

**PHILADELPHIA SKATING CLUB AND HUMANE SOCIETY
CHALLENGE CUP 2013**

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT AND ENTRY FORM

- DATES:** September 19 – September 22, 2013
- LOCATION:** The Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society
220 Holland Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania 19003
(610) 642-8700 FAX (610) 645-9635 E-mail: pschs@pschs.org
- SANCTION:** Sanctioned by U. S. Figure Skating
- CHAIRPERSON:** Ann O'Keefe
- GENERAL:** This non-qualifying competition will be as similar as possible to the 2014 qualifying competitions. It is hoped that the skaters will view Challenge Cup as a useful "warm-up" for the competition season.
- RULES:** The competition will be conducted according to the most current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, 2014 edition, with changes and clarifications as posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site and in this announcement. *Compliance with these rules as updated or amended is the responsibility of the participants.*
- Juvenile through Senior events as well as Adult Gold and Adult Masters Free skate events will be judged using the International Judging System (IJS). All other events (including Open Juvenile) will be judged using the 6.0 system.
- Intermediate through Senior Singles and Pairs events are combined events therefore short and long free skating programs are considered one event. *If a skater or team does not compete in the Short Program, they will be considered withdrawn from the Free Skate.*
- Dance events are considered separate events; competitors may register for Pattern Dance, Short Dance and Free Dance as individual events.
- ELIGIBILITY:** All entrants must be Eligible skaters who are members of US Figure Skating. Test requirements are as of close of entries. Skaters may skate up one level.
- ENTRY:** You must enter this competition online **only** through our website (pschs.org) which will take you to the EntryEeze.com website by midnight on August 18, 2013. **No paper entries will be accepted.** Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Referee and will require a \$50 late entry fee. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS** except for cancellation of an event (less than two entries) or death in the immediate family. Please note that the online convenience fee is not refundable for any reason.

Entry Fees:

- * \$120 per event per skater or couple for IJS Singles and Pairs events.
- * \$95 per event per skater for all other Singles and Pairs events
- * Dance Events: \$95 for the first event and \$40 for other events **AT THE SAME LEVEL.**
- * Entering online at www.pschs.org with a secure credit card payment is the **only** way to enter this competition. Simply follow the link 2013 Challenge Cup to register for the

competition and pay with a credit card (Visa, MasterCard and Discover only please). You will be charged an online non-refundable processing fee by Entryeze.com.

* Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Referee. There will be a late entry fee of \$50.

* **No refunds will be granted except for canceled events (less than two entries) or death in the immediate family.**

* PSC&HS reserves the right to limit entries.

* Events with groups: Groups will be judged separately (no final rounds) with awards for each group.

* Please review your application closely with your coach to ensure you have entered the correct events/levels. Once names have been submitted to the Chief Referee, no changes will be made except those due to an error by the LOC. After the tentative schedule is posted online, any change in registration because of an error on your application will result in a \$25 fee per change.

***PLANNED
PROGRAM
CONTENT
FORM***

All Juvenile and above competitors *MUST* complete the Planned Program Content form online by **September 2, 2013**. This can be completed on the entryeze.com website or the form can be found in your personal profile after you log into the Members Only link on the U.S. Figure Skating website at www.usfigureskating.org. *HOWEVER, please note that information entered into the PPC Form on the USFS site will take priority over any information entered into the PPC Form on the Entryeze site.* After 9/2/13, all PPC submissions or revisions to previously submitted PPC's for this competition must be made through the US Figure Skating website."

The Members Only link is located at the top of the US Figure Skating home page. Log in with your U.S. Figure Skating membership number and password*. Once your record is open select "Online Event Reg." Then select "Event Manager," then select "Program Content." Find the listing for Challenge Cup by scrolling until you find it. Then "Add New Form." Then select the skating discipline and the specific event level. Complete the form and save it. Changes to your PPC form can be made until 1 week prior to the event.

*If you do not have a password to log into your profile, follow the instructions on the top of the log-in screen. You must have an e-mail address on file in your profile in order to receive your password from USFS. Contact Member Services at 719-635-5200 if you need assistance on this matter.

COACHES:

Consistent with US Figure Skating rules, all coaches must be listed as Coaches Education requirement (CER) Category B compliant (or higher). A chart of US Figure Skating requirements for coaches can be found on the US Figure Skating website at www.usfigureskating.org

RINK:

All events will be held at the PSC&HS. The ice surface measures 195' x 85' with NO boards. 5" edge. No smoking is permitted in the PSC&HS. No flash pictures permitted during events.

PRACTICE:

A limited number of official practice ice sessions will be offered Wednesday evening, September 18th, Thursday morning and evening, September 19th, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Registration for practice will be made available after the competition deadline and will be mailed out to all registered participants.

SCHEDULE: The schedule for the competition will be available only by visiting www.pschs.org and clicking the EntryEeze link. The schedule will NOT be available by phone, mail or e-mail. Please check for schedule changes prior to traveling to the competition.

MUSIC: **Unplayable music media may result in disqualification from your event.** The Club will provide music for compulsory dances. For all other events, CD's or mini disks will be accepted. They must be clearly marked with name, event, and music length. Each CD or mini-disk must have only one track recorded on it. **Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CD-RW" discs.** Please pick up your music promptly after your event has ended.

All possible care will be taken, however, PSC&HS assumes no responsibility or liability due to loss or damage to any music. **All competitors must have duplicate music available at rinkside during their event in case of a problem with the original disk.**

AWARDS: Medals will be presented for First, Second, Third, and Fourth places in each event.

The *ROBERT HOREN DANCE TROPHY* will be presented to the winners of the Junior Free Dance Event

The *CHALLENGE CUP* will be presented to the Club receiving the most points as awarded for medal placements.

REGISTRATION: Please arrive one hour prior to your scheduled event. Report to the Registration Desk where you will hand in your music and receive a skater's information packet. Competitors who arrive after their warm-up group begins will be allowed to skate only at the discretion of the Referee. If they do not skate, they will forfeit all fees for that event.

VIDEO: Only battery operated video equipment will be permitted.

HOUSING: Room blocks are available at the following hotel:
Crowne Plaza Philadelphia West, 4010 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19131. Phone - 215-477-0200. \$99 nightly rate, reservations must be received by September 6th. Please mention Philadelphia Skating Club when making reservations.

We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early due to limited availability.

COMPOSITION OF EVENTS

GENERAL

The well-balanced program charts for all levels and disciplines are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site at http://www.usfsa.org/New_Judging.asp As referenced earlier in this announcement, all changes made by the ISU with regard to well-balanced programs will be incorporated. Please refer to this web site often for continuous updates.

SENIOR, JUNIOR and NOVICE SINGLES (2013-2014 current ISU Requirements)

Please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging as noted above. Short and Long programs combined.

INTERMEDIATE SINGLES

Short and Long programs combined. The Short Program for Intermediate Singles will follow the current USFS rules. The Free Skate program will follow the current USFS Rules for Well Balanced Program

JUVENILE, OPEN JUVENILE, PRE-JUVENILE, PRELIMINARY, PRE-PRELIMINARY and NO TEST SINGLES

Free Skate only. All Free Skate programs will follow the current USFS Rules for Well Balanced Program.

DURATION OF SINGLES SHORT & FREE SKATE PROGRAMS

LEVEL	Short program duration maximum	Free Skate duration is plus/minus 10 seconds
Senior Men	2:50 max	4:30 +/- 10 sec
Senior Ladies	2:50 max	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Junior Men	2:50 max	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Junior Ladies	2:50 max	3:30 +/- 10 sec
Novice Men	2:30 max	3:30 +/- 10 sec
Novice Ladies	2:30 max	3:00 +/- 10 sec
Intermediate Men & Ladies	2:00 max	2:30 +/- 10 sec
Juvenile Boys & Girls		2:15 +/- 10 sec
Open Juvenile Boys & Girls		2:15 +/- 10 sec
Pre-Juvenile Boys & Girls		2:00 +/- 10 sec
Preliminary Boys & Girls		1:30 +/- 10 sec
Pre-Preliminary Boys & Girls		1:00- 1:30
No Test Boys & Girls		1:00- 1:30

SENIOR, JUNIOR and NOVICE PAIRS (2013-2014 current ISU Requirements)

Please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging. Short and Long programs combined.

INTERMEDIATE PAIRS

Short and Long programs combined. The Short Program and Free Skate for Intermediate Singles will follow the current USFS rules.

JUVENILE PAIRS

The Free Skate program for Juvenile Pairs will follow the current USFS rules.

DURATION OF PAIRS SHORT & FREE SKATE PROGRAMS

LEVEL	Short program duration maximum	Free Skate duration is plus/minus 10 seconds
Senior Pairs	2:50 max	4:30 +/- 10 sec
Junior Pairs	2:50 max	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Novice Pairs	2:50 max	3:30 +/- 10 sec
Intermediate Pairs	2:30 max	3:00 +/- 10 sec
Juvenile Pairs		2:30 +/- 10 sec

NOVICE, INTERMEDIATE, JUVENILE, PRE-JUVENILE AND all ADULT PATTERN DANCES

Events will consist of 2 (two) dances with no final round.

Novice.....	Argentine Tango, Kilian
Intermediate.....	Tango, American Waltz
Juvenile.....	Fourteenstep, Hickory Hoedown
Pre-Juvenile.....	Dutch Waltz, Cha-Cha
Adult Gold.....	Paso Doble, Westminster Waltz
Adult Pre-Gold.....	Rocker Foxtrot, Kilian
Adult Silver.....	European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot
Adult Pre-Silver.....	Willow Waltz, Foxtrot
Adult Bronze.....	Cha-Cha, TenFox
Adult Pre-Bronze.....	Dutch Waltz, Cha-Cha
Adult Centennial.....	Foxtrot, Tango

SENIOR, JUNIOR, SHORT DANCE (2013-2014 current ISU Requirements)

As noted above, please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging.

SENIOR, JUNIOR, NOVICE FREE DANCE

As noted above, please consult the current rules for requirements under the IJS system of judging.

INTERMEDIATE, JUVENILE FREE DANCE

The Intermediate and Juvenile Dances will follow the current USFS rules.

ADULT GOLD, ADULT PRE-GOLD FREE DANCE

The Adult Gold and Adult Pre-Gold Free Dances will follow the current USFS rules.

DURATION OF SHORT DANCE AND FREE DANCE PROGRAMS

ICE DANCE	Short Dance duration is plus/minus 10 seconds	Free Dance duration is as noted
Senior Dance	2:50 +/- 10 sec	4:00 +/- 10 sec
Junior Dance	2:50 +/- 10 sec	3:30 +/- 10 sec
Novice Dance	N/A	3:00 +/- 10 sec
Intermediate Dance	N/A	2:30 +/- 10 sec
Juvenile Dance	N/A	2:15 +/- 10 sec
Adult Gold Dance	N/A	3:10 max
Adult Pre-Gold Dance	N/A	3:10 max

ADULT SINGLES FREE SKATE (free Skate only)

The Adult Masters, Adult Gold, Adult Silver, Adult Bronze Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate events will follow the current USFS rules. Age categories will be combined.

DURATION OF ADULT SINGLES FREE SKATE PROGRAMS

ADULT SINGLES	Free Skate duration is as noted
Adult Masters Ladies	3:40 max
Adult Masters Men	3:40 max
Adult Gold Ladies	2:40 max
Adult Gold Men	2:40 max
Adult Silver Ladies	2:10 max
Adult Silver Men	2:10 max
Adult Bronze Ladies	1:50 max
Adult Bronze men	1:50 max
Adult Pre-Bronze Ladies	1:40 max
Adult Pre-Bronze men	1:40 max

Entries must be received no later than August 18, 2013

Planned Program Content Forms are due no later than September 2, 2013

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Competitor's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ E-Mail Address _____

Home Club _____ USFSA # _____

2012/2013 Sectional/Regional Competition Record _____

Coach _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Highest Test Passed (as of 8/18/13): Fig _____ MITF _____ Freeskate _____
Dance _____ Pairs _____

Entries must be postmarked no later than August 18, 2013

Each entry (pairs or dance) must submit an individual entry

Senior, Junior, Novice, and Intermediate Singles and Senior, Junior, and Novice Pairs includes short and long programs. This means if the skater (or team) does not skate in the SP, they may not skate in the Free Skate Program.

	Senior Ladies		Senior Men		Senior Short Dance
	Junior Ladies		Junior Men		Junior Short Dance
	Novice Ladies		Novice Men		
	Intermediate Ladies		Intermediate Men		Novice Dance PD
	Juvenile Girls		Juvenile Boys		Intermediate Dance PD
	Open Juvenile Girls		Open Juvenile Boys		Juvenile Dance PD
	Pre-Juvenile Girls		Pre-Juvenile Boys		Pre-Juvenile Dance PD
	Preliminary Girls		Preliminary Boys		Adult Gold PD
	Pre-Preliminary Girls		Pre-Preliminary Boys		Adult Pre-Gold PD
	No Test Girls		No Test Boys		Adult Silver PD
	Adult Masters Ladies		Adult Masters Men		Adult Pre-Silver PD
	Adult Gold Ladies		Adult Gold Men		Adult Bronze PD
	Adult Silver Ladies		Adult Silver Men		Adult Pre-Bronze PD
	Adult Bronze Ladies		Adult Bronze Men		Centennial Dance PD
	Adult Pre-Bronze Ladies		Adult Pre-Bronze Men		
					Senior Dance FD
	Senior Pairs		Adult Gold FD		Junior Dance FD
	Junior Pairs		Adult Pre-Gold FD		Novice Dance FD
	Novice Pairs				Intermediate Dance FD
	Intermediate Pairs		Juvenile Pairs		Juvenile Dance FD

Partner's Name _____ USFSA # _____

Each entry must be signed below by a club officer from the skater's home club:

I hereby approve the entry of the above skater and certify that he/she is eligible to compete in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating and this competition:

SIGNED _____ TITLE _____

SKATER'S SIGNATURE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE (if skater is under 18) _____

Please note: No refunds will be granted except for canceled events (less than two entries) or death in the immediate family.

NOTE DEADLINE - AUGUST 18, 2013



RELEASE

In consideration of the participant being permitted to register and participate in ice skating at The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society, we do hereby forever release and discharge its Directors, Agents, Employees and any person or corporation connected herewith from all manner of action, injury, damages, costs, claims or demands which we will, shall, or may hereafter have suffer or receive by reason of each participant in any program at The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society release shall be binding on our heirs, assigns, executors and administrators. It is further agreed that The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society shall not be considered to guarantee or warrant such equipment as may be used in the conducting of said ice skating program. In addition, I give my consent for any photographs taken to be used for marketing purposes.

SKATER'S SIGNATURE _____

PARENT'S SIGNATURE (if skater is under 18) _____

DATE _____

APPLICATION MAY BE COPIED

2013 Challenge Cup
September 19-22, 2013
PROGRAM ADVERTISING ORDER FORM

Our athletes are helped through the generosity of both corporate and private advertisers at all levels of competition. We would welcome the opportunity to convey your support through this official competition program, which each competitor receives. Listed below is a schedule of the costs for placing an advertisement in the program for the 2013 Challenge Cup:

Company Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Contact _____

_____	Outside Back Cover	\$200
_____	Inside Front or Back Cover	\$150
_____	Full Page	\$100
_____	Half Page	\$ 75
_____	Quarter Page	\$ 50
_____	Personal Greeting (one line ad)	\$ 10

All advertising will be listed in the 8 ½ x 11” competition program. All advertisements are to be received no later than September 9, 2013. Placement priority will be determined by the date payment is received.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS....SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR SKATER WITH A PERSONAL GREETING (one line ad) FOR \$10.

Please make check payable to “Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society” and enclose with this order form.

RETURN FORM TO:

Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society
220 Holland Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003