

# **2023 COMPETE USA**

## **South Florida Basic Skills Series**



### **Events to take place at:**

#### **Palm Beach SkateZone**

**Date: \*March 5, 2023**

8125 Lake Worth Rd.

Lake Worth, FL 33467

Phone: 561-963-5900

Competition Director: Audra Leech

Email: [audra@pbskatezone.com](mailto:audra@pbskatezone.com)

Application Deadline: Feb 5, 2023

Music Upload Deadline: Feb 23, 2023

#### **Pines Ice Arena**

**Date: \*June 4, 2023**

12425 Taft Street Pembroke Pines, FL 33028

Phone: 954-704-8700

Competition Director: Kristin Alberico

Email: [figuredirectorkristin@pinesice.com](mailto:figuredirectorkristin@pinesice.com)

Application Deadline: May 4, 2023

Music Upload Deadline: May 26, 2023

#### **Kendall Ice Arena**

**Date: \*April 16, 2023**

10355 Hammocks Blvd.

Miami, FL 33196

Phone: 305-386-8288

Competition Director: Kent Johnson

Email: [info@kendallicearena.com](mailto:info@kendallicearena.com)

Application Deadline: March 16, 2023

Music Upload Deadline: April 2, 2023

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** IN THE EVENT OF A LARGE NUMBER OF ENTRANTS, SOME EVENTS MAY TAKE PLACE ON THE SATURDAY BEFORE EACH COMPETITION IF REQUIRED. COMPETITION SCHEDULES WILL BE POSTED ON [BASICKILLSFLORIDA.COM](http://BASICKILLSFLORIDA.COM) ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.

**Competition Website: [basicskillsflorida.com](http://basicskillsflorida.com)**

**Competition Entries: [entryeeze.com](http://entryeeze.com)**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To give Florida skaters a chance to develop their Learn to Skate USA Skills in a fun competitive environment. During the competition season, skaters will have the chance to compete at three different arenas and earn points for a final standing.

**\*Trophies will be awarded to all skaters who compete in all three of the scheduled competitions.**

**\*See "Series" Point System Rules.**

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**COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT**

The **Compete USA South Florida Basic Skills Competition Series** is sponsored equally by and will be held at Palm Beach SkateZone, Kendall Ice Arena and Pines Ice Arena. Competition announcements will be available on the official competition website ([basicskillsflorida.com](http://basicskillsflorida.com)), [entryeze.com](http://entryeze.com) and at all three arenas before and during the run of the "Series." Competition information and results will be posted at each rink and on the official competition website: [www.basicskillsflorida.com](http://www.basicskillsflorida.com).

**ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS**

The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current members of either Learn to Skate USA and/or those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be a current registered member of Learn to Skate USA or a full member of U.S. Figure Skating. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event, and all six will receive an award.

*ELIGIBILITY AND TEST REQUIREMENTS:*

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic 1-6 skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher, and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including moves in the field or individual dances. For the Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Excel, Well-Balanced, and Adult levels, eligibility will be based only upon highest badge level or free skate test level passed. Moves in the field test level will not determine a skater's competitive level. Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher but not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the local organizing committee (LOC) discovers that a skater has been placed in a category below his/ her badge or test level, the chair and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper level, even if it is the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. It is an ethical violation for coaches to sandbag an event.

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**ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR INSTRUCTORS/COACHES**

**Important notice for all coaches**

Coaches will need to check in at each Series competition registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. The Local organizing committee (LOC) will have a list of coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. For coaches who are NOT on the list, the LOC will ask to see the following:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- SafeSport training completed (for coaches/instructors 18 years old and older)
- Background check successfully passed (for coaches/instructors 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliant coach (for coaches under 18 years old)

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the compliant coaches list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential - no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them.

The status of coaches/instructors can be determined by checking the lists on the U.S. Figure Skating website. This report can be found on [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org) and go to “Coaches” and click on the “Information for Clubs” or “Basic Skills Instructor Registration” pages.

If a coach/ instructor attempts to work at an event without the proper credentials, he or she is in violation of U.S. Figure Skating ethics and code of conduct rules and, as such, is subject to disciplinary action.

**USFS RULE 3120 Basic Skills Competitions – Officials**

**All officials and adult volunteers attending Compete USA events must also be SafeSport Trained™**

**3121** For Compete USA competitions, three judges not related to the competitors are required for each event. Judges may be any official U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada judge or any other qualified eligible or ineligible person in skating who is a U.S. Figure Skating member and/or a Learn to Skate USA member.

**3122** For Compete USA competitions, the member club or other organization sponsoring and conducting the competition shall approve all judges and officials. All persons serving as judges and officials shall be at least 16 years of age.

**ENTRIES AND FEES** – Entry to each Series competition is made by signing up on the internet through Entryeeze. For a link to register, please go to [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com). Please see the competition announcement cover sheet for competition entry deadlines. All entries must be registered with Entryeeze no later than one month before the competition date of each arena. **The entry fee is \$100.00 and includes an Elements or Compulsory event and a Basic Program with Music or a Freeskate Program with Music event.** Each additional event is \$35.00. Entry fees are per person; and must be paid in U.S. dollars. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the competition director of the arena in question; and will be subject to a late fee of \$25.00. There

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will be NO REFUNDS after the competition entry closing date, unless an event is cancelled by any of the 5 sponsors.

**AWARDS** - Medals will be awarded by the organizers of each competition to ALL competitors who complete an event. Any skater who competes in the minimum required two (2) events (Elements/Compulsory and Music Program) in all three (3) "Series" competitions will be eligible to win a final placement trophy. (Please see the attached point system chart for a complete detailed explanation of the point system). Extra points can be earned from participation in any of the additional Series events. Please note that Synchro Teams will be awarded one (1) team final placement trophy provided they compete in all three of the Series competitions.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS** - Will be posted online at: basicskillsflorida.com; and emailed to each participating arena (for posting) no later than one week prior to the start of each competition.

**PRACTICE ICE** - Practice ice will be available at each arena before the start of each competition. A schedule of Practice Ice will be posted along with the competition schedule. Reservations with payment must be made through the arena hosting the competition. Each practice session must be paid in full prior to taking the ice. A maximum of 20 skaters will be allowed on the ice during any one session.

**MUSIC** –The official competition music must be uploaded in mp-3 format to the entryeze.com website. A back up CD should be readily available. In the event the backup CD is used it may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Series Host Arena cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. See each host arena deadline to upload music on the front cover page.

**PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER** – An official photographer/videographer may be available at each rink during the competitions. If so, photographs and/or video will be taken of all individual participants and award ceremonies. Videotaping and or photography is not allowed without advance permission from the LOC. Please contact the arena hosting the competition for more information.

**LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker room availability is pending due to regulations during the event. Participants will be notified about the current situation prior to the event. Current situation: Locker rooms will not be offered. Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available during Series competition. All athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skaters on but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms.

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In case locker room use is possible, the rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only and will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one are not of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event (s).

The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a locker room or changing area is strictly prohibited. Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport page, also, locker room policy. Any violation of this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. All locker rooms will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the monitor on duty. If there are any concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition.

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport page).

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**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS** – The following Hotels are near the participating facilities and may have agreed to offer the participants attending the competition a discounted rate.

**For Kendall Ice Arena**

TownePlace Suites by Marriott Miami  
Kendall West  
9055 SW 162nd Ave, Miami, FL 33196  
(305) 383-5511

Best Western-Kendall Hotel & Suites  
8560 SW 124th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33183  
(305)-271-4848  
Reservations 800-WESTERN

Holiday Inn Express  
13475 SW 131 Street  
Miami, FL 33186  
(786) 837-2100

Best Western Plus Kendall Airport & Suites  
13700 SW 139th Court  
Miami, FL 33186  
(305) 969-1600  
Group Reservations (305) 969-4500

**For Pines Ice Arena**

Residence Inn by Marriott  
14700 Hotel Road  
Miramar, FL 33027  
Office: 954-450-2717  
Fax: 954-450-9395

Holiday Inn Express & Suites  
14651 NW 20th Street  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33028  
Tel. (954)430-9404  
Fax. (954)689-4183

Courtyard by Marriott  
14500 Hotel Road  
Miramar, FL, 33027  
Office: 954-450-1801  
Fax: 954-450-9130

**For Palm Beach SkateZone**

Hampton Inn  
(In rink parking lot)  
8205 Lake Worth Road  
Lake Worth, Fl. 33467  
(561) 472-5980

Hampton Inn and Suites  
2155 Wellington Green Drive  
Wellington, Fl. 33414  
(561) 472-9696

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott  
Wellington-West Palm Beach  
10616 Forest Hill Blvd,  
Wellington, FL 33414  
(561) 408-5990

**COMPETE USA EVENTS - \*See Series Point System Rules**

<a href="#">Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music</a>
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music</a>
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)</a>
<a href="#">No Test – Preliminary Free Skate</a>
<a href="#">Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music</a>
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)</a>
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements</a>
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves</a>
<a href="#">Excel Compulsory Moves</a>
<a href="#">Adult 1-6, Beginner – Bronze Compulsory Moves</a>
<a href="#">Solo Pattern Dance – Preliminary - Pre Bronze &amp; Adult Preliminary – Pre Bronze</a>

IMPORTANT: EARN ADDITIONAL POINTS WITH THESE EVENTS  
*\*All* events listed below are eligible for One (1) additional point *PROVIDED* that the competitors also enter/complete a music program *and* a compulsory or elements event.

[Compete USA – Spin Challenge](#)

[Compete USA – Jump Challenge](#)

[Compete USA – Showcase](#)

Dramatic or Light entertainment (Pre Freeskite to Preliminary Levels plus Adult)

[Interpretive](#)

Pre Freeskite to No Test, Pre Preliminary and Preliminary

Aspire Synchro – \*Aspire Synchro events will accrue final placement points and be awarded one (1) Team Trophy provided the team competes in all three Series competitions.

[\\*Beginner, Pr e-Preliminary & Preliminary](#)



## Series Point System

The Basic Programs with Music, Pre Freeskate with Music, Freeskate Programs with Music and the Compulsory/Elements events in each of the 3 Series Competitions will be eligible for accumulating points (Be sure to read the point trophy rules below).

The system for scoring points for the final trophy will be as follows:

Each event will have a maximum of 6 skaters

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	6 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	5 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4 points
4 <sup>th</sup> Place	3 points
5 <sup>th</sup> Place	2 points
6 <sup>th</sup> Place	1 point

If an event has less than 6 skaters, the points will be adjusted. i.e. For a group of 3 skaters the 1<sup>st</sup> place would receive 3 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place would be 2 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> place would be 1 point.

**ALL SKATERS WHO PARTICIPATE IN ALL THREE (3) OF THE SERIES COMPETITIONS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A TROPHY WITH AN OVERALL PLACEMENT. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ELEMENTS/COMPULSORY AND FREESKATE EVENTS MUST BOTH BE ENTERED AND COMPLETED TO COUNT IN THE FINAL POINTS TABULATION.**

**ASPIRE SYNCHRO TEAMS WILL BE AWARDED ONE FINAL PLACEMENT "TEAM" TROPHY PROVIDED THEY HAVE COMPETED IN ALL THREE SERIES COMPETITIONS.**

**POINT RESULTS FOR ALL EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON: [basicskillsflorida.com](http://basicskillsflorida.com)**

**PLEASE NOTE: EACH SPIN, JUMP, INTERPRETIVE AND SHOWCASE EVENT ENTERED WILL GIVE ONE (1) ADDITIONAL POINT EACH, PROVIDED THAT THE SKATERS COMPLETE AN ELEMENTS/COMPULSORY EVENT AND BASIC PROGRAM/FREESKATE EVENT**

**SKATERS MOVING TO THE NEXT LEVEL DURING THE SERIES WILL TAKE THEIR POINTS WITH THEM AND EARN A ONE TIME 3-POINT BONUS.**



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## REGISTRATION PROCESS INSTRUCTIONS

*All competition entries must be made online through **entryeze.com**. A separate online application and payment is necessary for each of the three competitions. 2023 COMPETE USA, South Florida Basic Skills Series Competitions will be held at:*

Kendall Ice Arena       Pines Ice Arena       PB SkateZone

**Go online to [entryeze.com](http://entryeze.com)**



Since you are searching for a competition in the USA, click on the American Flag

Look for the button that says “**Select State**”,..... **Select Florida**



Select one of the three Compete USA South Florida Basic Skills Series Competitions icons for the Series competitions listed above.

Skaters and parents (click here to register for a competition)

You will see 2 boxes coming up. The first time you register for each of the Series competitions you will use the **box on the right**.

The **box on the left** is the one you use later to login to make changes, payments, practice ice and also to see your schedule for that particular competition.

**Enter your Compete USA Number or USFS Number:**\_\_\_\_\_. You should have a little Member Card with a Compete USA or United States Figure Skating Logo on it. If you do not have this card check with your arena skate school office so that we can get you one. All competitors must be current members of Compete USA or Full USFS Members. Membership is renewed annually on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Follow the directions by filling out the forms.** Ask your coach about what your current skating level and what events you will be entering. Please refer to the event checklist below.

**Troubleshooting:** If you are not able to select a level to compete in, it may be because you did NOT fill out the current skating level correctly. A current skating level IS the level of the last test signed by your coach in your Learn to Skate USA Skills Book or last USFS Test passed and registered with USFS. **Please contact YOUR COACH if you have questions about the registration process. If the coach is NOT able to help you, please come to the office at the rink.**

**THE ENTRY FEE IS \$100.00 WHICH INCLUDES A MUSIC PROGRAM AND EITHER AN ELEMENTS OR COMPULSORY EVENT. ADDITIONAL EVENTS ARE \$30 PER EACH EVENT**

<b>MUSIC PROGRAM PLUS ELEMENTS OR COMPULSORY</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
Additional Event	\$ _____
Additional Event	\$ _____
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>