



# LAKE PLACID ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

## 2026 Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships July 27-30, 2026

SC of Lake Placid/NYS Olympic Regional Development Authority  
Olympic Center/Lake Placid, N.Y.

### I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The LAKE PLACID ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS 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, 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.

#### SERIES INFORMATION:

##### **2026-27 NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES**

This competition has been approved as a 2026-27 National Qualifying Series event by U.S. Figure Skating for singles, pairs, and/or ice dance. Any athlete looking to participate in this competition as an NQS event must read the 2026-27 NQS Athlete Handbook (link coming soon) prior to registering for this competition. Beginning July 1, 2026, athletes MUST complete the NQS Series Application prior to the start date of this competition for scores from this competition to count toward the series standings.

If you have any questions about the 2026-27 National Qualifying Series, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

##### **2026 SOLO DANCE SERIES**

This competition is a U.S. Figure Skating 2026 Solo Dance Series (SDS) event. Skaters must register to participate in the Solo Dance Series prior to the start of designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and count in the standings.

Please refer to the 2026 Solo Dance Series information for current Series rules, levels, music, costume requirements, event requirements, and selected pattern dances.

All solo dance events are open to all skaters regardless of entry into the Solo Dance Series.

### II. ELIGIBILITY

Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

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## **EVENTS OFFERED:**

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** [usfigureskating.org](https://usfigureskating.org) --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements

<b>PARTNERED ICE DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Pattern Dance (Pre-Juvenile)	IJS	\$195	\$140
Free Dance (Pre-Juvenile)	IJS	\$195	\$140
Combined Pattern Dance/Rhythm Dance & Free Dance (NQS Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$350	\$350
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$200	\$150
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$270	\$150
Shadow Dance	IJS	\$210	\$150

## **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 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](https://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

## **ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline at [marye@orda.org](mailto:marye@orda.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 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 [in](#) Members Only, click the blue “COACH” button. 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 in 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](#)

## MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training. \*

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport™ Training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

## III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% Processing Fee.

Registration Deadline: 06/29/2026 at 11:59 PM ET

Late Registration Deadline: 07/01/2026 at 11:59 PM ET + \$50 Late Fee

\*The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

1. Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, 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).
3. Click EMS then “Competition Registration”
4. Choose “**LAKE PLACID ICE DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS**” from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

**PARTNERED EVENTS:**

Only one partner will 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.**

**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.

**TEST CREDIT:**

You will be able to register for test credit through your skater portal in EMS when competition registration is available. If you need to register for test credit after the close of entries, please e-mail [marye@orda.org](mailto:marye@orda.org). Test credit is available for Juvenile through Senior solo and partnered free dance events ONLY.

Test credit paperwork will be emailed to anyone registered for test credit 2-3 days following the completion of the competition.

Any athlete seeking IJS Test Credit is responsible for all steps outlined in the “For Athletes” section of the [IJS Protocol for Test Credit](#) document. This includes submitting your Test Credit Packet and coach statement to your club for official processing within the permissible timeline.

**FEEDBACK**

Feedback for NQS events will be available at the conclusion of the event. A schedule will be posted on site.

**MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **JULY 17, 2026 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 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.

**DEADLINE: JULY 17, 2026 (\$25 LATE FEE)**

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

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

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.

## **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:**

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **JULY 17, 2026 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 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.

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

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## **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

## **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, the SC of Lake Placid and the NYS Olympic Regional Developmental 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.

## **IV. COMPETITION DETAILS**

### **FACILITIES:**

Olympic Center  
2634 Main Street  
Lake Placid, NY 12946  
[www.lakeplacidolympiccenter.com](http://www.lakeplacidolympiccenter.com)

There are three ice surfaces in the Olympic Center. The 1980 and 1932 Rinks will be used for competition and practice. The USA Rink will only be used for practice. All surfaces are NHL size – 85' x 200'

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

#### **IF NOT OFFERING LOCKER ROOMS:**

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available 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 skates on 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 who are at least 8 years of age 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](#).

## **OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:**

Event website: [www.lakeplacidolympiccenter.com/todo/lake-placid-ice-dance-championships/](http://www.lakeplacidolympiccenter.com/todo/lake-placid-ice-dance-championships/)

Event and practice schedules will be posted in your EMS portal. Any changes to these schedules once the competition begins will be emailed to affected competitors and coaches through EMS. Please make sure to check regularly for any updates.

Starting orders and results will be posted online. The link will be sent out prior to the start of the competition.

## **SCHEDULE**

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during 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.

## **PRACTICE ICE:**

30 minute Unofficial Practice Ice Sessions will be available for purchase through your EMS portal AFTER the release of the official competition schedule. Pre-Purchase is not available. Competitors and coaches will be notified via email of start date of practice ice purchase. No music will be played on these sessions. Sessions will be available Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Sales:** Practice Ice sessions will be available after the schedule has been published. Skaters will be able to purchase open sessions available to them.

- [Click Here for an Open Sales How-To Document](#)
- Open: Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 AM ET
- Close: Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 PM ET
- Cost per session: \$40 per team (partnered & shadow dance); \$20 (solo dance)

## **ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

Check-in will open on Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup> – Time TBD on the main level of the Olympic Center.

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.

## **AWARDS:**

Medals will be awarded for first through fourth places.

The awards schedule will be posted on site.

## **VOLUNTEER INFO:**

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please e-mail [vmurray@orda.org](mailto:vmurray@orda.org).

## **PHOTO/VIDEO:**

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to [music@usfigureskating.org](mailto:music@usfigureskating.org).

The official videographer will be Cinematic Images. A video download of your performance without music is included in your entry fee. You will be e-mailed a link to your video 2-3 days following the conclusion of the event.

Cinematic Images will also be providing action photography. Pricing information will be available at the event.

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**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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