



May 29 - May 31, 2026

**Featuring IJS Pre-Preliminary - Senior, & Excel**

**\* Compete USA South Florida Series June 31, 2026**

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Miami FSC

Miami Ice Arena/Miami, FL

**GENERAL:**

The **2026 MIAMI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**, as an **EXCEL Series** participant and **COMPETE USA South Florida Series Competition**, will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as outlined 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, and who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club, or who are individual members in accordance with the current rulebook. Current rulebook rules also apply to non-U.S. Citizens.

All participants are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and the Code of Conduct (GR 1.02) as set forth in the U. S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

**SERIES INFORMATION:**

EXCEL SERIES REGISTRATION     [EXCEL SERIES INFORMATION](#)

The 2026 Miami Open Championship competition is a designated Excel Series competition for the 2026 Excel Series. As an Excel Series event, skaters entered in the Series at eligible levels will earn points for

their placement.

Skaters must be registered for the Excel Series prior to competing at designated competitions: **The deadline to register is March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**, or prior to your first competition, whichever is earlier.

Skaters must register to participate in the Excel Series prior to competing at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings.

**Pre-event communication:** News and competition updates to inform skaters and coaches about the competition will be posted on [miamifsc.com](http://miamifsc.com). This competition will use a live internet feed ( Miami FSC website) to deliver all material, including start orders and results.

## 2026 MIAMI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

### EMS REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with a credit card only. Each transaction will include a 3% credit card fee. Online registration opens on January 31st, 2026, at 12:00 pm (noon) ET and closes on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 11:59 pm ET. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

**\*The Miami Figure Skating Club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met!**

### 2026 MIAMI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP DEADLINE

**Registration Deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET**

**Late Registration Deadline: May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 11:59 PM ET + \$40 Late Fee**

1. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or 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).
2. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
3. Choose "**MIAMI OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2026**" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

**FOREIGN SKATERS:** Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)

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.

### ENTRY FEES:

First IJS Event*	\$165.00
Additional IJS Event	\$135.00

First 6.0 Event	\$125.00
Additional 6.0 Event	\$90.00
Compete USA Event Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 w/Music	\$135.00
Compete USA Event Aspire 1-4 w/Music	\$135.00
Compete USA Additional Events	\$40.00

The entry fee for Compete USA Competitors is \$125 and includes an Elements or Compulsory event and a Basic Program with Music or a Freeski Program with Music event. Each additional Compete USA event is \$35

\* IJS Event will always be considered as first event.

#### **EVENTS OFFERED:**

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

**SEE RULEBOOK OR U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE FOR CURRENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS. In case a conflict occurs with the links below, the current Rulebook will be in effect.**

**SERIES INFORMATION:** This competition is approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of the Excel Series. Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition.

**COMPETE USA SOUTH FLORIDA SERIES INFORMATION** – The Miami Open Championship is “The Finals” of the Compete USA South Florida Series this season. Compete USA competitors will accrue Series points for their events. Please visit [basicskillsflorida.com](https://basicskillsflorida.com) for information on the requirements for the “Series” Point Trophy Final Placement Awards/

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Excel Free Skate Pre-Preliminary to Senior <i>(Excel Pre-Preliminary to Preliminary Plus, accrue points for the Compete USA South Florida Series and limited to flights of six (6) competitors.)</i>	IJS	\$165	\$135
Well Balanced Short Program Open Juvenile to Senior	IJS	\$165	\$135
Well Balanced Free Skate Pre-Preliminary to Senior <i>(Pre Preliminary, and Preliminary accrue points for the Compete USA South Florida Series)</i>	IJS	\$165	\$135
Adult Free Skate (Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$165	\$135
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Compulsory Moves (Level 5-8)	6.0	\$125	\$35
Jumps Challenge (Level 5-9)	6.0	\$125	\$35
Spins Challenge (Level 5-6)	6.0	\$125	\$35
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	2 <sup>nd</sup> Event Price
Emotional Performance (Pre Juvenile – Juvenile, Adult)	6.0	\$150	\$90
Lyrical Pop/Character (Pre Juvenile - Juvenile, Adult)	6.0	\$150	\$90

COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> Event Price	Additional Event Price
<i>*The events below are included in the Compete USA South Florida Series</i> <i>*The entry fee for Compete USA Competitors is \$135 and <u>includes</u> an Elements or Compulsory event <u>and</u> a Basic Program with Music <u>or</u> a Freeski Program with Music event.</i> <i>Each additional Compete USA event is \$40</i>			
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$135	\$40
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$135	\$40
Adult Beginner to Bronze Free Skate	6.0	\$135	\$35
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$135	\$40
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$135	\$40
Athlete Development - Compulsory Moves Level 1-4	6.0	\$135	\$40
Athlete Development – Spin Challenge Level 1-4	6.0	\$135	\$40
Athlete Development – Jump Challenge Level 1-4	6.0	\$135	\$40
Compete USA Showcase Emotional Performance or Lyrical Pop/Character/Comedic (Aspire to Preliminary Levels plus Adult)	6.0	\$135	\$40
Interpretive Aspire, Pre Preliminary and Preliminary	6.0	\$135	\$40
<i>*For Compete USA South Florida Series Information, see <a href="http://Basicskillsflorida.com">Basicskillsflorida.com</a></i>			

### 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 the 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:**

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>

### **COACHES**

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and be 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.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources (not SYS or TOI):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

### **REFUND POLICY:**

No refunds will be granted under any circumstances after the registration deadline closes, including medical, unless the competition or an event is canceled. Online processing fees are non-refundable. Payment of any fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. No refunds will be given if the schedule is modified. Please plan travel accordingly. Events may be held anytime during the dates of the competition.

### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

#### **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.

- Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows. If a skater wants to be in contention for the Championship Trophy, they must compete in a Short and Long Program at the same level.
- 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:
  - 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.
  - 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. (Note: if an athlete has passed the pre-preliminary singles test, they are no longer eligible for No Test or lower levels).
- 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 the information sheet [HERE](#) or email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

#### **All other singles (such as Adults):**

- Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the event's level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement. We will not be accepting requests for adult skaters to skate in Excel or Well-Balanced Events. Adult Skaters will compete in designated adult events.

**Test Level:** Excel Series attendees must be on the desired level by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.

**Age restrictions/requirements:** Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

Juvenile Girls: 12 years or younger; Boys: 13 years or younger,  
 Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older,  
 Adults must be 21 years or older. Adults may not register in Excel Events

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age, should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

#### **Adult events:**

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment, and light entertainment events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years

- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through Adult Bronze free skate events (based on the [Adult Competition Series rules](#)), athletes in Adult Silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

#### **Group Splitting:**

If there are more than 24 entries per event, rounds will be held in accordance with rule 2460.

#### **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.

#### **EMS Competition Portal:**

Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Competition Portal for this competition. This is where you will manage music and PPC (Planned Program Content) uploads as well as purchase practice ice, view the competition schedule (once available), and update coach information. To access your competition portal, click the Event Management System button on the [Members Only](#) landing page, then select the competition name from the options at the bottom of the screen.

#### **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 after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available and will be visible within the [EMS Competition Portal](#). The Miami Figure Skating Club reserves the right to divide an event, limit the number of entries, hold an event with only one entry, and cancel an event with only one entry. Prior to closing the entries, there will be no information about the schedule or pre-plan of the schedule. Events may be held anytime during the event dates and could be subject to change. Please plan travel accordingly.

#### **TEST CREDIT:**

Skaters meeting the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration prior to the start of their event (Open Juvenile- Juvenile through Senior, Adult Silver- Masters Jr/Sr only). This must be requested on-site. Test credit will not be available after the last IJS event has ended and the competition has concluded. Please make the request at the registration desk no later than 1 hour before your event begins. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. A fee of \$25 (cash or check to the Miami FSC) will be charged to non-Miami FSC members. Payable at the registration desk at least 1 hour prior to your event.

### EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:

**DEADLINE: MAY 10th, 2026, 11:59 PM ET.      A \$40.00 LATE FEE WILL APPLY**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music [to EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **May 10th, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$40 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.

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

### EMC MUSIC UPLOAD

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)* Our music Chair is Madison Fleitas, she may be reached at [madison.a.fleitas@gmail.com](mailto:madison.a.fleitas@gmail.com).

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.

#### **Back-up copy:**

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.

### EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):

**DEADLINE: May 10th, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET      A \$40.00 LATE FEE WILL APPLY**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in [EMS Competition Portal](#) no later than **May 10th, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$40 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.

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

## EMS PPC UPLOAD

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

## LATE FEES:

Please follow all entry and upload deadlines as late fees will be strictly enforced and automatically added to participants' accounts, and an uncleared account will restrict the skater from participating in the event.

## JUDGING SYSTEMS:

### **IJS:**

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

Excel Freeskate - Pre Preliminary – Senior, Well Balanced Singles Pre Preliminary – Senior, Adult Pre Bronze – Masters Jr/Sr Free skates, Short Programs Open Juvenile – Senior..

### **6.0:**

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for: Compete USA events, Aspire Free Skate, Adult Beginner and High Beginner, Compulsory Moves, Jumps Challenge, Spins Challenge, and Showcase.

Judging systems have been specified in the chart of offered events later in the announcement. In case links to event requirements conflict with the latest USFS regulations, the current (latest) rulebook requirements will be followed.

## GOVERNING COUNCIL:

We will implement the requirement changes approved at the May 2026 [U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council](#). Please check our website and the U.S. Figure Skating website, and [the Technical Notifications](#) page for updates.

## LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, The Miami Figure Skating Club, and Kendall Ice Arena 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.

## FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at Miami Ice Arena (formerly known as Kendall Ice Arena), which is located at 10355 Hammocks Blvd, Miami, FL 33196. The two ice surfaces measure 200' x 85' with rounded corners and hockey barriers. The Kendall Ice Arena has locker rooms and an on-site restaurant/bar, and a snack bar. The facility will not offer locker rooms. Further information will be provided to attendees about the facility accommodations closer to the event. Visit website: [miamiicearena.com](http://miamiicearena.com).

## ONSITE REGISTRATION/ HEALTH CHECK-IN AND MITIGATION RULES:

Registration will open on May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as practice ice sessions begin and close at the completion of the final event of the competition. The registration table will be clearly marked and located adjacent to the entrance of the rink.

By registering to this event, attendees acknowledge the policies and agree to follow them. All skaters are also required to sign waivers by U.S. Figure Skating through EMS registration. Health check – in case conducted - can include temperature measuring from the exposed forehead and responding to survey questions, and a dated sticker can be placed visibly on the attendee for passing the health check. Currently, these processes are not conducted.

Please register promptly upon arrival. Prepare to arrive approximately 1 hour prior to your event start time. Events may run up to 30 minutes early at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

#### **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 on skates, 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](#).

#### **EMS PRACTICE ICE:**

[Pre-Purchase](#) opening: May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 12:00 pm (noon) ET, closes the day later after registration [Selection Opening & Open Sales](#) Please follow the Practice Ice Timeline available in EMS by selecting the Miami Open Championship Competition, then the Information tab, then the Practice Ice Prices & Timeline.

**Sales:** We will sell practice ice sessions in advance (pre-purchase during registration window, click the practice ice button on [the EMS Competition Portal](#) after you have completed registration). After the schedule of competition is published, skaters can select pre-purchased sessions. After the selection window closes, we will open additional open practice ice sales. All practice ice will be available for purchase online only through the [EMS Competition Portal](#). A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the competition information page of your [EMS Competition Portal](#). Athletes will be notified about the practice ice selection, starting/ending times, and additional practice ice sales openings via email. All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice through EMS on their mobile devices/computers, and sales will remain live through the competition, depending on ice availability.

Practice ice will be available during the designated times throughout the competition. The cost of reserved practice ice (available for pre-purchase at the time of registration through EMS is \$20.00 per 20-minute session. Skaters who reserve practice ice will have a selection period of one week in which to choose their sessions (maximum 2). This will be followed by open sales for any remaining practices at a cost of \$25.00 for walk-up sessions. No refunds will be granted for unused practice ice. Skaters who are more than five (5) minutes late to the session may forfeit their slot. No music may be played during practice sessions. Use of personal devices and earplugs is strictly forbidden. For additional information regarding practice ice offerings, visit [miamifsc.com](http://miamifsc.com).

**Unofficial Practice Ice:** Please note that all practice ice will be Unofficial Practice Ice, and no music will be played during sessions.

**Earbuds/headphones:** Earbuds and wireless headphones/other music devices will not be allowed on practice sessions or warmups associated with any events in this competition.

**PRICING:**

- [Pre-Purchase](#) practice ice fee (1/event) \$20.00
- [Open Sales](#) practice ice fee (unlimited) \$25.00
- Pre-Purchase Partnered Practice Ice fee (1/event) \$40.00
- Open Sales Partnered Practice Ice fee \$45.00
- Please contact LOC in case interested in Team practice session, available as pre-purchase time window only, price determined separately.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:**

Professional photography sales services may be provided during the competition.

For the safety and welfare of the skater, personal photography and videography will be permitted in the stands only and are restricted to hand-held/battery-operated equipment (no tripods). Flash photography is strictly prohibited in the ice arenas and stands. No one will be permitted to obstruct the view of other seated spectators by standing in front of or hanging over the plexiglass barriers, or to film at alternative ice entrances. In order to comply with local fire safety codes, all aisles within the stands must also remain clear. Non-compliance with this policy or refusal to comply immediately with requests from event officials will result in the violator being escorted out of the rink.

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited as stated in the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Members' Only on the USFS website.

**AWARDS:**

An Award ceremony podium will be available for photos in the main lobby. Results will be posted online approximately 20 minutes after each event results are official. Medals can be retrieved from the awards desk.

**Medal:**

Medals will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> place winners in each competition event.

Compete USA events will receive an award for 1-6<sup>th</sup> places.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES**

At the end of the competition, there will be a Championship Award Trophy for the skaters in IJS Bronze and above. A trophy will be given to 3 skaters with the highest total final scores combined with a Short Program and a Long Program (Sorry, no mixed levels). *The Dr. Ana Duarte Perpetual Trophy* will be awarded to the Intermediate Lady winning the combined Short and Long Program.

### **OFFICIAL NOTICES:**

An official bulletin board will be maintained virtually on the Miami Figure Skating Club website. All starting orders and results will be posted online only. A link to this information will be provided for each attendee. A QR code will be posted in the arena and miamifsc.com with live Start Orders and Results. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the miamifsc.com website and QR code frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information.

Skaters are requested to arrive 60 minutes (1 hour) prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition. Events may run up to 30 minutes early at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

#### Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, 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.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
- The training will be valid for 365 days from the date of completion, and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the Coaches section on the USFS website.
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. \*
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. \*
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

#### Learn to Skate USA Coach:

Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member, OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership

- ✓ If 18 years or older, 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.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
- The training will be valid for 365 days from the date of completion, and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

\* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

[www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) → Person Icon  or Account → Member Profile → Compliance

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

**Skate Safe:** In accordance with federal law, specifically S.534 – Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017, U.S. Figure Skating, as a National Governing Body, and all member figure skating clubs, as Local Affiliated Organizations, are under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Center for SafeSport. All sanctioned events must comply with U.S. Figure Skating's Skate Safe policies. Skate Safe training is available through <http://www.usfsaonline.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training, and certification is valid for 1 season.

**Credential:** All coaches who are verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database and who are approved to receive a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government-issued photo ID to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo ID and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coaches Requirements Chart](#).

Skaters will receive a credential to allow them access to locker rooms. Coaches are not allowed in locker rooms.

### **VOLUNTEER INFO:**

Miami Figure Skating Club requires members to offer mandatory annual hours of volunteering for club events. Food donations do not count as volunteer hours, but are greatly appreciated. Please look for online signup opportunities prior to the event. If you have questions, please contact:

Volunteer Chair: Kristina Suengas - [miamifsc@gmail.com](mailto:miamifsc@gmail.com)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

### **Official Hotel:**

Please follow the information on the kendallicearena.com website under tab Hotels and Directions. We will offer a link to find a special rate room block with hotels in the vicinity of the rink.

Official hotel accommodations: -

The following hotels are within a 10-mile radius of the arena and may offer a special competition rate.

### **TownePlace Suites by Marriott Miami Kendall West**

**9055 SW 162nd Ave, Miami, FL 33196**

**(305) 383-5511**

1.8 miles from the arena.

[Website](#)

### **Best Western Plus - Kendall - Hotel and Suites**

**8560 SW 124th Avenue**

**Miami, Florida 33183**

**305-271-4848**

Complimentary shuttle to and from Kendall Ice Arena with advanced notice.

Email: [sales@bwkendall.com](mailto:sales@bwkendall.com)

[www.bwkendall.com](http://www.bwkendall.com)

### **Holiday Inn Express & Suites Miami-Kendall**

**13475 SW 131st Street**

**Miami, Florida 33186**

**786-837-2100**

Our hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from the arena as well as anywhere within a 5-mile radius from the hotel (6am-9pm, hourly). We also offer a daily complimentary breakfast, Wi-Fi, and self-parking.

**Best Western Plus Kendall Airport & Suites**

**13700 SW 139th Ct. Miami, FL 33186**

**Reservations 305-969-1600**

**Group Reservations 305-969-4500**

Complimentary Shuttle to Kendall Tamiami Airport and local businesses (5 Mi)

**Comfort Suites**

3901 SW 117th Avenue

Miami, FL 33175

305-220-3901

Fax 305-221-1348

**Vendors:**

Limited skating-related vendors will be offering services during the competition.

**Air Travel:**

Miami International Airport is approximately 36 miles from The Kendall Ice Arena and local hotels. Travel time during non-peak rush hour is 45 minutes by car.

**Club Website:**

The Miami Figure Skating Club website is [miamifsc.com](http://miamifsc.com)