

# ***Know Before You Go!***

***2022 Eastern Synchronized  
Skating Sectional Championships***

***Tuesday, Jan. 18***



# OVERVIEW



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# ***TEST REQUIREMENT UPDATE***



- Test is as of your team's departure for skaters, coaches, team service personnel, and any parent/chaperones who are traveling with the team and attending as spectators.
- PCR or NAAT (rapid, at home, etc.) should be taken no more than 3 days prior to departure
- **\*NEW\*** Antigen tests must be taken no more than 1 day prior to departure
- If a person has tested positive between 11 and 90 days prior to departure for the competition and they have completed a 10-day isolation period, a negative test is not required. Proof of the positive test within the allowed timeline and/or a letter from a healthcare provider should be collected in place of the negative test result.
- Digital test results with key details highlighted are preferred, but a photo of the test including the name of the subject and date test taken on the image will be accepted. Most at-home tests have an option for generating a digital test result.

# ***TEST REQUIREMENT UPDATE - TEAMS***



- Test results for all skaters must be compiled by team leadership for check-in.
  - Name, date of test, test result, and type of test (PCR, NAAT, antigen) should be clearly displayed and preferably highlighted
  - Tests should be compiled in alphabetical order
  - Consider including a cover sheet with your full roster and any helpful notes – such as multiple roles, earlier check-ins – that will assist in the registration process.
- **ATTESTATION FORM:** The head coach and one additional member of leadership (ex. team manager, assistant coach) will be required to complete an attestation form confirming that all members of their team and team personnel (coaches, team service personnel) traveling to the competition were able to produce a negative test upon departure. You will be asked to indicate the team's date of departure on the attestation form. The attestation form will also state that the team and team leadership agree to abide by all COVID-19 protocols in place for the competition (as outlined in this presentation and the COVID-19 Protocol for 2022 Synchronized Skating Qualifying Competitions document).
  - Attestation forms will be provided no later than Friday, Feb 21 via email and copies will be available at the registration desk for the competition.

# ***TEST REQUIREMENT UPDATE - SPECTATORS***



- All spectators attending multiple days of competition or who are traveling with a team but not attending an event until later in the week will receive a protocol validation pass that should be presented with an ID and relevant tickets any additional time they access the facility.
- Spectators (Parents/Chaperones) traveling with the team:
  - Must receive a negative PCR, NAAT or antigen test upon departure for the competition with members of the team (same timeline parameters apply)
  - Should plan to “check-in” to the competition upon arrival even if they do not plan on attending any events at the facility until later in the week to receive their protocol validation pass.
- Spectators NOT traveling with the team:
  - Must produce one of the following upon first arrival at the facility:
    - **\*\*Proof of up-to-date vaccination (inclusive of booster if eligible)**
    - Proof of a negative PCR or NAAT test within 3 days of arrival
    - Proof of a negative rapid antigen test within 1 day of arrival
  - If spectators only plan to attend ONE day of the event, they do not need to receive a protocol validation pass.

**\*\*Only available for spectators who are not traveling or staying with team members.**

# ***MASK REQUIREMENT UPDATE***



- Masks required at ALL times in the facility, including on the ice.
- Must wear an N95, KN95 or a surgical mask plus one additional layer (such as a second surgical mask or a cloth mask) when in the facility
- The only exception will be for skaters on the ice or in off-ice warm-up who may wear a single layer mask such as a single surgical mask or a cloth mask.
- There will be no eating or drinking outside of designated areas while at The Skating Club of Boston, other than athletes who need to drink water.
- Box lunches must be eaten in designated areas or outside of the facility.

# TEAM FACILITY ACCESS CHECKLIST



- Negative test results upon departure for skaters, coaches, team managers, team service personnel, and any parents/chaperones traveling with the team
  - PCR or NAAT test within 3 days of departure
  - Antigen test within 24 hours of departure
  - Proof of a positive test result and/or letter from doctor for anyone who tested positive between 11 and 90 days prior to departure
- Test results collected and compiled from all skaters to be turned in at registration – paper copies preferred but digital copies may be accepted. Must display (and highlight) name, date of test, test result, type of test taken.
- Attestation form signed by head coach and one additional member of team leadership.
- N95, KN95, or surgical masks with one additional layer for all attendees.
  - If desired, single layer surgical masks or cloth masks for skaters on the ice during competition.

\*If a skater participates on multiple teams or in multiple roles, their test will be evaluated based on earliest point of arrival and carry through the remainder of the week. The person checking in the team will however be responsible for noting these types of persons at the point of check-in and still need to have a copy of the test result on-hand.

# ***POSITIVE TEST RESPONSE***



- If you or a member of your team test positive within 10 days of your team departing for competition (including departure tests), they will be subject to a 10-day isolation protocol.
  - [Complete Response Protocol Questionnaire](#)
  - Close contact will be evaluated for exposure, summary outlined below however each scenario will be evaluated individually:
    - Up-to-date on vaccines & no symptoms? green light
    - Tested positive within the last 90 days, already completed a 10-day isolation, no symptoms? green light
    - Up-to-date on vaccines but symptomatic? needs to seek medical attention & receive a doctor's clearance to travel/attend competition
    - Not up-to date on vaccinations? quarantine protocol
    - Not vaccinated? quarantine protocol

**THIS IS NOT THE ACTUAL EVALUATION PROTOCOL.**

There are a wide number of factors that will be considered but this is a baseline to help prepare you for key points being evaluated.



# ***POSITIVE TEST RESPONSE***



Participation exceptions developed by the synchronized skating competitions subcommittee and ratified by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors for the 2022 season (expire June 30).

- A positive test result based on the COVID-19 protocol for attendance at the event will be considered an “on-site illness” under Rule 2823 which would permit the following exceptions. For your team to be cleared under one of these exceptions, a member of your team leadership must complete an Exemption Form on-site found at your competition’s registration desk. This form will be delivered to the Chief Referee of the event and distributed to your officials panel so your team will be judged accordingly.
  - Teams that drop below the minimum number of required skaters will still be eligible to compete.
  - For teams that drop below the minimum number of required skaters to make certain level calls, TN 267 becomes enacted allowing certain calls to still be achieved.
- For teams entered in events in which all teams entered would advance regardless of placement based on the most recent version of the [Advancement Chart](#), if the team is unable to compete in a sectional championship due to the inability to meet COVID-19 Protocol requirements for negative tests, the team will still advance to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

# ***ON-SITE EXPECTATIONS – COVID RESPONSE***



- In the event any attendee begins to display symptoms on-site (even after receiving a negative departure test or checking-in to the competition), they should isolate immediately and seek a rapid antigen tests. A negative antigen test will need to be completed prior to re-accessing the facility. If symptoms continue to develop or worsen, the attendee should consider remaining isolated, regardless of antigen test result, and consider seeing a more sensitive test option such as a PCR or NAAT test.
- Limit time in the arena wherever possible.
- Distancing your team from others wherever possible.
- Enforcing mask usage among your team members and accompanying spectators.
- Please still be prepared for change, nothing is final until it has already happened!

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# ***ON-SITE EXPECTATIONS – LOC INFORMATION***



- Facility diagrams are posted online
  - Alternating on-ice entrances
  - East on-ice entrance will have even-numbered locker rooms and warm-up spaces
  - West on-ice entrance will have odd-numbered locker rooms and warm-up spaces
  - Medical Room is located next to west on-ice entrance
  - Warm-up space and time is scheduled in latest version on website
- Registration Appointments
  - Complete formsite to choose time of check-in (link available on website)
  - Those teams arriving on Tuesday can e-mail [LOC@synchroeast.org](mailto:LOC@synchroeast.org) or [Registration@synchroeast.org](mailto:Registration@synchroeast.org) to schedule a time to register. Please do not just show up to rink, as we may not be able to accommodate you
- No Spectators at unofficial ice
  - Spectators are only allowed in the building during official practice and competition

# ***ON-SITE EXPECTATIONS – LOC INFORMATION***



- **Tickets**
  - Required for all official practice ice and competition from Thursday – Sunday
  - Tickets can be purchased online (link on Event website)
  - Spectators should leave additional time as test results will need to be verified the first time a spectator is in the building
- **Parking**
  - Parking is limited at The Skating Club of Boston but is available for \$10/car (no in & out privileges) – Thursday-Sunday
  - Shuttle from nearby MBTA parking lot will be available on Thursday and Friday (\$3/car)
  - Cars may drop-off, at no charge, in front of building
  - Detailed information (including bus parking diagram) is on website

# ***FIELD OF PLAY REMINDERS***



## Call to Start Reminder: Rule 1322

**Synchronized skating:** Every synchronized team (for both IJS and 6.0 events) must take the starting position and make a signal to the referee of each segment of the competition (short program and free skate) no later than 30 seconds after the team's name has been announced. If this time has expired and the team has not yet taken the starting position, the referee will apply a deduction from the final score as per rule 9923. If 60 seconds started from the call to start have expired and the team has not yet taken the starting position, the team will be considered as withdrawn.

## Review Falls and Interruptions: Rule 1404 Allowance of a Delayed Start or Restart

- 1404 A. If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient, the team captain must stop skating and notify the event referee. No restart may be made if the team captain fails to inform the event referee within 30 seconds after the start. If the interruption happens after the 30 second mark, the performance will continue from the point of interruption. Back-up music must be readily available at rink side. No deduction will be made by the event referee or judges.
- 1404 C. If an interruption or stop in the music or any other adverse condition unrelated to the team 1404 C. If a skater is injured during the performance, or another adverse condition related to the skater (such as health problems or unexpected damage to the skater's clothing or equipment) impedes the skater's/team's skating, the skater must stop skating and either this skater (if possible) or the team captain must report to the event referee. The rest of the team must continue to skate until they are ordered to stop by an acoustic signal of the event referee.

## Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, & Open Juvenile: Welcome to IJS!

***QUESTIONS?***



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