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# Robin Lee Midwest Open & Summer Skate Competition

Hosted by the Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis  
At the St Louis Park Rec Center

## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The **Robin Lee Midwest Open & Summer Skate** will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and [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, Learn to Skate USA® member, or a 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.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **Singles: Excel**

- 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.
  - o Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement 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:
  - o 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

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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 Track 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 free skate and a Championship Track 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 Track event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).

#### **All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):**

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

#### **EVENTS OFFERED:**

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org) --> Skate -> Compete --> Program Requirements
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** [learntoskateusa.com/competeusa](http://learntoskateusa.com/competeusa)
- **Skate United:** For any Skate United (S.U.) Athlete, please have them register for their appropriate level under the “standard” option. Once the registration is complete, the following form must be submitted to the competition chair via email at [robinlee@fscmpls.org](mailto:robinlee@fscmpls.org).
  - [Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form](#)
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at [robinlee@fscmpls.org](mailto:robinlee@fscmpls.org).
  - [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Pre – Senior)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Championship Track Free Skate <i>*formerly Well Balanced*</i> (Pre-Pre – Pre-Juv)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Exhibition Skate <i>(critique &amp; feedback as able)</i> (Championship Juvenile – Senior)	NA	\$100.00	\$40.00
<b>ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Compulsory Moves (Level 1 – 8)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Jumps Challenge (Level 1 – 9)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Spins Challenge (Level 1 – 6)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
<b>SHOWCASE</b> (Maximum of 2 Showcase Events per Skater allowed)	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Choreographic Artistry (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Lyrical Pop (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Character Performance (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Comedic Impressions (Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Duets/Trios (Preliminary – Senior, Adult)	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Theme Event	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
Inflatables	CJS	\$135.00	\$45.00
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$75.00	\$30.00
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$75.00	\$30.00
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	CJS	\$75.00	\$30.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	CJS	\$75.00	\$30.00
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	CJS	\$75.00	\$30.00
Adult Free Skate (Beginner – High Beginner)	CJS	\$75.00	\$30.00

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**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 valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program receives, 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](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

**ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/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 by the registration deadline at [robinlee@fscmpls.org](mailto:robinlee@fscmpls.org).

## **COMPLIANCE:**

### **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 in Members Only, click the blue "COACH" button. 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.

### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Registration Deadline: July 1, 2026 – 11:59pm CT

Late Registration Deadline: July 8, 2026 – 11:59pm CT + \$35 Late Fee

\*The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met

Online entry only with secure credit card payment is available at

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Services supplied by The EntryEeze system. Upon receiving your application online, an email will be sent to the skater's coach to review the entry(ies) for accuracy, correct level, and desired events. Additionally, an email will be sent to the skater's home club official to certify the skater's standing within the club.

Event fees listed above.

Late Fee: \$35.00 (deadline of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 11:59pm)

Change Fee: \$35.00

Late Music Fee: \$35.00 (deadline of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:59pm)

### **EXHIBITION SKATE (Critiques & Feedback as possible)**

If you are interested in an exhibition skate of your IJS program, we're here for you! Register for the exhibition option to get ahead of the season and get a simulation skate under your belt – have the ice all to yourself and get the nerves out early in the season. Critiques and Feedback will be available as the judging schedule allows.

### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

**All skaters must submit music electronically via EntryEeze.** Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via EntryEeze by the music deadline of July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:59pm. **Any music file submitted through EntryEeze after the deadline will incur a \$35.00 fee.** After you have paid for your 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 then selecting “my music”.

All music uploads must be in .MP3 format and must not have leaders or trailers that exceed two (2) seconds.

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.

### **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. Online processing fees are not refundable. No refund will be made for medical withdrawals.

### **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, the Figure Skating Club of Minneapolis and St Louis Park Rec Center 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**

### **FACILITIES:**

St Louis Park Rec Center  
3700 Monterey Dr, St Louis Park, MN 55416

[Facility Website](#)

Rink Size: 200' x 85'

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only and 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](#).

### **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 who are at least 8 years of age 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:**

Please check our competition website for any updates or changes.

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Any major changes will be emailed out to competitors and posted on the website. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the website 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. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

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### **PRACTICE ICE:**

Practice Ice will be available for purchase through EntryEeze. Practice Ice will be available the evening of Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and the morning of Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

- No music will be played during practice ice
- Practice Ice will be 20 min per session
- \$20 per skater, per session
- There will be a maximum number of 20 skaters on each practice ice session
- No refunds will be issued for unused practice ice
- Practice Ice will be available to schedule once the competition schedule has been posted

### **ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

Check-in will open on Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and will be located at the main entrance to the arena.

### **AWARDS:**

Robin Lee Midwest Open: Awards will be presented to all skaters placing 1st through 4th. Awards will be available immediately next to the competition rink, as soon as results are posted.

Robin Lee Summer Skate: Awards will be presented to all skaters who participate. Awards will be available immediately next to the competition rink, as soon as results are posted.

### **VOLUNTEER INFO:**

It certainly takes a village to put up a great competition. If you are interested in helping make this the best Robin Lee to date, please reach out and we'd love to find a role for you! [info@fscmpls.org](mailto:info@fscmpls.org)

### **PHOTO/VIDEO:**

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](mailto:music@usfigureskating.org).

There will be no official photography or videography at this year's Robin Lee Midwest Open and Summer Skate.

A photo backdrop will be available for self-taken photos.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Competition website: [www.fscmpls.org/robin-lee](http://www.fscmpls.org/robin-lee)

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Debbie Tallen	<a href="mailto:debbie@fscmpls.org">debbie@fscmpls.org</a>
Chief Referee:	Jennifer Gillespie	<a href="mailto:jennifergillespiefsa@gmail.com">jennifergillespiefsa@gmail.com</a>
Competition Co-Chair:	Leah Herder	<a href="mailto:leah@fscmpls.org">leah@fscmpls.org</a>
Volunteer Chair:	Kellie Schmidt	<a href="mailto:kellie@fscmpls.org">kellie@fscmpls.org</a>

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