THE TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL

RED RIVER VALLEY CLASSIC

SPONSORED BY RED RIVER VALLEY FIGURE SKATING CLUB
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The Red River Valley International Classic 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, 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.

Eligibility

Singles Excel and Championship Events:

Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.

  - Skaters may skate up one level higher than their highest singles test level allows.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
  - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
  - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Championship and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their Excel series entry.
  - If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel and a Championship free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Championship event of different types such as short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to the information sheet here or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other singles:

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

Events Offered

Program Requirements | U.S. Figure Skating (usfigureskating.org)

NOTE: This competition is not part of the 2026-2027 Showcase series. Events will be judged CJS and you can see how your programs are scoring in preparation for the series.

SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1st EVENT	2nd EVENT	3rd + EVENT
Aspire Free Skate (Aspire Level 1-4)	CJS	150	40	40
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior and Plus levels)	IJS	150	40	40
Championship Short Program (Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	150	40	40
Championship Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)	IJS	150	40	40
Adult Free Skate (Beginner-Bronze)	CJS	150	40	40
Adult Free Skate (Silver and Higher)	IJS	150	40	40
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	**JUDGING**	**1st EVENT**	**2nd EVENT**	**3rd + EVENT**
Compulsory Moves (Level 1-8)	CJS	150	40	40
Spins Challenge (Level 1-6) all levels will compete on ½ ice	CJS	150	40	40
Jumps Challenge (Level 1-9)	CJS	150	40	40
SHOWCASE–	**JUDGING**	**1st EVENT**	**2nd EVENT**	**3rd + EVENT**
Choreographic Artistry (Juvenile-Senior, Masters)	CJS	150	40	40
Lyrical Pop, Character Performance (Aspire 1-4)	CJS	150	40	40
Emotional Performance, Lyrical Pop, Character Performance, Comedic Impressions (Pre-Preliminary-Senior, Adult)	CJS	150	40	40
SOLO DANCE	**JUDGING**	**1st EVENT**	**2nd EVENT**	**3rd EVENT**
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	CJS	150	40	40
Solo Free Dance	CJS	150	40	40
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	CJS	150	40	40

Final Round Entertainment

Preliminary through Senior Individual Entertainment Competitors:

In honor of long time FM and surrounding area skating supporter, Tom Wilson, the RRVFSC, will be conducting a final round in the showcase event with cash Memorial Skating Scholarship awards to be given to the top three finishers. As the artistic events are a favorite of Tom's, RRVFSC is conducting this special event to honor him.

1. There will be two flights: Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile AND Juvenile/Open Juvenile through Senior.
2. The initial round will be held Friday or Saturday with the final round (if qualified) to be held on Saturday evening.
3. Competitors in the final round will use the same program as initial round with same criteria as posted in the announcement.
4. **Top 12 scores across all the showcase events will go to the final round for each level**
5. Skaters can only skate 1 program in the final—the program with the highest point total is the one that will be skated in the final. Open spots will be filled by the next highest score.
6. The first-place winner in each flight will receive a $150.00 Memorial Skating Scholarship, the second-place winners will each receive a $100.00 Memorial Skating Scholarship and the third-place finishers will each receive a $50.00 Memorial Skating Scholarship.

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 values and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program received, 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 or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

ATHLETE ASSIST/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 (jseka70@gmail.com) by the registration deadline.

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 HERE. 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.

Entries

Online entry with secure credit card payment is the only method of registration. Please go to www.rrvfsc.org and click Classic link. Online entries will be accepted until MIDNIGHT December 30, 2026. **The LOC reserves the right to close entries early if maximum capacity is reached.** Online entries will have a 3% convenience fee. Entries and changes received after the deadline will be considered and will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee. **Late entries will be assessed a $25.00 late fee**. Changes to a skater's event registration (whether wrong level or incorrect event) done after the deadline will incur a $25.00 fee. This fee is applicable whether your coach has approved your events or not. The competition committee reserves the right to limit entries in any event or to cancel an event. Entry fees will only be refunded in accordance with the refund policy below. Notification of competition and practice ice will NOT be available by phone, mail or e-mail.

Entry fees: $150.00 for First event, and $40.00 for any additional events.

IJS Test Credit

IJS Test Credit will be offered at this competition. You may apply in advance using this online form; the deadline to submit the form is February 9th, 2027. The fee to register is $10.00 and includes the following: application and test protocol paperwork. Apply here. Once the accountant has generated the paperwork you may pick up your packet at the registration desk. There are no refunds for packages purchased but not used.

Refund Policy

Entry fees will not be refunded unless no competition exists, or the event is cancelled. 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 issued a $30.00 fee. All further payments must be made by cash, money orders, or certified funds. Payment will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

Music

ALL SKATERS MUST SUBMIT MUSIC ELECTRONICALLY VIA ENTRYEEZE. Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically by the music deadline of February 1st, 2027, at 11:59 PM. **Any music file submitted through EntryEeze after the deadline will incur a $30.00 fee and will need to submit their Music by the late deadline of February 6,2027 or they will be withdrawn without a refund.** After you have paid for 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 log out of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and selecting "my music". All music uploads must be in MP3 format. 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. 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

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EntryEeze no later than 11:59 PM on February 4th, 2027. After this date, skaters will subject to a **$30.00 late fee and will need to submit their PPC by the late deadline of February 8, 2027, or they will be withdrawn without a refund**. 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.

Liability

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, Red River Valley Figure Skating Club, ISD #152 and the City of Moorhead 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. Your signature on the entry form or your acceptance of the waiver online when you register will indicate that you have read this section.

Facilities

The Twenty Ninth Annual Red River Valley International Classic competition will be held Thursday February 11th, 2027, through Saturday, February 13th, 2027, at the Cullen Hockey Center, 707 Main Ave SE, Moorhead, MN. There are two ice surfaces each 85' x 200' with slightly rounded corners and seating in both arenas. Changing rooms, concessions and vendors will be available throughout the competition unless COVID -19 regulations at competition time prohibit them. There is no admission fee charged for any of the events.

Locker Rooms

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 in the SkateSafe® Handbook. **Skaters should plan to arrive at the arena dressed for their events. We will have limited locker room availability.**

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 Notices

All official bulletins and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board at the Cullen Hockey Center and shall be considered sufficient notice to all competitors, parents, professionals, and officials. Decisions by the Referee on all matters will be final. 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.

Schedule

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available after the close of entries via the competition EntryEeze website. All participants will be notified via email once available.

Practice Ice

Practice ice will be available on Thursday evening February 11th, 2027, Friday morning prior to the competition starting, Friday evening after the competition concludes for the day, and again Saturday morning prior to the competition starting for the day. Skaters will be able to purchase practice ice online via EntryEeze. Practice ice sales will be available after the competition schedule has been posted. Registered skaters will be notified by e-mail when they can start purchasing practice ice. No music will be played on practice ice. Practice ice will be sold in 20-minute increments for $15.00 per session when purchased online. Practice ice sold at the registration table will also be in 20-minute increments at $20.00 per session. There are no refunds for practice ice purchased but not used.

Registration Desk

Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to the first scheduled practice ice session of the competition. Registration will close 30 minutes after the end of the competition each day. The registration desk will be in the lobby of the Cullen Hockey Center. Please register promptly upon arrival. Results will be available electronically by scanning the UPC code found posted throughout the arena.

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 at least 2 business days prior to the completion for assistance.

Photography/Videography

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. Spectators are prohibited from photographing or videotaping any skater other than their own. No FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY is allowed in the rink area during competition.

Awards

Awards will be presented as closely to the conclusion of each event as possible. Trophies or medals will be awarded for the top four places for each event. All awards will be presented off ice except for the Artistic Final Round awards (1st-3rd place medals) which will be an on-ice presentation.

Contact Information

If you have any questions, please contact:

Competition Chair, Jean Paseka at jseka70@gmail.com or rrvfsc@gmail.com

If you have any questions for our Chief Referee contact Lisa Landon at lisaskatejudge@gmail.com