



ISP Points Challenge Announcement

OVERVIEW

The ISP Points Challenge is a virtual opportunity for International Selection Pool (ISP) athletes to compete head to head with the possibility of earning prize money, international assignments, byes, and funding. Athletes will perform their short programs/rhythm dances and free skates/dances on specified days, submit videos of their performances, and a panel of national, international and ISU level U.S. officials will score the programs. Athletes will be ranked by total score, and the ranking list will be updated after each opportunity. Each discipline and level will have up to two opportunities to earn points, and an athlete's best score will be used in the final rankings.

The ISP Points Challenge will be conducted in accordance with the international judging system, the 2021 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, and any relevant U.S. Figure Skating Technical Notifications and ISU Communications. Only ISP athletes may participate.

EVENTS TO BE SKATED

The following events will be skated: junior men, junior ladies, junior pairs, junior ice dance, senior men, senior ladies, senior pairs, and senior ice dance.

See the 2021 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook for program requirements.

REGISTRATION

All athletes must register for the ISP Points Challenge via Formsite. In the case of pairs and dance teams, only one athlete needs to register for the team. Separate registration forms are required for each opportunity. The registration deadline is 7 days prior to the first short program/rhythm dance performance for each respective discipline and level's opportunity.

LINK TO REGISTER: <https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/PointsChallenge/index.html>

LEVELS

There will be separate junior and senior rankings per discipline. Athletes may select their level based on their eligibility either domestically or internationally. For example, if an athlete has tested senior domestically but is still age-eligible for junior internationally, the athlete may choose to compete in either junior or senior in the ISP Points Challenge. Athletes must remain at the same level for the duration of the ISP Points Challenge.

PROCTOR

In order to guarantee the integrity of the event, athletes must provide a proctor for each performance. The proctor should be an impartial person of authority. Athletes are in charge of choosing the proctor and setting up the logistics. Proctor names must be submitted on the registration form. The International Committee and AAC Chairs will approve the proctors, and headquarters will confirm approvals with athletes and coaches no later than three days prior to the performance.

Proctors must watch the program performance, verify that the full performance was completed on the date and time indicated on the athlete's registration, verify that the performance was attempted one time, and verify that the submitted video has not been altered and is the stated performance. The proctor will verify this by signing an affidavit. Signed affidavits should be returned to Courtney Burson (cburson@usfigureskating.org) on the day of the performance.

VIDEO REQUIREMENTS

The final submission by the athlete is verified to be one continuous video and not edited to any extent.

1. Videographer should stand center ice higher up than rink side to capture all corners of the rink.
2. If using a phone, film in landscape mode (turn the phone horizontally for a wide view). For an iPhone, follow these instructions:
 - a. Go to Settings→Camera→Record Video
 - b. Choose 1080p at 60p
 - c. Switch to Airplane Mode
 - d. Make sure there is enough space available on your phone to record. We recommend at least 2GB of available space.
 - e. Clean your camera lens.
3. If available, mount your phone on a tripod or steady mount. If handheld, the videographer should follow the athlete as smoothly as possible.
4. Include a time stamp at the beginning of the video. Hold up a phone in front of the camera that shows the date and time, then begin filming the program.
5. Record a test video.
6. Keep frame clear of other skaters and make sure there is no background music or noise.

VIDEO UPLOAD INSTRUCTIONS

All videos should be uploaded by the stated deadlines to the link below.

1. Rename video to: Opportunity #_Name_Program_Date
 - a. Example: Opportunity 1_Tara Lipinski_SP_09092020
2. Upload videos HERE: <https://www.hightail.com/u/USFIGURESKATINGVIDEO>
3. Email Courtney Burson (cburson@usfigureskating.org) and CC their coach to confirm submission

Performance videos must be uploaded by 8:00pm ET/7:00pm CT/6:00pm MT/5:00pm PT on the day of the performance.

PANELS OF OFFICIALS

Officials will consist of national, international, and ISU level U.S. officials. Pending extenuating circumstances, the same panel will officiate both opportunities for each discipline (i.e. the junior ladies panel will remain the same for the entire challenge).

EVENT JUDGING

Judging of both programs will take place AFTER both programs are submitted by the athletes. The accountant will generate a random skating order for the short program/rhythm dance per rule 2720 and for the free skate/dance per rule 2730. Judging will take place on the days indicated on the schedule.

RESULTS

Results will be posted publicly. Athletes/teams will be ranked by personal best score for each event.

PRIZE MONEY

The following prize money will be distributed after the conclusion of the ISP Points Challenge. Prize money is split for pairs and dance teams.

Senior Event Prize Money					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th
Singles	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$3,000	\$2,000
Pairs/Dance	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$3,000
Junior Event Prize Money					
	1 st	2 nd	3 rd		
Singles	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000		
Pairs/Dance	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$1,000		

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating accepts 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.

SCHEDULE

Junior Singles

Opportunity 1

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, August 26

Short Program: Wednesday, September 2

Free Skate: Thursday, September 3

Judged On: Friday, September 4

Opportunity 2

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 16

Short Program: Wednesday, September 23

Free Skate: Thursday, September 24

Judged On: Friday, September 25

Senior Singles

Opportunity 1

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 2

Short Program: Wednesday, September 9 OR 16*

Free Skate: Thursday, September 10 OR 17*

*Programs must be completed on consecutive days.

Judged On: Friday, September 18

Opportunity 2

Registration Deadline: Thursday, September 24

Short Program: Thursday, October 1

Free Skate: Friday, October 2

Judged On: Saturday, October 3

Junior Pairs

Opportunity 1

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 2

Short Program: Wednesday, September 9

Free Skate: Thursday, September 10

Judged On: Saturday, September 12

Opportunity 2

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 16

Short Program: Wednesday, September 23

Free Skate: Thursday, September 24

Judged On: Saturday, September 26

Senior Pairs

Opportunity 1

Registration Deadline: Thursday, September 3

Short Program: Thursday, September 10 OR 17*

Free Skate: Friday, September 11 OR 18*

*Programs must be completed on consecutive days.

Judged On: Saturday, September 19

Opportunity 2

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 23

Short Program: Wednesday, September 30

Free Skate: Thursday, October 1

Judged On: Friday, October 2

Junior Dance

Opportunity 1

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 2

Rhythm Dance: Wednesday, September 9

Free Dance: Thursday, September 10

Judged On: Saturday, September 12

Opportunity 2

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 23

Rhythm Dance: Wednesday, September 30

Free Dance: Thursday, October 1

Judged On: Friday, October 2

Senior Dance

Opportunity 1

Registration Deadline: Thursday, September 3

Rhythm Dance: Thursday, September 10 OR 17*

Free Dance: Friday, September 11 OR 18*

*Programs must be completed on consecutive days.

Judged On: Saturday, September 19

Opportunity 2

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, September 23

Rhythm Dance: Wednesday, September 30

Free Dance: Thursday, October 1

Judged On: Friday, October 2