



2020 Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open
Hosted by the Austin Figure Skating Club
Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating
April 23-26, 2020

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.

SERIES INFORMATION: The 2020 Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open competition is a designated competition for the 2020 Excel Series. As an Excel Series event, skaters entered in the Series at eligible levels will earn points for their placement here in order to qualify for the National Festival to be held in Strongsville, Ohio, on June 18-21, 2020. Skaters must register for the Excel Series prior to competing at designated competition or by March 1; registration is available by clicking here: <https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/y8nk5tmb/b/index.html>. Additional information is available on U.S. Figure Skating’s Excel webpage. For any questions related to the Excel Series, please contact ExcelSeries@usfigureskating.org

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. Skaters who placed in the top four in a final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

ENTRIES: Online entry with secure credit card payment is available at: <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=179>. Online entry must be completed by midnight on March 22, 2020. No paper entries will be accepted. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee. If accepted, a late fee of \$25 will be assessed. The competition committee reserves the right to limit entries to any event or to cancel an event based upon time restrictions.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded March 22, 2020 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 <https://afscctx.org/>.

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)	\$70.00
EACH ADDITIONAL LEARN TO SKATE	\$25.00

EACH ADDITIONAL LEARN TO SKATE USA/COMPETE USA EVENT (Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate, Free Skate 1-6, Adult 1-6)	\$33.00
FIRST EVENT SINGLES Well Balanced Beginner – Juvenile, EXCEL all levels, SOLO DANCE all levels) Non Learn to Skate	\$140.00
FIRST COUPLES DANCE EVENT/SHOWCASE DUETS (per skater)	\$70.00
EACH ADDITIONAL EVENT (Singles beginner – Juvenile, showcase, solo dance and couples dance)	\$55.00
THEATRE ON ICE; register via https://afctx.org/	\$125.00 per team + \$10.00 per person
SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES (1 EVENT)	\$70.00
SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES extra event	\$35.00
Change event fee (after deadline)	\$25.00
Entry Late fee (if send in after March 22, 2020)	\$35.00
Music up-load Late Fee (if sent after March 22, 2020)	\$30.00
PPC Late fee (if sent after March 22, 2020) (IJS events only)	\$30.00
PRACTICE ICE	\$15.00 per 20-minute session in advance LTS (pre-purchase) \$18.00 per 20-minute session purchased in advance for Introductory Levels or above (pre-purchase) \$20.00 per 20-minute session Walk on Rate for all events (see practice section for allowable number of sessions available for purchase)

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

MUSIC:

Online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the “Competition” tab and then selecting “My Music.” Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. Be careful, for example, not to mix up your short program and your free skate! All music must be uploaded by the deadline. Please confirm the exact date on EntryEeze.

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

Programs per file: One (1) - Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short program, free skate, short dance, free dance, etc.) per file is allowed.

File Format: mp3 or m4A - The uploaded file music must be an mp3 or m4a file.

Simply changing the file extension to “mp3” or “m4a” from another file format is not acceptable.

Bit Rate: 192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).

Maximum file size: 10 MB

Maximum run time: Five (5 minutes)

Metadata (tags): None - The Chief Music Coordinator strongly requests that the files DO NOT contain any metadata, commonly called tags. This is especially true of any embedded images such as album cover art, picture of the skater, etc. Please, NO EMBEDDED IMAGES!

Maximum leader: The Chief Music Coordinator requests that there be NO leader. The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music.

Maximum trailer: The Chief Music Coordinator requests that there be NO trailer. The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual track.

Backup Music at Event (CDs)

In addition to submitting the music online, all competitors/teams must also have at least one (1) backup copy of their competition music on CD, AT RINKSIDE, during the actual competition event segment or official practice.

CDs must meet the following requirements:

- In standard Audio CD format (Compact Disc Digital Audio). Other formats, including mp3 are NOT acceptable.
- Clearly marked with a permanent marker (e.g. Sharpie, do NOT use a label or tape) as follows: First Name, Last Name, (Club – Optional but requested), Event, Event Segment and Music Length (e.g. Jane Smith, Acme FSC, Novice Ladies, Free Skate, 3:10 or Synchro Team, Widget FSC, Preliminary, Free Skate, 1:59)
- Each CD may have only ONE (1) music track on it. In the case where a skater competes in both a short program/dance and a free skate/free dance, two (2) separate discs must be available. Any disc with more than one (1) track is NOT acceptable.
- Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two (2) seconds.
- Due to the compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable “CD-RW” discs. PLEASE, no CD-RWs!!

The Local Organizing Committee (“LOC”), competition officials, and volunteers exercise reasonable care when handling CDs. However, they are not responsible for damage to or loss of any CDs. The LOC is not responsible for CDs not picked up by the end of the competition. Those CDs will be destroyed.

Interruption in Music – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 1403

If, after the competitor/team’s name has been called to compete, there is an issue with the downloaded music or CD provided at the event, the competitor will have up to 3 minutes to rectify the situation with a backup copy of the music on CD. After 3 minutes, the competitor/team will be considered withdrawn.

Administrative Fee for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music

The LOC may assess each competitor/team an additional charge, up to \$25.00 per event segment, to manually handle a team’s music, if the competitor/team: 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission, 2) submits files that do not follow the specifications above, or 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment (e.g. uploads short program music instead of the free skate). In the event the LOC decides to assess an administrative fee, the competitor/teams will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the fee and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, the Austin Figure Skating Club 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.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

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

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*
- *Singles Excel free skate events: All Plus events as well as Juvenile through Senior Excel events*
- *Singles Short program events, juvenile – senior*
- *Pairs free skate events, juvenile – senior (pending official’s availability)*
- *Pairs short program events, intermediate – senior (pending official’s availability)*

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online. This form is found in the Member’s Only of the U.S. Figure Skating website. The deadline to submit the form is March 22, 2020.

The 6.0 Majority 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)*

- *Intermediary free dance events (beginner, high beginner, no test,*
- *All Excel events not mentioned above*
- *All specialty singles events (spins, jumps, compulsory moves, etc.)*
- *All solo dance events*
- *Free dance events, juvenile – senior*
- *Short dance events, junior – senior*
- *Pattern dance events (partnered only), juvenile - novice*

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on April 23, 2020. 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 and note that Registration will NOT be accepting any CDs. 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 and then collect the CD before exiting the ice.

PRACTICE ICE: All freestyle practice sessions will be Thursday, April 23, 2020 (Friday April 24 if competition does not start until after noon on Friday). There is no "official practice ice". Initial pre-registered practice ice sessions will be selected by the practice ice chair. Skaters will be able to change practice ice sessions online but you MUST indicate the number of sessions you want online when you register and you MUST pay for them when you register online. You will receive an email with a PIN number in order to access you 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) in advance.** Pre-purchased practice ice will be selected for you. During the pre-selection time you may change the practice ice session. 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 April 23, 2020 at the practice ice table (\$17.00 per session). Music will be played on a first come first basis during check-in to each session. **PRACTICE ICE AND COMPETITION SCHEDULES WILL BE POSTED ON THE CLUB WEBSITE well after the entry deadline.**

Practice ice sessions where program music will be played, only uploaded music will be used. Please verify all uploaded music BEFORE the deadline. Entryeze allows for skaters and coaches to verify their uploaded music.

PHOTOGRAPHY/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, third and fourth placements in each event will receive specially designed medals and/or trophies. 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

Coaches of 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.

Coaches of 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

All coaches are 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 the [Coaches Requirements Chart](#).

CONTACT INFO: CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact Lynn Goldman or Terry Arthur at compchair@afsctx.org. Website: <https://afsctx.org/>.

ACCOMODATIONS:

Courtyard by Marriott/NW Austin Domain

9409 Stonelake Blvd
 Austin, TX 78759
 512-502-8100
 Event/Group Code: Figure Skating Club
 \$119.00/Night
 Includes breakfast, free parking, free wi-fi
 Deadline for reservations: March 26, 2020

Residence Inn by Marriott/Domain

3713 Tudor Blvd
 Austin, TX 78759
 512-502-8100
 Event/Group Code: Figure Skating Club
 \$119.00/Night
 Includes breakfast, free parking, free wi-fi
 Deadline for reservations: March 26, 2020

Events Offered

General event parameters:

1. Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
2. Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
3. All relevant and appropriate IJS rules will be used. Coaches and athletes are expected to be aware of these rules by reading the documents on www.usfigureskating.org, under "Technical Information," then "Singles/Pairs"
4. For event/level requirements, refer to the current rulebook and technical information of the on the www.usfigureskating.org
5. Qualifying and final rounds may be offered based on entries.
6. All events are separate. There will be no combined events.

SINGLES

<u>Excel Free Skate (Beginner – Senior)</u>
<u>Short Program (2020-2021) (Juvenile – senior)</u>
<u>Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Senior)</u>
<u>Adult Singles Free Skate (Adult Pre Bronze- Masters Jr/Sr)</u>
<u>Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate</u>
PAIRS
<u>Short Program (Novice-Senior)</u>
<u>Free Skate (Pre. Juv.-Senior)</u>
PARTNERED ICE DANCE
<u>Pattern Dance (Pre-Juv.-Novice)</u>
<u>Adult Pattern Dance</u>
<u>Rhythm Dance (Junior-Senior)</u>
<u>Free Dance (Pre-Juv.-Senior)</u>
SPECIALTY
<u>Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)</u>
<u>Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)</u>
<u>Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)</u>
<u>Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)</u>
<u>Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)</u>
<u>Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)</u>
<u>Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)</u>
SHOWCASE
<u>Dramatic Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)</u>
<u>Light Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)</u>
<u>Duets (No Test – Senior, Adult)</u>
Interpretive
<u>Mini Production Ensemble</u>
<u>Production Ensemble</u>
SOLO DANCE
<u>Solo Pattern Dance</u> (not participating in series)
<u>Solo Pattern Dance</u> (participating in series)
<u>Solo Free Dance</u>
<u>Solo Combined Dance</u>
<u>Shadow Dance</u>
<u>Adult Solo Pattern Dance</u>
<u>Adult Solo Free Dance</u>
COMPETE USA
<u>Program (Snowplow Sam-FS 6)</u>
<u>Elements & Compulsory Moves (Snowplow Sam–FS 6)</u>
<u>Compete USA Showcase</u>
<u>Adult 1-6 Free Skate</u>
<u>Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves</u>

Team Compulsories:

Teams should be comprised of 3-5 skaters and can be a combination of Ladies and Men. Each skater will do one required element. If there are not five skaters on a team, the skaters may do a maximum of two elements. The elements may be completed in any order but each element shall be allowed only one attempt. Additional elements are not allowed. No music allowed. One skater should perform at a time. Referee will indicate when

each team should commence but not the individual skaters. Judging done with one mark for each team.

DUE TO THE UNIQUENESS OF THIS EVENT, IF REGISTERING ON LINE TEAMS MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY FROM EACH SKATER'S INDIVIDUAL EVENTS. EVERY TEAM REGISTERING WILL NEED A TEAM NAME, TEAM CONTACT, AND THE NUMBER OF SKATERS PARTICIPATING. PERSON REGISTERING THE TEAM WILL NEED EACH TEAM MEMBERS' NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, USFS NUMBER, TEST LEVELS PASSED, AND PAY THE ENTIRE TEAM FEE OF \$20.00 PER TEAM MEMBER.

LEVEL/Event	Five Required Elements (One to two minutes will be allotted for each team).
Limited Beginner/Beginner Team Compulsory (Full sheet)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) One (1) foot forward upright spin ~ no change of direction (minimum 3 revolutions) 2) Moves in the Field ~ forward outside consecutive edges 3) Forward Spiral 4) One (1) foot forward upright spin to back spin, minimum 3 revolutions each foot 5) Combination of 2 single jumps ~ one must be a toe loop, no turn in between, no Axel allowed
No Test/Pre-Preliminary Team Compulsory (Full sheet)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Upright scratch spin (minimum 3 revolutions) 2) Moves in the Field – back outside consecutive edges 3) Forward outside spiral 4) Combination spin ~ Forward upright spin to back spin to forward upright spin. All spins on one (1) foot and at least 3 revolutions in each position. Minimum of 9 revolutions total. 5) Any combination of 2 single jumps ~ no turn in between, no Axel allowed.
Preliminary/Pre-Juvenile Team Compulsory (Full sheet)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Sit spin (minimum 5 revolutions) 2) Straight line or diagonal footwork sequence utilizing ½ the ice surface 3) Left forward inside spiral 4) Combination spin with at least one change of position and no change of foot. <p>Minimum of 6 revolutions. No flying entries allowed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Single/Single (Axel permitted) combination jump.
Juvenile/Intermediate Team Compulsory (Full sheet)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Camel spin (minimum 5 revolutions) 2) Straight line or diagonal footwork sequence utilizing the entire ice surface. 3) Spiral sequence (at least 2 spiral positions and at least one change of foot). 4) Combination spin with at least one change of position and only one change of foot. At least 2 revolutions in each position. Minimum 5 revolutions on each foot. 5) Double/Single or Double/Double combination jump
Novice and above Team Compulsory (Full Sheet)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Flying spin (minimum 6 revolutions)-only one position and no change of foot. 2) Circular or serpentine footwork sequence using the entire ice surface. 3) Spiral sequence (minimum 3 spiral positions and at least one change of foot). 4) Combination spin with at least two changes of position and at least one change of foot. At least 2 revolutions in each position. Minimum 12 revolutions total. 5) Double/Double combination jump.

GENERATION GAP DANCE (must be at least 15 year age difference between partners)

Dances offered: Canasta Tango, Swing Dance, 10 Fox and 14 Step

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

SPECIAL OLYMPICS EVENTS

RULES AND CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION: The 2020 Skate Austin Bluebonnet Open Special Olympian Competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2020 Official USFSA Rulebook, the 2018 Special Olympics Winter Sports Rules, and the rules given in this 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

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition

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