

2025 COMPETE USA

South Florida Series



Events to take place at:

Kendall Ice Arena

Date: *March 22-23, 2025

10355 Hammocks Blvd.

Miami, FL 33196

Phone: 305-386-8288

Competition Director: Kent Johnson

Email: info@kendallicearena.com

Application Deadline: February 22, 2025

Music Upload Deadline: March 8, 2025

Palm Beach Skate Zone

Date: *May 3-4, 2025

8125 Lake Worth Rd.

Lake Worth, FL 33467

Phone: 561-963-5900

Competition Director: Audra Leech

Email: audra@pbskatezone.com

Application Deadline: April 3, 2025

Music Upload Deadline: April 20, 2025

Finals: Miami Figure Skating Club

Date: *May 31- June 1, 2025

Website miamifsc.com

10355 Hammocks Blvd.

Miami, FL 33196

Phone: 305-386-8288

Competition Chairman: Jane Johnson

Email: jjsk8johnson@hotmail.com

Application Deadline: April 30, 2025

Music Upload Deadline: May 12, 2025

***PLEASE NOTE: MOST EVENTS WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY. 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 BASICSKILLSFLORIDA.COM ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE.**

Competition Website: basicskillsflorida.com

Competition Entries: 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 competitions and earn points for a final standing.

***Trophies will be awarded to all skaters who compete in all three of the scheduled Series 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 Kendall Ice Arena, Palm Beach Skate Zone & Miami FSC. Competition announcements will be available on the official competition website (basicskillsflorida.com), entryeze.com, and at the host arenas before and during the “Series.” Competition information and results will be posted at each rink and on the official competition website: www.basicskillsflorida.com.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. 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.

Choosing a competitive level that is right for your skater: It is the responsibility of the instructor, coach, or skating director to place the skater at the correct competitive level. This decision should be based upon skill proficiency, athlete development, and fairness. Placing skaters at a level that challenges them appropriately while fostering their ongoing development is key to nurturing their growth.

ELIGIBILITY AND TEST REQUIREMENTS:

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 (including Aspire). 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 should receive an award.

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 skating skills or individual dances.

Special Olympics events are for skaters with intellectual disabilities. Skate United events are for skaters with physical disabilities. Skate United skaters have the option to compete in the standard track or Skate United track; accommodations may be made upon request. Adaptive events are for skaters with any type of disability

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ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR INSTRUCTORS/COACHES

When hosting a Compete USA competition, it is important that you verify the compliance of each coach/ instructor who plans to coach onsite at the event.

For credentials at a Compete USA event, coaches/instructors are required to have:

- Learn to Skate USA instructor compliant

OR

- U.S. Figure Skating coach compliant

If a coach/instructor attempts to work at your 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.

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

ENTRIES AND FEES – Entry for the Series competitions at Kendall Ice Arena, Palm Beach Skate Zone, and Miami FSC is made by signing up on the internet through Entryeeze. For a link to register, please go to www.entryeeze.com. Please see the competition announcement cover sheet for competition entry deadlines. All entries must be registered no later than one month before the competition date of each arena.

Kendall Ice Arena, Palm Beach Skate Zone, and Miami FSC -The entry fee is \$125.00 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.

The Miami Open Championship/Excel Series at Miami FSC –

The Miami Open Championship is a *separate* competition from the Compete USA South Florida Series at Miami FSC. The Miami Open Championship features the full IJS computer judging system *with* protocol result sheets for Excel, Pre-Preliminary, and Preliminary Freeskate events. *Competitors who register in advance for the Excel Series will get their points registered with USFS for the National Excel Series.* Placement in this competition will also count for the Compete USA South Florida Series trophy points. The cost for Freeskate music events is \$150.00.

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

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of the additional Series events.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - Will be posted online at: basicskillsflorida.com, entryeeze.com, and the [USFS EMS system \(for the Miami Open Championship\)](#); and emailed to each participating arena (for posting) no later than one week prior to the start of each competition.

Series Finals Schedule and results will be posted on miamifsc.com, basicskillsflorida.com, and [USFS EMS system](#)

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 or Wav format to the entryeeze.com website for Kendall Ice Arena, Palm Beach SkateZone and Miami FSC.

Music for Miami Open Championship/Excel Series must be uploaded via the USFS EMS system. See each host arena's deadline to upload music on the front cover page.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone, and it must be immediately available on the 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, the phone in airplane mode, and the volume turned to maximum.

PHOTOGRAPHER/VIDEOGRAPHER – An official photographer/videographer may be available at each rink during the competitions. If so, photographs and/or videos 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 competitions.* All athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms.

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 concerning 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 before

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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).

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.

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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 & Miami FSC

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 Palm Beach Skate Zone

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
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music
Aspire Program w/ Music 1-4
Excel Free Skate (Beg. – Preliminary Plus)
Pre-Preliminary – Preliminary Free Skate
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music
Adult Free Skate (Beg. – Bronze)
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements (Referee Led)
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves
Athlete Development - Compulsory Moves 1-4
IMPORTANT: EARN ADDITIONAL POINTS WITH THESE EVENTS <i>*All</i> events listed below are eligible for One (1) additional point <i>PROVIDED</i> that the competitors also enter/complete a music program <i>and</i> a compulsory or elements event.
Athlete Development – Spin Challenge Level 1-4
Athlete Development – Jump Challenge Level 1-4
Compete USA – Showcase Character Performance or Lyrical Pop (Aspire to Preliminary Levels plus Adult)
Interpretive Aspire, Pre Preliminary, and Preliminary

Series Point System

The Basic Programs with Music, Aspire 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 st Place	6 points
2 nd Place	5 points
3 rd Place	4 points
4 th Place	3 points
5 th Place	2 points
6 th 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 1st place would receive 3 points, 2nd place would be 2 points and 3rd 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.

EXCEL SKATERS AT THE MIAMI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP WHO HAVE PRE-REGISTERED WITH USFS AS EXCEL SERIES COMPETITORS WILL HAVE THEIR POINTS COUNTED FOR THE COMPETE USA SOUTH FLORIDA SERIES.

POINT RESULTS FOR ALL EVENTS WILL BE POSTED ON: 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

Kendall Ice Arena, Palm Beach Skate Zone, and Miami Open Championship competition entries must be made online through entryeze.com. Entries for registered USFS Excel Series competitors at the Miami Open Championship must be made through the USFS EMS system. A separate online application and payment is necessary for each of the three competitions. 2025 COMPETE USA, South Florida Series Competitions will be held at:

Kendall Ice Arena Palm Beach Skate Zone Miami Open

Go online to entryeze.com to register Compete USA events for Kendall Ice Arena, Palm Beach Skate Zone and the Miami Open Championship

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 the Compete USA South Florida Basic Skills Series Competitions icons for the Series competitions at Kendall Ice Arena or Palm Beach Skate Zone.

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 1st.

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.

KENDALL ICE ARENA , PALM BEACH SKATE ZONE and Miami Open Championship -THE ENTRY FEE FOR THE USA SOUTH FLORIDA SERIES COMPETITION IS \$125.00 WHICH INCLUDES A MUSIC PROGRAM AND EITHER AN ELEMENTS OR COMPULSORY EVENT. ADDITIONAL EVENTS ARE \$35 PER EACH EVENT

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.**

USFS EXCEL SERIES at MIAMI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Go online to USfigureskating.org to register. Click on “Members Only” with your US Figure Skating or Compete USFS Member number. Click on COMPETITION REGISTRATION. Then Click on the 2025 Miami Open Championship to register for your events.

MIAMI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS/EXCEL SERIES – THE USFS EXCEL SERIES FEATURES THE FULL IJS JUDGING SYSTEM WITH PROTOCOL RESULT SHEETS. EXCEL SKATERS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED WITH USFS FOR THEIR POINTS TO BE COUNTED IN THE NATIONAL EXCEL SERIES. ALL EXCEL,PRE-PRELIMINARY AND PRELIMINARY FREESKATE EVENTS COST \$150.00. ADDITIONAL NON IJS EVENTS ARE \$35.00

ALL BASIC PROGRAMS WITH MUSIC COST \$125.00 AND INCLUDE AN ELEMENTS OR COMPULSORY EVENT. ALL SERIES ADDITIONAL BASIC EVENTS COST \$35.00.