 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.
  - 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.
- 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 information sheet [HERE](#) or email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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](https://usfigureskating.org) --> Skate --> Compete --> [Program Requirements](#)
- Compete USA Program Requirements: [learntoskateusa.com/competeusa](https://learntoskateusa.com/competeusa)

**NOTE: This year, short program & well-balanced free skate events are stand-alone (i.e., not combined)**

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

| SINGLES  | JUDGING | 1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary - Preliminary Plus)    | IJS     | \$125                       | \$55                        |
| Excel Free Skate (Pre-Juvenile Plus – Senior)            | IJS     | \$170                       | \$55                        |
| Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)          | IJS     | \$170                       | \$55                        |
| Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary) | IJS     | \$125                       | \$55                        |
| Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Juvenile – Senior)         | IJS     | \$170                       | \$55                        |
| Adult Free Skate (Adult Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)           | IJS     | \$125                       | \$55                        |
| Adult Beginner - High Beginner & Pre-Bronze Free Skate   | 6.0     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| SPECIALTY  | JUDGING | 1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price |
| Compulsory Moves (Preliminary–Senior)                    | 6.0     | \$75                        | \$55                        |
| Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)    | 6.0     | \$75                        | \$55                        |
| Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)                        | 6.0     | \$75                        | \$55                        |
| Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)     | 6.0     | \$75                        | \$55                        |
| Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)                        | 6.0     | \$75                        | \$55                        |
| Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)     | 6.0     | \$75                        | \$55                        |

| SHOWCASE  | JUDGING | 1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Emotional Performance (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Adult) | CJS     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Choreographic Artistry (Juvenile - Senior, Adult)       | CJS     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Lyrical Pop (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)           | CJS     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Character Performance (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult) | CJS     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Comedic Impressions (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)   | CJS     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Duets/Trios (Pre-Preliminary – Senior, Adult)           | CJS     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Mini Production Ensemble                                | CJS     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Adaptive Individual Showcase                            | CJS     | \$30                        | \$30                        |
| COMPETE USA EVENTS                                      | JUDGING | 1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price |
| Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music                   | 6.0     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music                             | 6.0     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music                              | 6.0     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| Compete USA – Showcase (singles)                        | 6.0     | \$90                        | \$55                        |
| ADAPTIVE  | JUDGING | 1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price |
| Special Olympics Badges                                 | 6.0     | \$30                        | \$30                        |
| Special Olympics – Free Skate Program                   | 6.0     | \$30                        | \$30                        |
| Skate United Badges                                     | 6.0     | \$30                        | \$30                        |

### **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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto: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 [HERE](#). 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.

### **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](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

## **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 3% transaction fee.

**Registration Deadline: August 2, 2024 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 11:59 PM (ET)**

[NOTE: The host club reserves the right to close registration **early** if entries warrant]

**Late Registration Deadline: August 9, 2024 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 11:59 PM (ET) + \$50 Late Fee**

[NOTE: The host club reserves the right to close late registration **early** if entries warrant]

1. Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, 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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).

3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "SKATE ST. MORITZ" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

#### SHOWCASE - DUETS/TRIOS EVENTS:

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

#### 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:

Skaters in eligible event levels (Juvenile/Open Juvenile and higher in Excel or well-balanced) for singles free skate may sign up for Test Credit on EMS. There is a \$10 fee for the test credit packet. **Test credit requests will not be taken at the competition. NO EXCEPTIONS.** 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 their EMS competition portal no later than **August 23, 2024 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 11:59 PM (ET)**. 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 and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

**DEADLINE: August 23, 2024 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 11:59 PM (ET) \*Late fee = \$25**

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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 **August 30, 2024 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 **\$25 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 and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

**DEADLINE: August 30, 2024 by 8:59 PM (PT) / 11:59 PM (ET) \*Late fee = \$25**

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

## **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. *Credit Card processing fees are not refundable for any reason.*

## **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, the St. Moritz Ice Skating Club, Inc and the Oakland Ice Center operated by Sharks Ice 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:**

Oakland Ice Center (operated by Sharks Ice)

519 -18<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94612

<http://www.oaklandice.com/>

The Oakland Ice Center is a dual-surface ice rink. The NHL Rink is 200' X 85' with slightly rounded corners and the OLY (Olympic) Rink is 200' X 100' with slightly rounded corners. Both surfaces will be used for this competition.

The rink tends to be very cold, please dress appropriately – layers and blankets are recommended.

The Oakland Ice Center has a snack bar and vending machines.

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available at 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 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:**

All competition information will be included in the EMS Skater/Coach competition portal. Additionally, schedule and other information will be posted on the club's website at <https://stmoritzisc.org> and posted on the walls of the NHL rink of the Oakland Ice Center. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check EMS or the posted information at the rink for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive approximately 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event.

Starting orders and results will be posted online. A link to the starting orders and results page will be posted at <https://stmoritzisc.org> and posted at the rink.

### **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:**

Depending on the number of entries, a limited number of unofficial practice ice sessions (UPI) may be offered by the host club. **IF offered, final details for scheduling practice ice will be made available to competitors through EMS shortly after the posting of the official schedule.**

Athletes may be able to find ice time on free skate or public sessions offered by the Oakland Ice Center in advance of the competition weekend. Check the rink's website (<http://www.oaklandice.com/>) or contact the rink directly to check on availability.

### **ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

A registration/check-in table will be located in the arena on the NHL rink side. Check in will be available approximately 1 to 1.5 hours prior to the start of the first event and run through the check-in for last event each day.

All competitors are required to check in and be ready to skate *at least* forty-five minutes prior to the tentatively scheduled time for their event.

Coaches are also required to check in and retrieve their credential prior to their first event or practice.



## AWARDS:

All skaters placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will receive medals. For events with multiple segments, skaters placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th will receive medals for their placement in the first segment of the event (i.e. medals will be given for short program) as well as based on the final *combined* results.

### **Special Awards:**

**IAN KNIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Presented in memory of Ian Knight who was a long-time St. Moritz ISC member and PSA rated instructor/choreographer. Awarded for excellence in Artistry as demonstrated through the program components in the Junior Men or Women well-balanced free skate events. Awarded to the skater with the highest combined average score for the composition and presentation components in the free skate program.

**KENNETH L. BROWN MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Presented in memory of Kenneth L. Brown, U.S. Figure Skating past president and St. Moritz ISC past president. Awarded to the winner of the Novice Men singles event.

**JEAN ROBINSON MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Presented in memory of Jean Robinson who was a long-time St. Moritz ISC member, past club president, and ISU World judge. Awarded to the winner of the Senior Women singles event.

**SUSAN WISE MEMORIAL TROPHY:** Presented in memory of Susan Wise who was a long-time St. Moritz ISC member and a PSA rated instructor/choreographer. Awarded for excellence in Artistry as demonstrated through the program components in the Pre-Juvenile Boys or Girls well-balanced free skate events. Awarded to the skater with the highest combined average score for the composition and presentation components in the free skate program.

## VOLUNTEER INFO:

We are always looking for volunteers to assist with running the competition. We will primarily need volunteers as Ice Monitors, Registration/Check In, Runners, and for Awards. If you are interested and willing to volunteer, please go to our club's website at <https://stmoritzisc.org> and sign up via the SignUp Genius link.

## PHOTO/VIDEO:

**Pro Mix Sound & Video** will serve as the official videographer.

Professionals action photography may be available (TBD).

There will be no awards photographer.

Absolutely **no flash photography** is allowed of competitors on the ice. The flash may cause distraction leading to error or injury.

Personal photography and/or recording of a performance is allowed of one's own skater(s) only with *handheld equipment and in the seating area only*. The recording of warm ups and practice sessions is prohibited. Only battery-powered video units are allowed (no electrical cords). **The use of a tri-pod or monopod and standing near the railing to film is prohibited.**

Note, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater's performance is strictly prohibited. If you have been asked to photograph or video another skater's performance, written permission from the parent/guardian should be provided to you and be available to the Competition Chairs or Chief Referee on request.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**Parking / Public Transportation** – Parking at the Oakland Ice Center is limited at all times, particularly on weekdays. Please consider the time needed to find parking when planning your arrival for your practice ice and your event. Skaters may be dropped off at the front entrance on 18<sup>th</sup> Street if necessary.

The Dalziel Parking garage on 16<sup>th</sup> Street is the best option for parking on Friday & Saturday during the competition. Parking in this garage may be validated for those arriving after 4 PM on Friday and all day Saturday by using the Park Mobile app and code provided by the rink.

**ATTENTION!** The Oakland Ice Center is in a downtown, urban area. All participants are strongly urged to be alert and aware of your surroundings at all times. If driving, **DO NOT leave anything visible in your car after parking it.** We also strongly recommend not leaving anything of value in your trunk as an added precaution.

**Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART)** may be an option. Please check their online information and schedule at [bart.gov](http://bart.gov). *The nearest BART station to the Oakland Ice Center is **the 19<sup>th</sup> Street station.***

Other options would be to use a ride sharing services (such as UBER / LYFT) or a taxi.

**Airports**–The nearest airport is the Oakland International Airport (OAK). Alternate airport is the San Francisco International Airport (SFO). Both airports have rental car availability and both are accessible via BART.

**Hotels** – There are a number of hotels in the Oakland area or in nearby Emeryville. There are no special rates being held by these hotels in association with this competition. Please research online reviews or information for hotels you may be interested in before booking. If assistance is needed, contact our Competition Chair.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Competition website: <https://stmoritzisc.org>

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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| Competition Co-Chair & Chief Referee: | Lisa Erle     | <a href="mailto:LErle68@aol.com">LErle68@aol.com</a>             |
| Competition Co-Chair:                 | Carol Mirenda | <a href="mailto:camirenda@comcast.net">camirenda@comcast.net</a> |