



ANNOUNCING THE 49TH ANNUAL 2023 W.I.M. COMPETITION March 23, 24, 25, 26, 2023

Sponsored by: Greater Milwaukee FSC Sanctioned by: United States Figure Skating

2023 W.I.M. invites you to participate in the

EXCEL SERIES

There will be a test session held at the competition, tentatively set for Thursday or Friday evening Pre-Juvenile thru Senior levels. Forms will follow in February online at <u>wim@greatermilwaukeefsc.org</u>

EVENTS: Free Skate: Well Balanced, Excel Series, Adult Specialty Events: Short Program, Compulsory, Jumps, Spins, Solo Dance

ENTRY DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 16. 2023

Chief Referee: Dorothy Jamison Chief Accountant: Elizabeth Harty

Greater Milwaukee FSC 49th Annual 2023 W.I.M. Skating Competition March 23, 24, 25, 26, 2023 Sanctioned by United States Figure Skating

The W.I.M. Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</u>, as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating <u>website</u>.

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 <u>rulebook</u> for non-U.S. Citizens.

COVID-19 EVENT POLICIES:

The Greater Milwaukee FSC and the Wilson Park Recreation Center will be complying with all federal, state and local regulations and all additional health notices at the W.I.M. 2023 Competition. For further

For the most recent U.S Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, <u>CLICK HERE</u> for further information.

SERIES INFORMATION:

The Greater Milwaukee FSC is a designated Excel Series Competition for the 2023 Excel Series. As an Excel Series event, skaters entered in the Series levels will earn points for their placement here in order to qualify for the National Festival. Skaters must be registered for the Excel Series prior to Competing at designated competition or by **March 1, 2023.** For any questions related to the Excel Series, contact Excelseries@usfigureskating.org

Excel Series Registration | Excel Series Information

ADULT:

For Excel Series 'Qualifying' Events

The Excel Series Standings for 'qualifying events' will be available for viewing in EMS. The standings will Display a sectional rank.

<u>To access the standings</u>: Login the Members Only at <u>https://m.usfigureskating.org</u>

Select EMS, Click "Series information" and choose "2023 Excel Series". Select "Standings".

For Excel Series "Open" Events

To access Open Event Standings:

Log into Members Only at https://m.usfigureskating.org

Select Skating Opportunities, then select Excel, then select Excel Series info,

Open events standings will be updated on a bi-weekly basis throughout the Excel Series season, starting February 1, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY

TEST LEVEL:

For competitions held after December 1, singles athletes may register based their highest test passed as of the entry deadline OR the level of their paid EMS Series Application for the National Qualifying Series (NQS) or National Excel Series (Excel) which will establish the athlete's competitive level ("floor") deadline.

For example, if an athlete passed their junior free skate test in November and competed in the 2022-23 NQS as a Novice from July - September, they may register for either novice or junior in excel or well-balanced events. The novice level will remain their **competitive floor** until they complete an EMS Series Application at the junior level or higher for NQS or Excel. For additional information on these eligibility updates, click <u>here</u>.

Eligibility Notes:

- 1. The singles free skate test levels will remain as a minimum requirement to compete.
- 2. Athletes may not skate down in any event.
- 3. This update does NOT apply to Adult, Showcase and Solo Dance.

If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian need assistance with confirming their eligibility, email <u>events@usfigureskating.org</u>.

SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE: For complete details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: <u>www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe</u>

<u>COMPETITION REGISTRATION</u>: Registrations will be accepted online

All events...Beginner thru Senior (6.0 and IJS)

\$175.00 first event \$35.00 each additional event

<u>NOTE:</u> In the event that a skater is signed up for the incorrect level or event (the Chief Referee must approve all changes after the deadline) an additional fee of \$35.00 will be charged to the skater if the referee approves the change. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Chief Referee and must be accompanied by a \$35.00 late fee.

EMS REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted via <u>EMS</u>. Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% transaction fee

*Registration deadline: February 16, 2023 at 11:59PM ET

- *If late registrations are allowed, a \$35.00 fee will be accessed.
 - 1) Go to https://m.usfigureskating.org
 - 2) Enter your U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.
 - a) If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at <u>memberservices@usfigureskating.org</u>
 - 3) Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
 - 4) Choose "W.I.M. Competition" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a) If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org

<u>REFUND POLICY</u>: Entry fees will not be refunded after **February 16, 2023. at 11:59PM ET** unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. **There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals (injuries, COCID-19, flu, other sickness, etc.).** The online processing fees are nonrefundable. **Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be charged a \$35.00 fee**. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available on EMS.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at the Wilson Park Recreation Center located at 4001 South 20th Street, Milwaukee, WI. 53221. The rink phone number is 414-281-6289. The size of the ice is 85 X 200 and a snack bar is available.

MUSIC Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to, EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO no later than **March 5, 2023 by 11:59PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$35.00 late fee**. 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. If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

MUSIC CRITERIA: All music must meet the following criteria. EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance email productsupport@usfigureskating,org

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available at rink side, whenever the skater competes. If the phone does have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter such an Apple Lightning 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 volume turned to maximum.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY Deadline: March 5, 2023 by 11:59PM ET

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: <u>CLICK HERE</u> If you need assistance, email <u>productsupport@usfigreskating.org</u>

Competitors participating in IJS events ate required to submit PPC in EMS no later than March 5, 2023 by 11:59PM ET. After this date, Skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$35.00 late fee. The late fee will be 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.

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

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LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Greater Milwaukee FSC and Wilson Park Recreation 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.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: The W.I.M. 2023 Competition will follow the **Locker Room and Changing Area** policy included in the SkateSafe Handbook. Detailed information can be found in the SkateSafe Handbook CLICK HERE. We advise skaters to arrive at the rink 45 minutes prior to you event and be prepared to skate. Signs will be clearly posted for changing areas. All locker rooms (if available) will have their doors kept open. If there will be no changing areas available, bathrooms are available at the facility, However skaters **must come dressed** and ready to skate. There will be "ready areas" available

SCHEDULE: Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dated 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. Please check the registration desk during the competition as well as the Official Bulletin Board in Wilson Park Recreation Center.

REGISTRATION DESK: Registration will begin on Thursday, March 23, 2023 beginningat4:00pm. The registration counter will be located at the window in the main lobby. Please register promptly upon arrival. Each skater must check in upon arrival, at least 45 minutes before each event. If you skate multiple days, e.g., Friday and Saturday, please check in with the registration counter both days to confirm your event.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice will be sold at EMS and at the registration counter. Availability will be dependent on scheduling of the competition. For further inquiries on practice ice you can email us at wim@greatermilwaukeefsc.org. All sessions will be \$15.00 per one half hour session. Cash or checks only sold at the rink and credit card in EMS

WITHDRAWALS, SCRATCHES: To withdraw before the competition, call Ralph Dahlman (414-282-3948) or <u>www.greatermilwaukeefsc.org</u>. If you must scratch one or more events after checking in, please notify the

Registration Counter at the rink.

VIDEOGRAPHY: Videos will be contracted with Chicago Star Productions. The entry includes your video. Please note, per U.S. Figure Skating Policy, photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own Skater is strictly prohibited. Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member's Only.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to the top four places in each event. Awards will consist of medals in all events with the exception of dance which will be plaques.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby. 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 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at the registration desk or pre-purchase during registration through EMS. Test credit forms must be requested prior to the last IJS event of the competition. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. All test credit packets will require a \$15.00 fee.

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Figure Skating Travel Policy: All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-one and two-Deep- Leadership requirements must be adhere 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 of the <u>SkateSafe Handbook</u>.

<u>Skate Safe</u>: For full details about Skate Safe Compliance at U.S. Figure Skating compliances, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating Skate Safe webpage: <u>www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe</u>

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES: To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by US Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into these three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found <u>HERE</u>

All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no except

The Greater Milwaukee FSC will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for 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. Coaches will need to wear the official competition name badge in order to be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Holiday Inn & Suites	Hampton Inn	Comfort Suites	Country Inn
545 West Layton Ave.	1200 West College Ave.	6362 So. 13St.	6200 So. 13 St.
Milwaukee, WI 53207	Milwaukee, WI 53221	Oak Creek, WI 53154	Milwaukee, WI5322
414-482-4444	414-762-4240	414-570-1111	414-762-6018

EVENTS OFFERED:

Click HERE to view the program requirements for the current season.

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SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st Event	2 nd and 3 rd
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Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus, Pre- Juvenile Plus, Juvenile, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate, Intermediate Plus, Novice, Junior and Senior)	IJS	\$175	\$35
Excel Free Skate (Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$175	\$35
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior)	IJS	\$175	\$35
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test, Pre- Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$175	\$35
Well Balanced Free Skate (Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice Junior, Senior)	IJS	\$175	\$35
Adult Free Skate (Pre-Bronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold)	6.0	\$175	\$35
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd and 3 rd Event Price
Compulsory Moves (No Test-Senior)	6.0	\$175	\$35
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beginner- Excel Preliminary)	6.0	\$175	\$35
Adult Compulsory Moves (Pre-Bronze – Gold)	6.0	\$175	\$35
Jumps Challenge (Pre-Preliminary-Senior)	6.0	\$175	\$35
Spins Challenge (Beginner-Senior)	6.0	\$175	\$35
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1 st Event Price	2 nd and 3 rd Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$175	\$35