



## ANNOUNCEMENT

*for the*

# 2009 U.S. COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

*July 30-August 1, 2009*

**Hosted by the Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society**

***Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society***

220 Holland Avenue  
Ardmore, Pa. 19003

***Entry Deadline: June 15, 2009***

***By midnight in the time zone of your home club***

***Online registration is MANDATORY***

*The event in Philadelphia, Pa., is for junior and senior singles, only.*

***Junior and Senior Dance Events:***

*Will be held in conjunction with the Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships*

*August 5-8, 2009*

*Olympic Center*

*Lake Placid, N.Y.*

*Athletes will register using the U.S. Figure Skating online system, **but then refer to the Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships announcement for further information and details.***

[www.lakeplacidskating.com](http://www.lakeplacidskating.com)

***Junior and Senior Pairs Events:***

*Will be held in conjunction with the Indy Pairs Challenge*

*July 31-August 2, 2009*

*Indiana World Skating Academy*

*Indianapolis, IN*

*Athletes will register using the U.S. Figure Skating online system, **but then refer to Indy Challenge Pairs Championships announcement for further information and details.***

<http://iwsafsc.org>

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **RULES**

The U.S. Collegiate Championships are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and will be conducted under the rules set forth in the 2009 edition of the official U.S. Figure Skating rulebook and any relevant ISU communications. The groups for the short programs will be Group B / 2009-2010 season.

**Junior ladies & men:** See Rule 3650, with the following exceptions to the short programs:

Ladies:

- a) Junior ladies may elect to do a single Axel or a double Axel

Men:

- a) Junior men may elect to do a single Axel or a double Axel

**Senior ladies & men:** See Rule 3640, with the following exceptions to the short programs:

Ladies:

- a) Senior ladies may elect to do a double jump or a triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements.
- b) Senior ladies may elect to do a jump combination consisting of two double jumps, a double jump and a triple jump or two triple jumps.

Men:

- a) Senior men may elect to do a double jump, triple jump or quadruple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and /or other comparable free skating movements.
- b) Senior men may elect to do a jump combination consisting of two double jumps, a double jump and a triple jump, two triple jumps, or a quadruple jump and a triple jump.

### **REGISTRATION / ENTRY PROCESS – STEP 1:**

#### **Online Electronic Registration (Required)**

Online registration is the ONLY method available for entry into the 2009 U.S. Collegiate Championships

To enter online you must do the following:

Log into [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org). A username and password are required for successful online registration. Your username is your U.S. Figure Skating membership #. If you do not already have a password, go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) first and follow the online instructions.

Please call the U.S. Figure Skating main number at (719) 635-5200 or email the U.S. Figure Skating member service department at [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org) if you have problems with the online registration process.

### **STUDENT STATUS / ENTRY PROCESS – STEP 2:**

In addition to entering the event via the online registration system above, all participants must prove their academic eligibility, per U.S. Figure Skating Rule 3045 of the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook:

#### **A. Singles events:**

Competitors shall be qualified to compete by virtue of their having a high school diploma or equivalency certificate in addition to their being enrolled full-time in a college or university degree program, having been graduated in the preceding academic year or by being currently admitted to a full-time college or university degree program for the coming academic year.

## **STUDENT STATUS / ENTRY PROCESS – STEP 2 (cont'd):**

### **B. Pairs and dance events:**

Competitors shall be qualified to compete by virtue of both partners having a high school diploma or equivalency certificate in addition to their being enrolled a minimum of half-time in a college or university degree program, having been graduated in the preceding academic year or by being currently admitted to a half-time college or university degree program for the coming academic year. If only one partner is so enrolled, a request for an exception to this rule must be forwarded to the national vice chair for collegiate championships with the entry form for a determination of eligibility no later than the closing date for entries.

In order to verify their academic status, all athletes must submit to U.S. Figure Skating Headquarters a copy of FORM A, found at the end of this announcement. Athletes must attach to it an acceptable form of written proof from their college or university verifying the information.

## **LOC FORMS / INFORMATION – ENTRY PROCESS – STEP 3**

All participants must send relevant forms and payment for practice ice, program advertising, etc. to the respective Local Organizing Committee. Athletes competing in pairs or dance must reference the announcement for the Indy Pairs Challenge and the Lake Placid Dance competition, respectively, for all information. Information in this announcement, other than the entry process, is relevant only to the men's and ladies singles events.

## **DEADLINES**

The entry deadline for all U.S. Collegiate Championships events is 11:59 pm on June 15, 2009, as determined by the time-zone where the athlete's home club is located. All online entries must be completed at this time. Late entries will not be accepted.

Further, FORM A, proof of student status must be post marked by June 15, 2009

Athletes are not permitted to "skate up" – all tests required for qualifying competitions in their respective events must be passed by the entry deadline of June 15, 2009. No exceptions.

## **ENTRY FEES**

Every skater entering the U.S. Collegiate Championships must submit an entry fee as follows. The entry fee will be paid online as part of the registration process:

- \$ 140.00 – Singles events (junior and senior)
- \$ 155.00 – Per team pairs or dance (junior and senior)
- \$ 10.00 – Administration fee

## **SCORING**

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for all events. Competitors shall submit a Planned Program Content sheet as part of their online entry.

## **ICE ARENA**

The competition will be held at the The Philadelphia Skating Club and Humane Society, 220 Holland Avenue, Ardmore, Pa., 19003. The ice surface is 85' x 195'.

## **PRACTICE ICE**

All athletes will be scheduled for one official practice ice session per competition segment. (i.e., qualifying round free skate and then short program and free skate championship round). There will be a charge of \$20.00 per session.

Additional practice ice may be purchased from the Philadelphia SC & HS. Please see the Practice Ice Contract at the back for this announcement for details and information.

### **MUSIC**

CDs (standard compact disc format only) will be accepted. CDs must be clearly marked with the name, event entered and the music length. Each disc must have only ONE track on it. Two separate discs must be used for short program and free skate. **Due to compatibility and reliability reasons, no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW" discs.**

Competition music must be turned in at the registration desk at the time of registration and will be available for pick up at the registration desk at the conclusion of the event. CDs will not be mailed back to competitors.

All competitors must have an additional copy of their CD available for practice sessions. Competitors must also have an extra copy available quickly during the actual competition event.

### **EVENTS & ELIGIBILITY**

Events to be skated, requirements and eligibility are defined in Rule 1430 and Rule 3045:

Senior ladies free skating	Junior ladies free skating
Senior men's free skating	Junior men's free skating
Senior dance*	Junior dance* ( <i>*Held at the Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships</i> )
Senior pairs**	Junior pairs** ( <i>**Held at the Indy Pairs Challenge</i> )

### **TROPHIES & MEDALS**

U.S. Collegiate Championships medals will be awarded to competitors placing first, second and third. Trophies will be awarded to the first place winners.

### **DRAWS**

All competitors are encouraged to attend the draw for initial start order in your first event. The intermediate draw for skating order for the subsequent portion of each event will be conducted publicly at a time and place, announced in advance, by the Referee.

Information for the initial start order draw will be available on the Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society website ([www.pschs.org](http://www.pschs.org)) in the next few weeks.

### **HOUSING AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION**

The official hotels offering special rates are: The Radnor Hotel located at 591 E Lancaster Avenue, St. Davids, PA. Room rate: \$119/night Phone: 610.341.3153 and The Wayne Hotel located at 139 E Lancaster Avenue, Wayne, PA. Room rate: \$129/night Phone: 610.341.3153 Please mention Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society when making your reservations.

Skaters will be responsible for providing their own transportation; therefore we recommend renting a car to get around. If there is a special need for transportation (i.e. skater under age) please contact Ann O'Keefe ([am1ok@aol.com](mailto:am1ok@aol.com)) for additional arrangements.

### **INFORMATION ABOUT THE FACILITY**

The Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society has one rink which is 85' X 195'. For additional information regarding the rink, please visit their website at [www.pschs.org](http://www.pschs.org). This website will have up to date information regarding the competition and logistics.

**VIDEO/PHOTO:** Both services will be available. The committee will make every attempt to ensure that the cost is reasonable.

**SOUVENIRS:** T-shirts, sweatshirts and other competition souvenirs will be available for purchase at the competition.

#### **COMPETITION REGISTRATION**

A registration/information packet will be given to each participant when they check in at the Competition Registration Desk at the Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society. **All participants must check-in at the Competition Registration Desk, which will be open with the start of the first practice ice session for the U.S. Collegiate Championships.**

#### **LIABILITY**

The 2009 U.S. Collegiate Championships, U.S. Figure Skating and the Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships.

#### **FORMS AND ENTRY CHECKLIST:**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DEADLINE</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
Online Registration for Event	June 15, 2009	Go to <a href="http://www.usfsaonline.org">www.usfsaonline.org</a> And follow directions
Submit <b>FORM A</b> with attached verification of student status	Post-marked by: June 15, 2009	Send to: U.S. Figure Skating 20 First St. Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Submit any LOC FORMS & payments to the LOC*	Post-marked by: June 15, 2009	Send to: 2009 U.S. Collegiate Champs. PSC&HS 220 Holland Avenue Ardmore, PA 19003 <i>*For pairs or dance, see your respective announcements.</i>

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions, please contact:

#### **LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACTS:**

Ann O'Keefe, Competition Chair

E-mail: [am1ok@aol.com](mailto:am1ok@aol.com)

#### **U.S. FIGURE SKATING CONTACTS**

Bob Dunlop, Senior Director of Events

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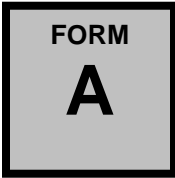
Kevin Leonardo, Events Manager

E-mail: [Kleonardo@usfigureskating.org](mailto:Kleonardo@usfigureskating.org)

**OR**

Jerry Miele, National Vice Chair, U.S. Collegiate Championships

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**SEND THIS FORM – BY JUNE 15, 2009 to:**  
 U.S. Figure Skating  
 20 First St.  
 Colorado Springs, CO 80906  
 Attn: Events Department



**ENTRY PROCESS PART 2: STUDENT VERIFICATION**

<b>Athlete Name &amp; USFSA #:</b>	
<b>Event entering:</b>	
<b>College or University:</b>	
<b>Athlete e- mail address:</b>	
<b>Athlete cell phone:</b>	
<b>Student status at the above university is (please check one):</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Current full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Current ½ time <input type="checkbox"/> Graduated in spring 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> Will begin full-time in fall 2009 <input type="checkbox"/> Will begin ½ time in fall 2009	
<b>For College Registrar Use ONLY:</b>	
<i>I certify that the above named individual is a student at the above named college / university and that his or her student status is appropriately marked in one of the boxes above.</i>	
Signature of college Registrar: _____ Printed name: _____ Date signed: _____	

**Note to student:**

To verify your student status, you have the following choices:

- 1) Have this form signed by your college registrar in the above box.
- 2) Attach a letter from your college registrar stating your student status
- 3) Attach a copy of your unofficial student transcript to this form
- 4) Attach a copy of your acceptance letter for Fall 2008, along with written verification that you have enrolled (such as a print out of your classes, etc.)

Are you bringing a coach to this event?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
Coach's name:	
Coach's e-mail:	Coach's cell phone:
Coach's USFSA #	Coach's PSA #

## **TENTATIVE EVENT SCHEDULE**

*This schedule is subject to change. It is based on historic entry numbers. A change in entry numbers could significantly impact the event schedule, including which events have qualifying rounds. A finalized schedule will be provided to all athletes approximately three weeks following the entry deadline.*

### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 29**

Evening            Draw for starting order – qualifying rounds & applicable short programs

### **THURSDAY, JULY 30**

Early morning - morning	Official practice for senior ladies qualifying rounds
Late afternoon - evening	<b>SENIOR LADIES QUALIFYING ROUND COMPETITION</b>
Evening – late evening	Official practice for junior & senior men SP; junior ladies SP

### **FRIDAY, JULY 31**

Early morning	Official practice for senior ladies short program
Afternoon	<b>JUNIOR LADIES SHORT PROGRAM</b>
Early evening	<b>JUNIOR MEN'S SHORT PROGRAM</b>
Evening	<b>SENIOR MEN'S SHORT PROGRAM</b>
Evening	<b>SENIOR LADIES' SHORT PROGRAM</b>
Late evening	Official practice for junior & senior men FS; junior ladies FS

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 1**

Early morning – morning	Official practice for senior ladies free skate
Afternoon	<b>JUNIOR LADIES FREE SKATE</b>
Early evening	<b>JUNIOR MEN'S FREE SKATE</b>
Evening	<b>SENIOR MEN'S FREE SKATE</b>
Evening	<b>SENIOR LADIE'S FREE SKATE</b>
Late Evening	On-ice Awards – all levels



## **NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR FULL-TIME COLLEGIATE ATHLETES!**

U.S. Figure Skating's Athlete Development Committee is pleased to announce that the top two senior ladies and men will be assigned to an international competition TBD. This competition will most likely be in the fall. The assignments will be approved by the ICMS.