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**Challenge Cup 2022**  
**Hosted by Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society**  
**September 22-25, 2022**  
**Pschs.org**

The Challenge Cup 2022 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 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, and who are currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook.

### **NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS)**

This competition is approved for the 2022-23 National Qualifying Series (NQS) in Singles and Dance, Juvenile – Senior.

For the 2022-2023 season, the Competitions Committee has proposed a National Qualifying Season combining the stand-alone October qualifying competitions, Regional (singles) and Sectional (pairs and ice dance) Challenges, into approved series competitions from mid-July to late September allowing athletes to advance to the Sectional Singles, U.S. Pairs and U.S. Ice Dance Finals in November 2022 and culminating with the 2023 Toyota U.S. Figure Skating Championships and National Development Camp in January 2023 (San Jose, California).

Beginning July 1, athletes/team wishing to participate in the qualifying season may register via the [EMS Series Application](#). The Series Application is the key requirement for qualifying registration AND replaces regional/sectional registration from July 15 – September 1. All interested athletes (including potential and known byes) MUST complete this step.

**Without a completed/paid series application prior to the start of this competition, your scores will NOT count towards [National Qualifying Series Standings](#) – no exceptions. For some, this may mean completing registration for an approved NQS competition prior to the EMS Series Application.**

For additional information, review the NQS Athlete Handbook [here](#).  
Questions can be directed to [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).

### **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL**

**Test Level:** competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering or one level higher.



**Age restrictions/requirements:** Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger  
Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older  
Intermediate must be under the age of 18  
Adults must be 21 years or older

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

If there are large entries for National Qualifying Series (Juvenile – Senior) events, the Referee may choose to break the event into two or more seeded groups per the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Athletes will remain in the same groups for each applicable segment. **There will be NO consolation or final rounds for NQS.**

Please note, there will be NO segment only competitive events for NQS levels (i.e. Intermediate Men's Short Program, only Intermediate Men's Combined).

## **EMS COMPETITION REGISTRATION**

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.  
Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

**Registration Deadline: Friday, August 26, 2022 @ 11:59 pm**

**Late Registration Deadline: (late registrations will be accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee; a \$50 late fee will be assessed)**

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure and password
  - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose Challenge Cup 2022 from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

## **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 "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

*Note: foreign athletes may register and compete in NQS events but are not eligible to participate in the series (and receive a standing/score).*

## **PARTNERED EVENTS**

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

## MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one minor athlete must complete SafeSport training. \*

Minor Athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

## REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

## 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.

## FACILITIES

The competition will be held at the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society located at 220 Holland Avenue, Ardmore, Pennsylvania. Club's phone number is 610-642-8700 and the website address is [pschs.org](http://pschs.org)

The ice surface size is 185'x95' and has no boards. There are four locker rooms (Ladies, Girls, Mens and Boys).

## EMS COMPETITION PORTAL | MUSIC UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than September 8, 2022 at 11:59 pm. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$50 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. Late entry submissions are accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

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

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

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.

### MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3
- 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 have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cellphone and it must be immediately available rink side 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.

## EMS COMPETITION PORTAL | PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **September 8, 2022 at 11:59 pm**. **After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$25 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.

PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)

## LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating and Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society 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.

## ONSITE CHECK-IN

Check-in will open one hour prior to the start of the competition on Thursday, September 22 and is located at the front office window.

## LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger 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 and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).

## PRACTICE ICE

***Practice ice sessions will not be available for purchase through EMS.*** A limited number of official practice ice sessions will be offered Wednesday evening (9/21), Thursday morning and evening (9/22), and Friday (9/23), Saturday (9/24) and Sunday (9/25) mornings. ***Registration for practice will be made available after the competition deadline and will be emailed to all registered participants from PSC&HS.***

## PHOTO/VIDEO

Vision Photo & Video will be providing digital video downloads to all skaters participating. Downloads will be sent approximately 1-2 weeks following the end of the competition

**Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.**

## AWARDS

Medals will be awarded for First, Second, Third, and Fourth places in each event. *Please note: NQS athletes who are single entries will be permitted to skate for score and protocol should they chose to do so, however, no medals or awards will be given. Non NQS single entry athletes in IJS events may be permitted to exhibit for score and protocol at the discretion of the chief referee and time permitting but no medals will be awarded for these events. Single entry athletes in 6.0 events may be given the opportunity to skate up one level or receive a refund. **No medals will be awarded for single entry or exhibition events.***

Official award ceremonies will not be held this year (medals will be available for pick-up at the Registration desk); however, there will be an official ceremony for presenting of the Robert Horen Dance Trophy and the Challenge Cup Trophy.

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.

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

All competition information will be included in the EMS Skater/Coach portal. Additionally, an official bulletin board will be maintained at the front entrance of the Club. 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.

## COMPETITION TEST CREDIT

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. There will be blank test credit request forms at registration and also available in advance from the PSC&HS website at [www.pschs.org](http://www.pschs.org). The test credit package will be emailed to you at the conclusion of the competition. The charge for the test credit package will be \$5 and paid at the registration desk via check or credit card, no cash accepted.

## 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 the U.S. Figure Skating.

### Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. \*
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. \*
- ✓ **If athlete is participating in the National Qualifying Series, must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).**

### Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
  - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

\* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

[www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) → Person Icon  or Account → Member Profile → Compliance

### Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

## CRITIQUES

As an approved National Qualifying Series competition, no critiques will be offered at this event – for any level or discipline.

## CONTACT INFO

If you have questions, please contact the Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society:  
Phone: 610-642-8700 or Email: pschs@pschs.org

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES				
		1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> + EVENT
<a href="#">Juvenile Singles Free Skate</a>	IJS	\$195	\$150	\$150
Intermediate – Senior Singles Combined ( <a href="#">SP</a> & <a href="#">FS</a> )	IJS	\$275	N/A	N/A
Juvenile – Novice Ice Dance Combined ( <a href="#">PD</a> & <a href="#">FD</a> *)	IJS	\$275	N/A	N/A
Junior & Senior Ice Dance Combined ( <a href="#">RD</a> * & <a href="#">FD</a> *)	IJS	\$275	N/A	N/A

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> + EVENT
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a> Beginner – Pre Juvenile Plus	6.0	\$140	\$110	\$110
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate</a> (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$195	\$150	\$150
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate</a> (Adult Pre-Bronze – Adult Bronze)	6.0	\$140	\$110	\$110
<a href="#">Adult Beginner &amp; High Beginner Free Skate</a>	6.0	\$140	\$110	\$110
Intermediate – Senior Singles Combined ( <a href="#">SP</a> & <a href="#">FS</a> )	IJS	\$275	N/A	N/A
<a href="#">Juvenile Singles Free Skate</a>	IJS	\$195	\$150	\$150
Pre <a href="#">Juvenile Singles Free Skate</a>	IJS	\$195	\$150	\$150
<a href="#">No Test, Pre Preliminary, Preliminary Free Skate</a>	6.0	\$140	\$110	\$110
PARTNERED ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> + EVENT
Pre Juvenile Pattern Dance	6.0	\$140	\$110	\$110
Pre Juvenile Free Dance	6.0	\$140	\$110	\$110
SPECIALTY	JUDGING	1 <sup>st</sup> EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> EVENT	3 <sup>rd</sup> + EVENT
<a href="#">Compulsory Moves</a> (No Test-Pre Juvenile)	6.0	\$140	\$110	\$110
<a href="#">Excel Compulsory Moves</a> (Excel Beg.-Excel Preliminary)	6.0	\$140	\$110	\$110