



Spring Preview 2023

Saturday April 1st – Sunday April 2nd, 2023

Hosted by the Vaca Valley Figure Skating Club

www.vvfsc.org

Vacaville Ice Sports

551 Davis St.

Vacaville, CA 95688

EMS Registration Link:

<https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/32024>

Entry Deadline: March 6, 2023

Sanctioned by:



I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The **Spring Preview 2023** competition 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 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 an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, [CLICK HERE](#).

SERIES INFORMATION:

National Solo Dance Series

Excel Series

Skaters must register to participate in the Excel and/or the Solo Dance Series prior to competition at designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings.

[Excel Series Registration](#) | [Excel Series Information](#) [Solo Dance Series Registration](#) | [Solo Dance Series Information](#)

II. ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club, or an individual member in accordance with the current handbook.

TEST LEVEL:

As of December 1, 2022, singles athletes may opt to accelerate their test progression within U.S. Figure Skating and thus compete at level(s) best suited for their technical skillset. Athletes must still meet the minimum requirements for each level and additionally, if participating within the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel), they will establish a **competitive floor** (i.e., the lowest level they can compete at).

The **competitive floor** is determined only by the level selected through the EMS Series Application for NQS or Excel and is not uniquely tied to competition registration (regardless of series participation).

Example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their competitive floor until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel.

Example #2, if an athlete passed their juvenile free skate but has not competed in NQS or Excel (i.e., they have not established a competitive floor), they have the option to compete pre-preliminary – intermediate (if skate up is permitted). While the options are wide, U.S. Figure Skating entrusts the coach to guide the athlete to select the appropriate level for the athlete based on their technical skillset.

Eligibility Notes:

1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email events@usfigureskating.org or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

All decisions of the Chief Referee will be final.

EVENTS OFFERED:

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](http://usfigureskating.org)

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate	IJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
SHOWCASE	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
Interpretive	CJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
Production Ensemble	CJS	\$120.00	\$70.00
Adaptive Individual Showcase	CJS	\$90.00	\$50.00
Adaptive Unified Partner Showcase	CJS	\$90.00	\$50.00
SOLO DANCE SERIES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$130.00	N/A
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$145.00	N/A
Shadow Dance	IJS	\$120.00	N/A

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:

For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

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 SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email 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% transaction fee.

Registration Deadline: 03/06/2023 at 11:59pm PT

1. Go to 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.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "**Spring Preview 2023**" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact 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.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **03/14/2023 11:59pm PT**. 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: 03/14/2023

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

If you need assistance, email 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 **03/14/2023 11:59pm PT**. 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. Refunds will be given to entrants who believe they may have been exposed to, or have any symptoms of, COVID-19, or if there is a death in the skater's immediate family. All requests for entry refunds must be emailed to Kaitlyn Landes at sp@vvhsc.org no later than 7 days after the Spring Preview 2023 competition is held. Credit card processing fees will not be refunded under *any* circumstances.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Vaca Valley FSC, and Vacaville Ice Sports 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

FACILITY:

Vacaville Ice Sports
551 Davis St.
Vacaville, CA 95688
<http://vacavilleicesport.com>

The rink size is 200' X 85' with rounded corners. There will be a curtain used for Showcase events. There is a snack bar available on-site. There are also restaurants within walking distance, including Starbucks, Mike & Ike's sandwich shop, Mary's Pizza Shack, and Outback Steakhouse.

LOCKER ROOMS & 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 under 11 years old 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 SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

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](#).

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

Club website: <http://vfvsc.org>

An official bulletin board will be maintained in the rink for competition notification, such as schedule modifications. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition. 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 start of the competition. Skating orders and results will be posted online as well.

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SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified

via email once available.

PRACTICE ICE:

There will be no official practice ice for Spring Preview 2023. Please contact Vacaville Ice Sports (<http://vacavilleicesport.com>) for freestyle times: (707) 455-0225.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open 1 hour before the first event and run through the last event of each day of competition. The registration table will be located directly inside the lobby, in front of the large bank of covered windows.

AWARDS:

Each skater placing 1st-4th in an event will receive a medal. Medals will be available for pick-up by the registration table immediately following the posting of the results of the event. There will be a backdrop available for anybody who wants to take photos.

SHOWCASE RECALLS

In order to be recalled, a skater must place 1st in his/her event, or place immediately after a recalled skater. At no time will a skater be recalled if he/she has not placed 1st or 2nd in an event. A skater is not eligible to skate in the recall event for more than one singles or more than one duet program. However, a skater may skate as a single and again as a duet. Ensembles may be recognized for their achievement and be recalled, but they are not eligible for a recall award.

All recalled skaters will receive medals. Trophies will be presented to the best 3 in the lower levels (Pre-Juvenile & below) and the best 3 in the upper levels (Juvenile through Senior & all Adult/Young Adult competitors). All recall medals and trophies will be presented either on the ice at the conclusion of the recall event, or in the lobby near the registration desk (this will be determined by the ice schedule).

VOLUNTEER INFO:

Volunteer information will be emailed out to all the competitors once a competition schedule has been created.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Professional videography of the events will be provided by ETC Sports, and videos will be available for purchase at the rink.

Spectators are reminded that flash **photography is dangerous to skaters and is strictly prohibited. Personal video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your skater's performance and for personal use only.** Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar device) are not permitted in the arena. **PERSONAL VIDEO FILMING IS ONLY PERMITTED FROM THE AUDIENCE STANDS. FILMING FROM THE COACHING AREA OR HOCKEY BOXES IS NOT ALLOWED.**

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

DRIVING DIRECTIONS: Vacaville Ice Sports is conveniently located off Interstate 80 at the Mason St./Davis St. exits in Vacaville, CA. The address of the ice rink is 551 Davis St., Vacaville, CA 95688.

The closest airport is Sacramento Metropolitan Field (SMF), and is about a 40 minute drive from Vacaville Ice Sports. Oakland International Airport (OAK) and San Francisco International Airport (SFO) are also within a 1 hr. and 15 min. drive to Vacaville.

Free lighted parking is available onsite.

Nearby Hotel Accommodations

Hampton Inn & Suites Vacaville-Napa Valley

800 Mason St.

Vacaville, CA 95688

Courtyard by Marriott Vacaville

120 Nut Tree Pkwy

Vacaville, CA 95687

Residence Inn by Marriott Vacaville

360 Orange Dr.

Vacaville, CA 95687

Fairfield Inn Vacaville

370 Orange Dr.

Vacaville, CA 95687

Comfort Suites

191 Lawrence Dr.

Vacaville, CA 95687

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Vacaville

151 Lawrence Dr.

Vacaville, CA 95687

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: <http://vfvsc.org/>

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Kaitlyn Landes	sp@vfvsc.org	(707) 290-1086
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