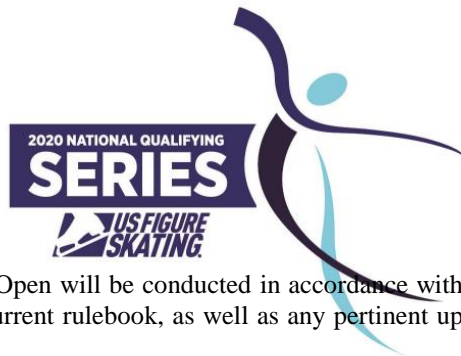




2019 Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open
Hosted by the Austin Figure Skating Club
June 6-9, 2019
<https://afsctx.org/>
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The 2019 Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates which 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 is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS):

This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as an official NQS event. Athletes are required to read the NQS handbook [found here](#) and register for the series through EMS by May 28th (separate from competition registration). **You do not need to be registered as an NQS skater to enter the Bluebonnet Open.**

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

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 older; Boys – 14 years or older
- Intermediate must be under the age of 18
- Adults must be 21 years or older

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.

NQS REMINDER: All NQS events are combined short program and free skate events (Juvenile events consists of free skate only). If there are more than 24 entries per event, qualifying rounds must be held in accordance with Rule 2460.

ENTRIES:

Entries will only be accepted online via EMS at www.usfsaonline.org. (For Theatre on Ice events please see our website www.afsctx.org for registration info; this will not be done in EMS). Online registration opens March 15, 2019 and closes May 7, 2019 11:59 PM. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

ENTRY FEES:

Entry Fees are as follows:

FIRST LEARN TO SKATE USA/COMPETE USA EVENT (Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Adult 1-6)	\$50.00
EACH ADDITIONAL LEARN TO SKATE USA/COMPETE USA EVENT (Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Adult 1-6)	\$35.00
FIRST EVENT (SINGLES Beginner - Juvenile or SOLO DANCE) Non Learn to Skate	\$125.00
FIRST COUPLES DANCE EVENT/SHOWCASE DUETS (per skater)	\$65.00
COMBINED SINGLES EVENT (SP/FS Intermediate - Senior) This is an NQS event; You do not need to be registered as an NQS skater to enter these events.	\$160.00
EACH ADDITIONAL EVENT (Singles beginner – Juvenile, showcase, solo dance and couples dance)	\$35.00
THEATRE ON ICE; register via www.afsctx.org (not in EMS)	\$100.00 per team + \$5.00 per person
SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES (1 EVENT)	\$55.00
SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES extra event	\$35.00
Change event fee (after deadline)	\$15.00
Entry Late fee (if send in after May 7) ; no late entries after May 14, 2019	\$30.00
Music up-load Late Fee (if sent after May 24, 2019)	\$30.00
PPC Late fee (if sent after May 31, 2019) (IJS events only)	\$30.00
PRACTICE ICE	\$15.00 per 20-minute session in advance (pre-purchase) \$18.00 per 20-minute session purchased in open sales or onsite sales (see practice section for allowable number of sessions available for purchase)

All EMS registration fees are credit card only and include a 3% processing fee paid by the skater.

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.

PARTNERED EVENTS:

Only one partner needs to complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**



REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
 - a. For best experience, the Google Chrome browser is recommended
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click the blue EMS button
4. Click "Competition Registration"
5. Choose "Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open" from the list of competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.
6. Theatre on Ice: See our website www.afsctx.org to register for this event.

EMS SKATER PORTAL:

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

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after May 7, 2019 unless no competition exists or is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will not be available by phone, email or mail. Skater and Coaches schedules will be available via the web at www.afsctx.org.

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.

FACILITIES: The Bluebonnet Open will be held at Chaparral Ice, 2525 West Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78757 Ice size: 200 x 85

MUSIC UPLOAD:

All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than May 24, 2019 (a late fee will apply). 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.

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
- 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 bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

For additional information regarding music, visit our competition website www.afsctx.org.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Austin FSC, and Chaparral Ice 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.

JUDGING SYSTEMS:

INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM

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

- Singles Well Balanced Program free skate events, pre-juvenile – senior (inc. open-juvenile), adult silver/gold/masters
- Singles Short program events, juvenile – senior
- Pairs free skate events, juvenile – senior (pending officials' availability)
- Pairs short program events, intermediate – senior (pending officials' availability)
- Excel "PLUS" Juvenile level, and intermediate through senior levels at ALL Excel

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit their PPC via the EMS Skater Portal no later than May 31, 2019. Late fees apply. Program content must be entered under the Music & Program Content tab of your EMS for this competition.

[CLICK HERE FOR PPC SUBMISSION HOW TO](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

6.0 JUDGING SYSTEM

The 6.0 Judging System will be used for:

- *Well Balanced Program free skate events, pre-preliminary – preliminary; adult pre-bronze/bronze*
- *Introductory free skate events (beginner, high beginner, no-test)*
- *Excel events not listed as IJS events*
- *All specialty singles events (spins, jumps, compulsory moves, etc.)*
- *All solo dance events*
- *Free dance events, juvenile – senior*
- *Rhythm dance events, junior – senior*
- *Pattern dance events (partnered only), juvenile - novice*

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on June 6, 2019. Registration will be open one to two hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located lobby of the rink. Please register promptly upon arrival. **If the skater's music was not uploaded or the uploaded version is not correct, the skater will provide their CD to the Music person after their name has been called to skate during the event and before they get into their starting position, and then collect the CD before exiting the ice.**

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: Please click here to review the [Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy](#). More detailed information can be found in the [SafeSport Handbook](#).

PRACTICE ICE:

All practice ice will be available for purchase online through the EMS Skater Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the Main page of your skater portal. All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice through EMS on their mobile devices!

All freestyle practice sessions (non Learn to Skate USA events - Snowplow Sam through Basic 6) will be Thursday, June 6, 2019 (Friday June 7 if competition does not start until after noon on Friday). All Learn to Skate USA practice ice (Snowplow Sam through Basic 6) will be Sunday June 9, 2019. Skaters will be able to indicate the number of sessions they want online during registration and you MUST pay for them when you register online. You must log in after the schedule is posted to access your practice ice records and select your sessions. Practice ice will be \$15.00 if you pre-order in advance. You may only pre-purchase 1 session (2 if in a combined event ; SP + FS) in advance. During the pre-selection time you may select and change the practice ice session assigned. We will allow additional practice ice sales online after the schedule has been posted and those that pre-register for sessions have had time to make changes to their sessions. If available, additional practice ice can be purchased after the practice ice purchase deadline beginning June 7th at the practice ice table (\$18.00 per session). Music will be played on a first come first basis during check-in to each session (no music played for Learn to Skate USA events). **PRACTICE ICE AND COMPETITION SCHEDULES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLUB WEBSITE** well after the entry deadline.

In practice ice sessions where program music will be played, only uploaded music will be used. No CDs, phones, etc., will be accepted even if there is a problem with the uploaded music. Please verify all uploaded music **BEFORE** the Music upload deadline. EMS allows for skaters and coaches to verify their uploaded music.

For additional information regarding practice ice offerings, visit our competition website www.afsctx.org.

PHOTO/VIDEO: The official competition photographer will be available for still photos and videos. Hand held personal video equipment is permitted. No video equipment may be plugged into the rink outlets.

AWARDS: First, second, and third placements in each event will receive specially designed medals and/or trophies. Fourth through sixth placements will receive ribbons. All awards will be presented off-ice at the photographer's table after each event. The Lynn Goldman Trophy will be awarded to the first place skater in the Final Round of Intermediate Ladies. The Terry Arthur Trophy will be awarded to the first place skater in the Final Round of Juvenile Girls.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of Chaparral Ice. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or 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.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. If you would like to request the test credit forms, please notify the registration desk no later than 2 hours prior to the end of the competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal. All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2019-20 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport 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 2 seasons

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches via EMS, verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database 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 I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. 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:
<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

VOLUNTEER INFO: For additional information regarding volunteer, visit our competition website www.afsctx.org.

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact Lynn Goldman or Terry Arthur at competition@afsctx.org. Website: www.afsctx.org.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Hampton Inn Austin Arboretum NW
3908 W. Braker Lane
Austin, TX 78759
Reservations: 512-349-9898
Group Name: Bluebonnet 2019
Room Rate: \$119.00
Deadline: 05/09/2019

TownePlace Suites Arboretum/Domain
10024 N. Capital of Texas Hwy North
Austin, TX 78759
512-231-9360
Group Name: Austin Bluebonnet Open
Room Rate: Studio Suite: \$109.00
Two-Bedroom Suite: \$129.00

Deadline: May 10, 2019

[Book your group rate for Austin Bluebonnet Open](#)

SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR CLICK [HERE](#) FOR CURRENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS.

OFFICIAL NQS SINGLES EVENTS (You do not need to be registered as an NQS skater to enter these events):

[Intermediate – Senior Combined Short Program + Free Skate](#)
[Juvenile Free Skate](#)

**These events will be conducted in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 2040 with regard to qualifying and final rounds if more than 24 competitors register.*

ADDITIONAL SINGLES EVENTS:

[Snowplow Sam- Free Skate 6 Program \(with music\)](#)
[Excel Free Skate](#)
[Singles Well Balanced Free Skate \(No Test – Pre-Juvenile\)](#)
[Juvenile – Senior Short Program only events](#)

COMPULSORY MOVES – SINGLES

[Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6 Program](#)
[Excel Compulsory \(Excel Beginner – Excel Preliminary\)](#)
[Compulsory Moves \(No Test – Senior\)](#)

DANCE EVENTS:

Partnered [Free Dance](#)
Partnered [Pattern Dance](#)
[Solo Pattern Dance](#)
[Solo Free Dance](#)

SPECIALITY EVENTS - SINGLES

[Jumps Challenge](#)
[Spin Challenge](#)

ADULT EVENTS

[Adult 1-6 \(Program with music\)](#)
[Adult Introductory Free Skate Beginner and High Beginner](#)
[Adult 1-6 and Introductory Compulsory](#)
[Adult Singles Free Skate](#)
[Adult Compulsory Moves](#)
[Adult Jumps Challenge](#)
[Adult Spins Challenge](#)
[Adult Pattern Dance](#)
[Adult Partnered Free Dance](#)
[Adult Solo Pattern Dance](#)
[Adult Solo Free Dance](#)

SHOWCASE EVENTS

Please click the link below or visit www.usfigureskating.org to get the current guidelines.

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=59260>

- A. Singles Light Entertainment
- B. Singles Dramatic Entertainment
- C. Duets

THEATRE on ICE EVENTS

Theatre on Ice events will be conducted in accordance with guidelines for the discipline. Athletes and coaches are responsible for going to the U.S. Figure Skating website for rules, program length, etc. www.usfigureskating.org. You cannot register for TOI events in EMS. You must go to our website www.afsctx.org to register.

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition (EMS)
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compchair@afsctx.org <http://afsctx.org/>



SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS (if interested in entering these events, please go to our website www.afsctx.org)

RULES AND CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION: The 2019 Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open Special Olympian Competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2019 Official USFSA Rulebook, the 2019 Special Olympics Winter Sports Rules, and the rules given in the announcement. If a conflict in rules exists, the rules described in this announcement shall govern.

ELIGIBILITY: The Special Olympian Competition is open to skaters who are receiving group or private instruction. Skaters age 8 years and older are eligible to compete. Skaters must be registered as Special Olympians through the Special Olympics office.

SPECIAL OLYMPIC COMPETITION EVENTS

Details of events can be found at:

https://media.specialolympics.org/resources/sports-essentials/sport-rules/Sports-Essentials-Figure-Skating-Rules-2018-v2.pdf?_ga=2.89802399.524987425.1534963955-633065589.1533487434

SPECIAL OLYMPIC FREESKATE

LEVELS 1-6

SPECIAL OLYMPIC COMPULSORY MOVES

LEVELS 1-6

SPECIAL OLYMPIC ARTISTIC

LEVELS 1-6

SPECIAL OLYMPIC (or UNIFIED) PAIR FREE SKATING

LEVELS 1-3

SPECIAL OLYMPIC (or UNIFIED) PAIR COMPULSORIES

LEVELS 1-3

SPECIAL OLYMPIC (or UNIFIED) ICE DANCING – COMPULSORY DANCE

LEVELS 1-5