



1st Annual Palm Beach Classic Figure Skating Competition

2026 Palm Beach Classic

April 24-26, 2026

23rd Annual Compete USA South Florida Basic Skills Series

2026 Compete USA Series - Palm Beach Skate Zone

April 25-26, 2026

Host Club

Palm Beach Figure Skating Club – <https://PalmbeachFSC.org>

Host Facility

Palm Beach Skate Zone – <https://pbskatezone.com>

Competition Chair

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COMPETITION OVERVIEW:

The 1st annual Palm Beach Classic Figure Skating Competition (2026 Palm Beach Classic) and 2026 Palm Beach Skate Zone Compete USA South Florida Series 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.

2026 South Florida Basic Skills Series Information:

In conjunction with the Palm Beach Classic, we will also be hosting our annual South Florida Basic Skills Series Competition. This is “The First” of the Compete USA South Florida Series this season (April 25-26). “The Finals” will be hosted by The Miami FSC, May 31- June 1. Compete USA competitors will accrue Series points for their events. Please visit [basicskillsflorida.com](#) for information on the requirements for the “Series” Point Trophy Final Placement Awards.

ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Well-Balanced and Excel Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - o Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the “floor” set by their excel series entry.
 - o If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to the information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

Compete USA Events:

- 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.

EVENTS OFFERED:

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeusa

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements. NOTE: Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	
Excel Free Skate Pre-Preliminary to Juvenile (including Plus events) <i>(Excel Pre-Preliminary to Preliminary Plus accrue points for the Compete USA South Florida Series and are limited to flights of six (6) competitors.)</i>	IJS	\$165	
Well Balanced Free Skate Pre-Preliminary to Juvenile <i>(Pre Preliminary and Preliminary accrue points for the Compete USA South Florida Series and are limited to flights of six (6) competitors.)</i>	IJS	\$165	

COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd 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 includes an Elements or Compulsory event and a Basic Program with Music or a Freeskate Program with Music event.</i>	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	Additional Event Price
<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	\$40
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 BasicsSkillsFlorida.com</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 understanding 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 or email 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.

2026 PALM BEACH CLASSIC and PALM BEACH SKATE ZONE COMPETE USA INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION PROCESS INSTRUCTIONS:

The Palm Beach Classic and Palm Beach Skate Zone Compete USA competition entries must be made online through entryeeze.com. Registration is processed with a credit card only. Each transaction will include a 3% credit card fee.

1. Check with your coach for event selection and skating level.
2. Go to www.entryeeze.com
3. Click on the American Flag
4. Search By State and choose Florida
5. Select the Palm Beach Classic Icon/Compete USA South Florida Basic Skills Series Competition icon for the Series competition at Palm Beach Skate Zone.
6. Select "Skaters and Parents"
7. Enter your Learn to Skate USA Number or USFS Number:

If you do not have your number, check with your coach or contact the skating director at your facility. All competitors must be current members of Learn to Skate USA or Full USFS Members. Membership is renewed annually on July 1st.

THE ENTRY FEE FOR THE USA SOUTH FLORIDA SERIES COMPETITION IS \$135.00 WHICH INCLUDES A MUSIC PROGRAM AND EITHER AN ELEMENTS OR COMPULSORY EVENT. ADDITIONAL EVENTS ARE \$40 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 on your profile page. 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.

*The Palm Beach Skate Zone and Palm Beach Figure Skating Club reserve the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met.

2026 PALM BEACH CLASSIC DEADLINE: March 24th, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET

***Late registrations may be accepted upon availability - \$40 Late Fee**

Refund Policy and Registration Modification:

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.

Any registration modifications or changes after the competition deadline will be subject to a \$45 change fee and we cannot guarantee changes will be possible once capacity is reached.

SCHEDULE:

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. Following the close of entries, the schedule will be finalized and shared. All participants will be notified via email once the schedule is available and it will be visible within the Entryeeze competition portal. Events may be held anytime during the event dates and could be subject to change. Please plan travel accordingly.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be available throughout the competition. Once the competition schedule has been published, registered skaters will also receive an email indicating the date and time at which practice ice will be available for purchase.

ENTRYEEZE MUSIC UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: APRIL 10th, 2026 - 11:59 PM ET A \$40.00 LATE FEE WILL APPLY

The official competition music must be uploaded in mp-3 format to your Entryeeze.com competition portal for The Palm Beach Classic/Palm Beach Skate Zone Compete USA competition.

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 with an appropriate adapter. The phone should be presented to the music station with the file ready to play, the phone in airplane mode, and the volume turned to maximum

ENTRYEEZE PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):

DEADLINE: APRIL 10th, 2026 - 11:59 PM ET A \$40.00 LATE FEE WILL APPLY

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in the [Entryeeze Competition Portal](#) no later than **April 10th, 2026, at 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in Entryeeze 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.

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 – Juvenile; including Plus events, Well Balanced Singles Pre Preliminary – Juvenile

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

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

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, The Palm Beach Figure Skating Club, and Palm Beach Skate Zone 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 Palm Beach Skate Zone which is located at 8125 Lake Worth Rd, Lake Worth, FL 33462. The two ice surfaces measure 185' x 85' with rounded corners and hockey barriers. The Palm Beach Skate Zone has locker rooms and an on-site café/snack bar. Further information will be provided to attendees about the facility accommodations closer to the event. Visit website: PalmbeachFSC.org.

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](#).

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be available throughout the competition. Practice ice registration will open on April 10th, 2026 at 12:00 pm (noon) ET. Sessions will be \$20 per 20 minutes. Pending availability, walk-on sessions \$25.

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.

Medals will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place winners in each competition event. Compete USA events will receive an award for 1-6th places.

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.

CONTACT INFO:

Competition Chair:	Audra Leech	Audra@pbskatezone.com	561-963-5900
Chief Referee:	Scott Cudmore	Scottcudmore1963@gmail.com	
Event Referee:	Bonnie Boaz	Bonnie.boaz2411@gmail.com	

Club Website:

The Palm Beach Figure Skating Club website is PalmbeachFSC.org

Hotel Information:

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

Air Travel:

Palm Beach International Airport is approximately 11 miles from the Palm Beach Skate Zone and local hotels. Travel time during non-peak rush hour is approximately 20 minutes by car.