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2023 Scott Hamilton Invitational

Scott Hamilton Skating Club

August 4-6, 2023

Ford Ice Center Bellevue
7638 B Hwy 70 S
Nashville, TN 37221

<https://scotthamiltonskatingclub.org>

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2023 Scott Hamilton Invitational 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.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#). Include any relevant policy implementation details here for your attendees.

II. ELIGIBILITY

TEST LEVEL:

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.

Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

EVENTS OFFERED:

[Program requirements for the events listed below may be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate-competitions/program-requirements)

NOTE: Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Beginner and High Beginner)	6.0	\$160	\$85	\$65
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$100	\$80
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$100	\$80
Well Balanced Free Skate (No-Test-Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$100	\$80
Adult Free Skate (Adult Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$180	\$100	\$80
Adult Free Skate (Beginner-Pre-Bronze)	6.0	\$160	\$85	\$65
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$160	\$85	\$65
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$160	\$85	\$65
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$160	\$85	\$65
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$160	\$85	\$65
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$160	\$85	\$65
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Preliminary)	6.0	\$160	\$85	\$65
Spins Challenge (Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$180	\$100	\$80
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Pre-Bronze)	6.0	\$160	\$85	\$65
Adult Spins Challenge (Bronze - Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$180	\$100	\$85

SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$85	\$65
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$85	\$65
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$85	\$65
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$85	\$65
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$85	\$65
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$160	\$85	\$65
Interpretive (No Test – Open Juvenile)	CJS	\$160	\$85	\$65
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$160	\$85	\$65
Production Ensemble	CJS	\$160	\$85	\$65
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$85	\$60	\$50
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$85	\$60	\$50
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$85	\$60	\$50
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$85	\$60	\$50
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$85	\$60	\$50
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	6.0	\$85	\$60	\$50
Compete USA – Showcase	6.0	\$85	\$60	\$50
ADAPTIVE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price	3rd Event Price
Special Olympics Badges – 1-12	6.0	\$85	\$60	\$50
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program, Levels 1-6	6.0	\$85	\$60	\$50

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.

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](#).

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. A limit of two coach credentials per registered athlete.

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 SkateSafe 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

EMS COMPETITION REGISTRATION

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.
Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Start of Registration Applications: Wednesday, June 1, 2023, at 11:59pm ET

Registration Deadline: Friday, June 30, 2023, at 11:59pm ET, or until the competition fills to capacity (Waiting Lists will be established if this occurs on a first come first serve basis)

Late Registration: \$50.00 (after the 6/30/23 registration deadline)

Event Change: \$25.00 (after the 6/30/23 registration deadline)

Late entries will be subject to the approval of the Chief Referee. Payment of fee(s) will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.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.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration."
4. Choose 2023 SCOTT HAMILTON INVITATIONAL from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

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 "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

Note: foreign athletes may register and compete in NQS events but are not eligible to participate in the series (and receive a standing/score).

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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 SafeSport 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.

EMS COMPETITION PORTAL | MUSIC UPLOAD:

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023, 11:59pmET.

SUBMISSION AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL INCLUDE A \$25 LATE FEE.

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than July 21, 2023, 11:59pm 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 doesn't 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.

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach, and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair, and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- 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.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cellphone and it must be immediately available rink side 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.

EMS COMPETITION PORTAL | PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2023, 11:59pm ET.

SUBMISSION AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL INCLUDE A \$25 LATE FEE.

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than July 21, 2023, 11:59pm 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 under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Scott Hamilton Skating Club, and Mid Ice LLC 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.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will only be refunded if no competition exists, or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. There will be a late fee of \$50.00 and an event change fee of \$25.00 after the June 30, 2023, registration deadline. The online processing fees are not refundable. Payment of the fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. The Scott Hamilton SC reserves the right to divide an event, limit the number of entries, hold an event with only one entry and cancel an event (with refund) with only one entry.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES

The competition will be held at:

*Ford Ice Center Bellevue
7638 B Hwy 70 S
Nashville, TN 37221*

Ford Ice Center Bellevue has two ice surfaces, each measuring 200'X85'. The facility also has dressing/locker rooms, restaurant and snack shop, upstairs viewing and lounge area, and free parking. Admission to the competition is free.

SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available via [EMS](#) as soon as possible after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available. The competition schedule is set by the referee, and no changes will be made to the schedule once it is announced unless an error has been made by the referee.

EMS PRACTICE ICE

All practice ice will be available for purchase online through [EMS](#). A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the Main page of your skater portal.

Practice ice for individual skaters will be available on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Credits for practice ice will be available for "pre-purchase" ([Pre-Purchase](#)) during registration at a rate of \$20.00 for 20-minutes. *Skaters who pre-purchased credits will be able to go online after the schedule is release during the "selection window" ([Selection](#)) to choose their practice ice sessions.* Additional practice ice will be available for sale online during "Open Sales" ([Open Sales](#)) after those that pre-register for their sessions have chosen them at a rate of \$25.00 per 20 minutes. Open Sales will be extended through the end of the competition at a rate of \$25.00 per 20 minutes if space is available. Most practice ice sessions will be limited to 20 skaters.

ONSITE CHECK-IN

Registration will open Friday, August 4, 2023, one to two hours before the first practice ice, and run through the last event of the day. Registration table will be located at the main entrance to Ford Ice Center. Athletes should check in at the registration table at least 45 minutes before their first event. Further information will be shared via email. Please register promptly upon arrival.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available for 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 skaters. Public restrooms are available.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY

Photography and videography packages will be available for purchase directly from the vendor, Premiere Event Photography, separate from event registration. Videos and live stream may not be available for certain half-ice events. Flash photography is not allowed in the arena, as it is a safety hazard to skaters.

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

The photo/video policy for posting may be found [here](#).

AWARDS

All events will be final rounds. Awards will be given to first through fourth place. Awards will be available immediately following the posting of the results for each event. Results will be posted on-line (printed results will not be available). Skaters may pick up their awards at the Ford Ice Center Welcome Center area.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

All competition information will be included in the EMS Skater/Coach portal. Additionally, an official bulletin board will be maintained in the main lobby of the rink. 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 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

COMPETITION TEST CREDIT

Skaters that meet the requirements for a test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk as soon as possible, but no later than 30 minutes following the last IJS event of the competition. Credit forms cost is \$5, which includes the "full flight". Competition Test credit must be submitted through the home club to U.S. Figure Skating, upon receipt of the test credit, send the documents to your home club test chair.

CRITIQUES

Critiques will be offered for Well-balanced Juvenile through Senior and Adult Bronze through Masters Freeskates. Skaters will be required to sign-up for critiques prior to their registered event.

VOLUNTEER INFO

Please see “2023 Scott Hamilton Invitational” page of the SHSC website, <https://scotthamiltonskatingclub.org> for volunteer opportunities.

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE: compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events include key LOC members, locker room monitors and medical event personnel. To be considered compliant, an approved volunteer serving in one of these positions must:

- ✓ Must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check*
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ Must complete annual SafeSport Training
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification *

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website:

www.usfsaonline.org → Person Icon  Account → Member Profile → Compliance

CONTACT INFORMATION:

www.scotthamiltonskatingclub.org

If you have questions about this event, please contact:

Competition Chair	Jamie Leach	Jamie.Leach@ScottHamiltonSkatingClub.org 217.341.4085
Vendor Chair	Peter Sasmore	PSasmore@NashvillePredators.com
SHI Volunteer Chair	Art Morales	SHIVolunteerChair@ScottHamiltonSkatingClub.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Partner hotels:

Home2 Suites by Hilton Nashville Bellevue

7616 Highway 70 S

Nashville, TN 37221

(844) 684-9427

Booking Group Rate:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BNANBHT&groupCode=CHHS&arrivaldate=2023-08-03&departuredate=2023-08-06&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

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Hampton Inn Bellevue/Nashville I-40

7815 Coley Davis Rd

Nashville, TN 37221

(615) 662-3133

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=BNAWEHX&groupCode=CHHS&arrivaldate=2023-08-03&departuredate=2023-08-06&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

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Other area hotel:

Hotel Avery Nashville

100 Coley Davis Rd

Nashville, TN 37221

615-662-0004

www.hotelaverynashville.com

We suggest you phone them vs using the website..

TRANSPORTATION:

Nashville International Airport (BNA) is approximately twenty-two miles from the Ford Ice Center, Bellevue and the drive time is approximately 35 minutes by car. There are many different hotel options near the airport, in nearby downtown Nashville, or by the facility. Car rental desks are available at the airport for your convenience. Please note your travel time may be considerably longer during peak rush hour travel times.