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**All Entries required through Entryeze.com before August 2, 2011**  
**Paper entries will not be accepted**

*To be held at:*

***Sugar Land Ice and Sports Complex, Dual Surface***  
***16225 Lexington, Sugar Land, Texas 77479***

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### EVENTS OFFERED:

Free Skate, Short Program, Compulsories, Spins, Jumps, Artistic, Partner Dance, Solo Dance, Pairs

**RULES AND ELIGIBILITY:** Houston Fall Invitational 2011 will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the US Figure Skating, as set forth in the 2011-2011 Official US Figure Skating Rule Book and the Combined Report of Action from the May 2011 Governing Council Meeting, unless otherwise stated in the Announcement. The competition is open to all skaters who are eligible members of the US Figure Skating or members of foreign national associations/federations in accordance with Part Two, rule 3056. Skaters may compete in events according to **their age and test level as of August 2, 2011 OR at one level higher**, unless otherwise stated in this Announcement. Pre-preliminary through pre-juvenile entrants will be grouped by age subject to the number of entries received. Juvenile and above will be randomly grouped. The Competition Committee reserves the right to combine events if entries warrant. If entry numbers warrant, competition may start Thursday, September 2nd. Final rounds will be available for Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior levels if sufficient entrants warrant.

**The ISU Judging System** will be used for Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Short Programs and Freeskating events. All competitors skating in these events need to submit the **PROGRAM CONTENT FORM**. The Program Content Form must be filled out online. This form is found at [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org) in the members only section <https://www.usfsonline.org/Events/CompProfile.asp>. The deadline to submit the form is the entry deadline 8/2/2011. For all other events the 6.0 judging system will be used (including test track).

### PROGRAM CONTENT FORM:

1. All forms must be entered online.
2. Your forms will be downloaded from the website 2 weeks prior to the first day of the competition.
3. You must notify the LOC if you make changes to your online form after that date, changes will be accepted at the discretion of the LOC, or Chief Ref, a change fee of \$5 will be charged.
4. All changes must be made online, only online forms will be accepted, no changes will be accepted at the competition.

**ENTRIES:** Entries must be **submitted to [entryeze.com](http://entryeze.com) no later than August 2, 2011**. Only online entries submitted through [entryeze.com](http://entryeze.com) will be accepted. Late entries will be included at the discretion of the competition committee and the chief referee and a late fee of \$30 will be charged. Any entry changes made after the entry deadline will be assessed a \$25 fee and must be approved by the referee. The competition committee reserves the right to limit entries to any event or to cancel an event. A tentative schedule of practice and event times will be posted on our web site by 18<sup>th</sup> August 2011.

**NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED UNLESS THERE IS NO COMPETITION!**

**The competition is scheduled to begin Friday, September 2, 2011. However, if numbers warrant the competition may begin Thursday, September 1, 2011.**

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFICIAL NOTICES:** Prior to the competition, notices will be posted on the Houston FSC website at [www.houstonfsc.org](http://www.houstonfsc.org). Please visit this site on a regular basis. An official bulletin board will be maintained throughout the competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes or additional information. Posting of such notices, changes, or announcements shall be considered sufficient notice to all participants.

### ENTRY FEES:

Combined Fee - Intermediate, Novice, Junior & Senior Freeskate / Short Novice, Junior & Senior Pairs/ Juvenile-Senior Couples Dance (\$65 per partner)	\$125
First event, Pre-Pre Ltd through Juvenile and Open Juvenile First Solo Dance, Prelim and Pre-Juv Couples Dance, Prelim- Intermediate Pairs	\$95 (\$50 per partner)
Additional Singles / Solo dance events (each event)	\$30

**REGISTRATION:** The registration table will be located in the lobby. It will open on Friday, September 3rd, 3 - 8pm and 1 hour prior to the start of competition each day. CD's must be turned in at the time of registration. No skater will be registered without submitting their music CD's.

**MUSIC:** Pattern Dance music will be provided. CD's (NO Mini CD's) may be used and must be marked clearly with the skater's name, event, and running time. **CD's must be recorded on single track CD's and/or on track one. DO NOT USE CD-RW MATERIALS! A SPARE CD MUST BE AVAILABLE.** CD's may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Houston Figure Skating Club cannot be held responsible for Cassettes or CD's.

**AWARDS:** Awards will be given to skaters placing 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> in all events, off-ice in the photography area. Trophies will be given to 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place in Final Rounds. Pictures will be taken immediately following the final result posting of each event.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Practice ice will begin at 5pm on Friday, September 2, 2011. Please register for Practice Ice on entryeeze while registering for the competition. A week to 10 days prior to the start of the competition entryeeze will allow you to select the practice ice times that are convenient for you. Skaters may request up to 2 official sessions per event on a pre-paid basis. Skating levels will be grouped as necessary for practice ice. Additional practice ice may be purchased on a first-come-first-served basis subject to availability at the competition.

**CRITIQUES:** Critiques will be offered for Juvenile through Senior Freeskate Events, both singles and pairs. If you would like to be critiqued you must sign up at registration, or you will not receive a critique.

**FACILITIES:**

Sugar Land Ice and Sports Complex  
16225 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land, TX  
Phone: 281-265-7465  
[www.sugarlandice.com](http://www.sugarlandice.com)

This is a free standing facility with two 200' x 85' ice surfaces with rounded corners.

**OFFICIAL HOTEL:** Marriott Town Square- Sugarland located at 16090 Cuty Walk, Sugar Land, Texas 77479, Hotel phone # (281) 275-8400 , all guests should identify themselves as "**Houston Figure Skating Club Competitors**" when booking to receive the competitors rate of \$89.00 per night. A limited number of rooms are blocked until 8/14/2011. For more information, visit our website at [www.houstonfsc.org](http://www.houstonfsc.org).

**SOUVENIRS / PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENTS/ FLOWERS:** Ad space, trophy sponsorships and souvenirs may be pre-arranged by completing the attached order forms. ***Program advertisers will receive a free program.*** Programs may be purchased for \$2 throughout the competition. Flowers will also be available for purchase.

**VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY:** The official competition photographer, **Local Motion Productions**, will be available for recording events and award photos. The competition committee reserves the right to restrict recording to your skaters' events only. Personal video equipment is permitted in the bleacher area only. No equipment may be plugged into the arena outlets.

**ADMISSION:** The competition is open to the general public for viewing at no charge. Absolutely NO flash photography!

## COMPETITION EVENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Two entries in a division will constitute a competition. **ENTRANTS MAY SKATE ONE LEVEL ABOVE THAT FOR WHICH THEY ARE QUALIFIED.** Skaters may enter either Well-Balance Program Free Skate events or Competitive Test Track events, **but not both.** Age and test requirements are based on status at the entry deadline. Pre-Juvenile and below events will be split by age. Please be at the rink 45 minutes before the start of your event. Adult program times are maximum times. Please see the Combined Report of Action regarding well-balanced program requirements.

### Well-Balanced Program –Free Skate Events

FREESTYLE EVENTS	REQUIREMENTS	DURATION (MIN)
No Test	No Test (No Axel)	1:30
Pre-Preliminary	Pre-Preliminary FS (Axel allowed, no double jumps)	1:30
Preliminary	Preliminary FS	1:30
Pre-Juvenile	Pre-Juvenile FS	2:00
Open Pre-Juvenile (13 and above)	Pre-Juvenile FS	2:00
Juvenile	Juvenile FS	2:15
Open Juvenile (13 and above)	Juvenile FS	2:15
Intermediate	Intermediate FS	2:30
Novice	Novice FS	3:00 – ladies, 3:30 – men
Junior	Junior FS	3:30 – ladies, 4:00 – men
Senior	Senior FS	4:00 – ladies, 4:30 – men
Introductory Adult (18-20) & Adult Pre-Bronze, 21+	No test or Adult Pre-Bronze FS, no higher Pre-Pre FS (No Axels, double jumps or flying spins allowed)	Not to exceed 1:40
Introductory Adult (18-20) & Adult Bronze, 21+	Adult Bronze FS, Preliminary FS (No Axels or double jumps)	Not to exceed 1:50
Introductory Adult (18-20) & Adult Silver 21+	Adult Silver FS, Juvenile FS (No double jumps)	Not to exceed 2:10
Introductory Adult (18-20) & Adult Gold 21+	Adult Gold FS, Juvenile FS.	Not to exceed 2:40

**Note: Introductory Adult and regular adult events at the same level may be combined if the number of entries warrant.**

### SHORT PROGRAM

Short-program events will be offered at the Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior levels. Required elements and times will be as set forth in the current US FIGURE SKATING Rulebook for the 2011-2012 competitive season.

**JUVENILE AND OPEN JUVENILE SHORT PROGRAMS:** 2:00 maximum time. Juv and Open Juv Shorts will consist of the required elements of the Intermediate short program, open to skaters who have not passed the Intermediate Freeskate test.

**INITIAL / FINAL ROUNDS:** A final round will be available for Pre-Juv/Juvenile Free Skates if entries warrant. The initial round for Intermediate through Senior will consist of a short program plus the long program. If entries warrant, the final round will consist of the long program only. The number of skaters advancing to the final round will be as designated in the US FIGURE SKATING Rulebook based on the combined results of the short and long program. Intermediate through Senior skaters must enter the combined event of both the short and long programs.

## Competitive Test Track

EVENT	REQUIREMENTS	Duration/Mins
Limited Beginner	Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). Jump sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements. Two upright spins, no change of foot (Min 3 revolutions) Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests.	1:40 max
Beginner	Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front) Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements. Two upright spins, change of foot optional (Min 3 revolutions) Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests	1:40 max
Pre-Preliminary Test	Two solo spins of a different nature (min 3 revolutions and no flying spins, no change of foot), all single solo jumps allowed (no axels), jump combinations or sequences using only a waltz jump, toe loop, and Salchow. Maximum of 5 jump elements. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test.	1 min 40 sec MAX
Preliminary Test	Two spins of a different nature, combination spins allowed (min 3 revolutions each and no flying spins), jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jumping elements. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test, but may not have passed higher than the preliminary free skate test.	1.5 minutes +/- 10sec
Pre-Juvenile Test	Three spins in any position (min 3 revolutions). One must be a combination spin with change of foot optional (min 3 revolutions on each foot or 6 total revolutions and no flying spins). Jumps with not more than one rotation (no axels). Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jumping elements. One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface. Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test.	2 minutes +/- 10sec
Juvenile Test	Three spins in any position (min 4 revolutions), one must be a combination spin with one change of foot (min 4 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins, Any single jumps and jump combinations with not more than 1 ½ rotations (Axel permitted). Maximum 6 jumping elements. One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface. Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test.	2 min 15 sec +/- 10sec
Intermediate Test	Three spins in any position (min 4 revolutions), one must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot (minimum 4 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins. Any single jumps. Double jumps may only be double Salchow and double toe loop. Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum of 6 jumping elements. "One step sequence straight line, circular, or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface.". Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating Juvenile test but may not have passed tests higher than Intermediate free skate test.	2 min 30 sec +/- 10sec

Novice Test	Three spins in any position (minimum of 6 revolutions), one must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot (minimum 5 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins. Any single jumps. Double jumps may only include the double Salchow, double toe loop, and the double loop. Jump combinations and sequences are allowed Maximum 7 jumping elements for men and 6 for ladies. One step or spiral sequence (see Rule 3660 for description). Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating Intermediate test but may not have passed tests higher than Novice free skate test.	3:00 +/- 10 for ladies, 3:30 +/- 10 for men
Junior Test	Three spins – one must be a flying spin, a spin in one position (minimum 6 revolutions each) and a combination spin consisting of three positions and one change of foot (2 revolutions in each position and minimum 5 revolutions on each foot). Any single jumps and double jumps may only include the double Salchow, double toe loop, the double loop, and double flip. Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum of 8 jumping elements for men and 7 for ladies. One step and one spiral sequence for ladies and two different step sequences for men (see Rule 3650 for description). Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating Novice test but may not have passed tests higher than Junior free skate test.	3:30 +/- 10 for ladies, 4:00 +/- 10 for men
Senior Test	Three spins: one must be a spin in one position, one a flying spin, (6 revolutions each), one spin combination consisting of all three positions and one change of foot (Min 2 rev in each position, min 5 rev on each foot) At least four different double jumps, one must be a double Lutz. Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum of 8 jumping elements for men and 7 for ladies. One step and one spiral sequence for ladies and two different step sequences for men (see Rule 3640 for description). Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating Junior test.	4 minutes ladies/4 min 30 sec men +/- 10sec

### COMPULSORY EVENTS

Test and age requirements are the same as freestyle events. **All levels will be held on half ice.** Required elements are skated without music or stops between the moves. Elements may be done in any order. Additional moves will be penalized. Combination jumps may not have a change of foot or turn between the jumps. An Axel is considered a single jump. Required individual jumps cannot be repeated as part of the combination jump.

EVENT	REQUIREMENTS	DURATION/MIN.
Pre-Preliminary	One foot upright spin (min. 3 revs); forward spiral (inside or outside); Salchow; loop, connecting steps.	1 minute
Preliminary	Sit spin (min. 3 revs); flip jump; forward spiral (inside or outside); Combination jump consisting of 2 single jumps; connecting steps.	1 minute
Pre-Juvenile / Open Pre-Juvenile	Camel spin (min. 3 revs); Lutz; combination jump consisting of 2 single jumps, 1 of which is a loop; front scratch spin to back scratch-exit on spinning foot (min 3 revs each foot); Ina Bauer <u>or</u> forward inside spiral, connecting steps.	1.5 minutes
Juvenile / Open Juvenile	Combination jump consisting of 2 single jumps or 1 double and 1 single jump; Axel; sit change sit spin; layback spin (girls), camel spin (boys); straight line footwork; Choose <u>one</u> of the following: Ina Bauer, spread eagle or forward spiral. All spins min 4 revs each foot.	1.5 minutes
Adult Pre-Bronze	Salchow; forward spiral; half flip; one-foot spin with no change of position (min 4 revs).	1.5 minutes
Adult Bronze	Half Lutz; loop jump; combination jump consisting of 2 single jumps (no change of foot and no turn in between); one-foot spin (min 4 revs); camel spin (min 3 revs).	1.5 minutes
Adult Silver	Salchow; loop jump; combination jump consisting of 2 single jumps (no change of foot and no turn in between); camel spin (min 4 revs); combination spin with one change of foot and one change of position (min 3 revs in each position).	1.5 minutes
Adult Gold	Axel; Lutz; double Salchow; one combination jump consisting of a single and a double jump or 2 double jumps; sit spin (min 5 revs); back spiral (either edge); one combination spin consisting of one change of foot and at least one change of position (min 4 revs in each position).	1.5 minutes

## PAIRS

Pair competition will consist of a Free Style Program for Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, and Intermediate. It will consist of both Short and Long Programs as separate events for Novice through Senior. Partner requirements will be as set forth in the US FIGURE SKATING Rule Book. Competition shall be per the 2011-11 competition rules as set forth in the 2011-11 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>	<b>DURATION/MIN.</b>
Pre-Juvenile (under age 14)	Preliminary Pair and Pre-Juvenile MIF tests	2 mins
Juvenile (under age 16)	Juvenile Pair and Juvenile MIF tests	2 mins 30 secs
Intermediate (under age 18)	Intermediate Pair and Intermediate MIF tests	3 minutes
Novice	Novice Pair and Novice MIF tests	FS- 3.5 SP- 2 mins 30 secs
Junior	Passed Junior Pair and Junior MIF tests	FS- 4.0 SP- 2 mins 50 secs
Senior	Passed Senior Pair and Senior MIF test	FS- 4.5 SP- 2 mins 50 secs

## JUMPS

Entrants will qualify according to their freestyle level. Pre-Preliminary through Juvenile will be skated on ½ ice. Intermediate through Senior will skate on full ice. No music. Jumps should be performed exactly as stated. Skaters will be given two opportunities to perform each jump. Skater should only execute a second attempt of the chosen jump if dissatisfied with the first attempt. If a second jump is executed, it will be the one judged. Solo jump required may not be repeated in combination.

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>
Pre-Preliminary	Toe loop; combination of any two single jumps (no Axels)
Preliminary	Loop; combination of any two single jumps
Pre-Juvenile/Open Pre-juvenile	Axel; combination of any double jump with a toe loop.
Juvenile/Open Juvenile	Axel; combination of any double jump with a loop jump, any three jump combination.
Intermediate	Axel; double flip, any three jump combination.
Novice	Double loop; double lutz; any three jump combination.
Junior	Double Axel; any three jump combination; any double or triple jump out of footwork.
Senior	Double or triple Axel; any three-jump combination; any triple or quad jump out of footwork.
Adult Bronze	Toe loop, combination of any two single jumps (no axels)
Adult Silver	Flip, combination of any two single jumps (axel allowed)
Adult Gold	Axel, Lutz and two jump combination

## SPINS

Entrants will qualify according to their freestyle level. Spins may be joined with appropriate connecting moves and will be skated on half ice. There will be a 1 ½ minute time limit, and no music. Spins must be skated exactly as stated but may be performed in any order.

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>
Pre-Preliminary	One foot spin, optional free leg (3 revs); two-foot spin (3 revs); sit spin (3 revs)
Preliminary	Scratch spin (5 revs); sit spin (3 revs); camel spin (3 revs)
Pre-Juvenile/ Open Pre-Juvenile	Camel spin (4 revs); change foot sit spin (4 revs each foot); front to back scratch spin (4 revs each foot)
Juvenile/ Open Juvenile	Spin with only 1 position (no fly and no change of position – 5 revs min), combination spin with or without change of foot may fly (8 revs.)
Intermediate	Spin with only 1 position (no fly and no change of position – 5 revs min), spin with flying entry (may change feet – 5 revs min), combination spin with or without change of foot, may fly (8 revs).
Novice	Spin with 1 position – no change of foot, may commence with a fly (6 revs); spin combination with or without change of foot (10 revs. Total) (10 revs total ; layback or sideways leaning spin (ladies – 6 revs may fly and may change foot) or camel or sit spin (may fly and may change foot) (men – 6 revs)
Junior	spin with flying entry may change foot (6 revs) (8 revs); spin combination with or without change of foot, may fly (10 rev. total) ; layback or sideways leaning spin - ladies (6 revs may fly and may change feet) or camel spin (men 6 revs each foot, may fly and may change feet)
Senior	Flying spin of choice (6 revs, may change feet); spin combination with or without change of foot (10 revs total– 2 revs in each position); spin with only one position, may fly (6 revs.)
Adult Bronze	One-foot upright spin (4 revs); one-foot backspin (3 revs); sit spin (3 revs)
Adult Silver	Camel/sit spin combination (min 2 revolutions in each position), combination spin with change of foot (3 revolutions each foot), back upright spin (3 revolutions).
Adult Gold	Camel spin (3 revs); layback spin – ladies (4 revs); sit spin – men (4 revs); spin combination with one change of foot and one change of position (4 revs each foot)

**DANCE**

**SOLO DANCE**

**Each dance is a separate event.** Skaters may compete at their level qualified and/or one level higher. There are no test restrictions on Open dances. To qualify for Pre-Preliminary events, the Preliminary Dance test may not be complete. Two sequences only, except where indicated.

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	
<b>Open</b>	Hickory Hoedown	Foxtrot
<b>Pre-Preliminary</b>	Dutch Waltz	Rhythm Blues
<b>Preliminary</b>	Rhythm Blues	Canasta Tango
<b>Pre-Bronze</b>	Cha Cha	Swing Dance
<b>Bronze</b>	Ten Fox	Add Hickory Hoedown
<b>Pre-Silver</b>	Add Foxtrot	Fourteenstep (4)
<b>Silver</b>	Add Tango	American Waltz
<b>Pre-Gold</b>	Kilian	Quickstep (4)
<b>Gold</b>	Argentine Tango	Finnstep
<b>Adult Bronze</b>	Hickory Hoedown	Fourteenstep
<b>Adult Silver</b>	European Waltz	Tango
<b>Adult Gold</b>	Kilian	Starlight Waltz

**COUPLES DANCE**

Couples Dance is a **combined event**. All segments to be skated as indicated. Neither partner in Preliminary may have passed a Bronze Dance test. Dance competition will be in accordance with the Rules 4200-4400 (2011-12 technical rules). Pattern Dance sequences indicated. Junior and Senior Short Dance: Rhythm – Latin Dance–Junior – must include 2 sequences of the Cha-Cha Congelado consecutively; Senior – two sequences of the Rhumba need not be consecutive. Short Dance and Free Dance times are +/- 10 seconds. **Any changes that occur at the 2011 Governing Council for the dance requirements for the 2011-2012 season will be in effect for this competition and supersede the listing below.**

<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>PATTERN DANCE</b>	<b>SHORT DANCE TIME</b>	<b>FREE DANCE TIME</b>	
<b>Preliminary</b>	Dutch Waltz (3)	Canasta Tango (3)	NA	NA
<b>Pre-Juvenile</b>	Dutch Waltz(3)	Cha Cha(3)	NA	NA
<b>Juvenile</b>	Fourteenstep (4)	Ten-Fox (3)	NA	2:15
<b>Intermediate</b>	Tango (4),	Foxtrot(3)	NA	2:30
<b>Novice</b>	Argentine Tango (2)	Kilian (4)	NA	3:00
<b>Junior</b>			2:30	3:30
<b>Senior</b>			2:30	4:00

## ARTISTIC

Vocal music may be used. Costumes may be of any type as long as they fit the music and are not a safety hazard. Only hand held props are allowed. Judging will be based on skater's creativity and artistic interpretation. Levels may be combined based on number of entries. The duration of the program will be as follows:

**Solo Artistic:** Age and test requirements for non-adults are the same as listed under Freeskate. Adult competitors must be 21 years or older and meet minimum test requirements of the Adult Pre Bronze Freeskate test or the Adult Bronze Dance Test. Masters competitors must be 21 years or older and meet minimum test requirements of the Adult Silver Freeskate test or the Adult Silver Dance Test.

Pre-preliminary will perform a 1 minute 30 sec program maximum  
Preliminary - Pre-juvenile will perform a 1 minute 40 sec program maximum  
Juvenile – Novice will perform a 2 minute 10 sec program maximum  
Junior and Senior will perform a 2 minute 40 sec program maximum  
Adult Bronze– 1 min 40 sec program maximum  
Adult Silver– 1 min 40 sec program maximum  
Adult Gold– 1 min 40 sec program maximum

Duet Artistic: No age or test requirements. Duets may be comprised of male/female, female/female, or male/male. This is not a Pair event. Pair lifts are not allowed. Applicable time limit is determined by level of highest level skater in the duet.

No Test 1 min 40 seconds  
Pre-preliminary 1 min 40 seconds  
Preliminary 1 min 40 seconds  
Pre-juv/Open Pre-Juv 1 min 40 seconds  
Juvenile/Open Juvenile 2 min 10 seconds  
Intermediate 2 min 10 seconds  
Novice 2 min 10 seconds  
Junior 2 min 40 seconds  
Senior 2 min 40 seconds  
Adult 1 min 40 seconds

Skaters placing fourth and higher in preliminary and higher solo artistic events, including adult events, will be qualified to enter the next National Showcase. National Showcase contestants must also be qualified by test level. For more information about qualifications, contact Melissa Bowman, National Vice Chair for National Showcase, at [patinage\\_tx@verizon.net](mailto:patinage_tx@verizon.net)