



2020 NE and NA Fall Classic

Hosted by the North Star Figure Skating Club

Date: Sunday October 20, 2019

REGISTRATION OPEN: JULY 15, 2019

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

The 2020 NE and NA Fall Classic 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 which 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, and is 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. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

Age restrictions/requirements: Skaters entering open juvenile free skate events (Well Balanced Program) must be at least 13 years of age at the close of entries.

Skaters entering beginner-pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

ENTRIES: Entries will only be accepted online via EMS at www.usfsaonline.org. Online registration opens July 15, 2019 and closes September 1, 2019 at 11:59pm. **Note: the LOC and Chief Referee have the ability to close registration prior to this deadline based on entry numbers.** Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password. If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

ENTRY FEES: All EMS registration fees are credit card only and include a 3% processing fee paid by the skater. Entry fees are as follows:

EXCEL & WELL-BALANCED EVENTS (NO TEST – PRE. JUV + OPEN JUV.): \$95.00

COMPETE USA EVENTS (PROGRAM & ELEMENTS): \$65.00, \$25.00 for second event

**all entries subject to a credit card processing fee*

Please note, all events may be combined at the discretion of the referee and LOC.

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.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
 - a. For best experience, the Google Chrome browser is recommended
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click the blue EMS button
4. Click “Competition Registration”
5. Choose “2020 NE and NA Fall Classic” from the list of competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

EMS SKATER PORTAL:

Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Skater Portal for this competition. This is where you will manage [music](#) upload as well as [purchase practice ice](#), view the [competition schedule](#) (once available) and update [coach information](#).

To access your skater portal, click the BLUE Event Management System button on the Members Only landing page then select “My Competitions.”

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after September 1, 2019 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The credit card processing fees are non-refundable.

SCHEDULE: Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available via EMS as soon as possible after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at [NorthStar Ice Sports](#) located at 15 Bridle Lane, Westborough MA, 01581. The two competition ice surfaces are 85' x 200'. The third rink measures 80' X 190' and will most likely be used for practice ice. The arena has a snack bar and free parking.

MUSIC UPLOAD:

All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than October 1, 2019. **There will be a \$25 fee for all music submitted after the October 1 deadline.** All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

[CLICK HERE FOR MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file
- 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. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, North Star FSC, and NorthStar 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.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for ALL EVENTS.

CHECK-IN/INFORMATION DESK:

This desk will begin one hour before the first event in the lobby. Please check-in promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice is **not** included in your entry fee & can only be purchased through U.S. Figure Skating's EMS module. Please review the information below in full prior to emailing the host club AND purchasing practice ice.

[CLICK HERE FOR EMS PRACTICE ICE HOW TO](#)

OPEN SALES:

Once the schedule is released, skaters can purchase unofficial practice ice (UPI) sessions for **\$20.00**. The Open Sales window will close on Wednesday, October 16th at 7:00 pm ET.

ONSITE:

If available, unofficial practice ice sessions will be sold onsite at the event for **\$25.00**, cash only.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to 1st to 4th place finishers in each group.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: All competition information and notices will be posted on the competition website. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 1 hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal. All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

EMS Coach Resources: [My Skaters](#), [Schedule](#), [Skater Music/PPC](#) (read only)

U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2019-20 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through <http://www.usfsaonline.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches via EMS, verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database who are approved to receive a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:
<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

LOCKER ROOM/CHANGING ROOM POLICIES:

North Star FSC follows U.S. Figure Skating locker room policies. For additional information, click [here](#).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Information with regard to accommodations, travel, admission and more can be found on the competition website; <http://www.northstarfsc.com/>

QUESTIONS?

**Email Competition Chair Enid Coughlin
at 2020FallClassic@gmail.com**

EVENTS OFFERED:

- A. Well Balanced Free Skate Events No Test – Pre Juvenile and Open Juvenile
Requirements: <http://www.usfsa.org/content/2018-19%20Singles%20FS%20Chart.pdf>
- B. Excel Beginner-Senior
Requirements: <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/fQYsm1BNRQ7jvyFws3kPdtLA>
Note: events will be held utilizing the 2018-2019 Excel Program Requirements
- C. Compete USA Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-6 Programs.
Requirements: [https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Snowplow%20Sam%20-%20Free%20Skate%206%20Program%20\(with%20music\).docx](https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Snowplow%20Sam%20-%20Free%20Skate%206%20Program%20(with%20music).docx)
- D. Compete USA Snowplow Sam and Basic 1-6 Elements.
Requirements: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/content/Snowplow%20Sam%20-%20Free%20Skate%206%20Elements.docx>