



March 15-16, 2024

**Featuring IJS (Bronze to Gold), & Excel**

**\* South Florida Compete USA Series March 17, 2024**

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Miami FSC

Kendall Ice Arena/Miami, FL

## I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Miami Open Figure Skating Championship will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or 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 (for Compete USA events), 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 and Well-Balanced Events:

- 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 highest singles test level 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 participated in the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS series will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
  - o If an athlete has participated in 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 Well Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the "floor" set by their excel series entry.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of the same type and same level (example: Bronze Girls Free Skate and Bronze Girls Excel Free Skate) at the same competition. However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well Balanced event of different types (example: Pre-Silver Women Short Program and Pre-Silver Women Excel Free Skate).
- If an athlete, coach, parent and/or guardian needs assistance with confirming their eligibility, email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) or refer to information sheet [HERE](#).

### All other singles events:

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

**EVENTS OFFERED:**

[Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here: usfigureskating.org – Skate – Compete – Program Requirements](https://usfigureskating.org)

NOTE: Skaters may not enter an Excel and Well-Balanced free skate events at the same competition.

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Event Prices</b>
Excel Free Skate - Pre Bronze - Gold	IJS	\$110	\$70	\$40
Well Balanced Short Program – Bronze to Gold	IJS	\$140	\$90	\$40
Well Balanced Free Skate – Pre Bronze to Gold	IJS	\$140	\$90	\$40
Combined: Short Program & Free Skate – Bronze to Gold	IJS	\$230	\$90	\$40
Adult Free Skate (Adult Silver – Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$140	\$90	\$40
Short Program Pre Bronze - Gold	IJS	\$140	\$90	\$40
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>	
Compulsory Moves (Pre Bronze–Pre Silver)	6.0	\$110	\$70	\$40
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110	\$70	\$40
Jumps Challenge (Pre-Bronze–Pre-Silver)	6.0	\$110	\$70	\$40
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Silver–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110	\$70	\$40
Spins Challenge (Pre-Bronze–Pre-Silver)	6.0	\$110	\$70	\$40
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Silver–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$110	\$70	\$40

**\*South Florida Compete USA Series events will be held on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> . See basicskillsflorida.com for complete information.**



### 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 received, 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).

### COMPLIANCE:

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#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 [HERE](#). 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

Entries will be accepted via Entryeze.com with credit card only. Each transaction will include a credit card fee. You can also access the registrations through the Miami Figure Skating Club website miamifsc.com, by clicking the link under 2024 Miami Open, or by choosing the logo of 2024 Miami Open Championship from the offered Entryeze competitions.

**Registration Deadline:** Online registration opens on March 12, 2024, at 8:00 am ET and Closes on March 29, 2024 at 11:59ET. Late entries will be subject to the approval of the Registrar and Chief Referee and will be assessed a late entry fee. Of \$30.00.

Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating or LTS member number, be current members in good standing.

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

#### **TEST CREDIT:**

Skaters, that meet the requirements for test credit, may request their test credit forms at registration or pre-order them online (via Entryeze). No cash payments will be accepted, payments through Entryeze only. To receive credit, request a test credit package at registration by paying the fee of \$20.00 via Entryeze account beforehand or requesting prior your event onsite. The event level and the name of the skater must be mentioned in the request. *The request must be done before the final IJS event of the competition has concluded.*

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

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to Entryeze.com no later than March 1st, 2024 at 11.59 pm ET. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$20 late fee. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who does not 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.

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 and trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors should 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 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.

**PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in Entryeze.com no later than **March 1st, 2024 at 11.59 pm ET.** After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in Entryeze.com and subject to a **\$15 late fee.** The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who does not 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.

**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.

#### LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Miami FSC and Kendall Ice Arena 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:

Kendall Ice Arena  
10355 Hammocks Blvd. Miami, FL 33196  
Kendallicearena.com

Two NHL Sized ice surfaces, skate changing areas available (not for costume changes), warm-up area, arena snack bar. Multiple restaurants outside the arena.

##### LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available for this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

##### 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 always adhered to 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 12 of the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

##### OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

The official competition website is miamifsc.com. Live online results, updates/schedule changes will be posted online. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the official website/arena bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

##### LIVE START ORDERS / RESULTS

Start orders and results for all events, (6.0 and IJS, including protocol sheets) will be live streamed from a link on miamifsc.com. There will also be a QR code posted during the competition linking to the Live Start Orders/Results.

## 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.

## PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be available during the designated times throughout the competition. The cost of reserved practice ice (available for pre purchase at the time of registration through Entryeze is \$20.00 per 20-minute session. Skaters who reserve practice ice will have a selection period of one week in which to choose their sessions (maximum 2). This will be followed by open sales for any remaining practices at cost of \$25.00 for walk up sessions. No refunds will be granted for unused practice ice. Skaters who are more than five (5) minutes late to the session may forfeit their slot. No music may be played on practice sessions. Use of personal devices and ear plugs is strictly forbidden. For additional information regarding practice ice offerings, visit [entryeze.com](http://entryeze.com) and [miamifsc.com](http://miamifsc.com).

## ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on April 12-13 one hour before the start of events. Check -in will be in the arena lobby.

## AWARDS:

Start orders and results will be posted online only. A Link for live results and start orders will be added to the [miamifsc.com](http://miamifsc.com) website under 2024 Miami Open Championships.

## OPEN:

Medals will be presented to 1st through 4th place winners in each competition event.

## CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHIES:

**At the end of the competition, there will be a Championships Award Trophy for the skaters in IJS Bronze and above. A trophy will be given to 3 skaters with the highest total final scores combined with a Short Program and a Long Program (Sorry no mixed levels). In addition, the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners will receive a coupon for the First entry for next year's competition.**

**The Dr. Ana Duarte Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the Pre-Silver Lady winning the combined Short and Long Program.**

## **Ceremonies:**

Awards ceremonies will not be held. Results will be posted live-stream from a link available on [miamifsc.com](http://miamifsc.com). Awards can be picked up from the registration/awards desk after results have been posted online. The event will offer a decorated "Selfie Stand" and also awards stand for photo opportunity purposes.



### VOLUNTEER INFO/COMPLIANCE:

Miami FSC requires its members to offer mandatory annual volunteer hours for club events. Please look for online sign-up opportunities prior to the event. All volunteers must be current on USFS Compliancy Requirements. If you have questions, please contact: Miami FSC President, Kristina Suengas at [elsiokristina@comcast.net](mailto:elsiokristina@comcast.net)

### PHOTO/VIDEO:

Professional video services will be provided during the competition. Online purchasing and delivery will be the only offered method. Only music events will be videoed live and pre-orders will be available via a link provided on miamifsc.com. Professional photography or video services by other sources are not allowed without the written permission of the Miami FSC and Kendall Ice Arena.

For the safety and welfare of the skater, photography and videography will be permitted in the stands only and is restricted to hand-held battery-operated equipment (no tripods). Flash photography is strictly prohibited while the competitors are performing. No one will be permitted to obstruct the view of other seated spectators by standing in front of or hanging over the Plexiglas barriers or to film at alternative ice entrances. In order to comply with local fire safety codes, all aisles within the stands must also remain clear. Non-compliance with this policy or refusal to comply immediately with requests from event officials will result in the violator being escorted out of the rink.

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. More information can be found from Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document; Club Resource section of Member's Only/USFS website.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Official hotel accommodations: -

The following hotels are within a 10-mile radius of the arena and may offer a special competition rate.

#### **TownePlace Suites by Marriott Miami Kendall West**

**9055 SW 162nd Ave, Miami, FL 33196**

**(305) 383-5511**

1.8 miles from the arena.

[Website](#)

#### **Best Western Plus - Kendall - Hotel and Suites**

**8560 SW 124th Avenue**

**Miami, Florida 33183**

**305-271-4848**

Complimentary shuttle to and from Kendall Ice Arena with advanced notice.

Email: [sales@bwkendall.com](mailto:sales@bwkendall.com)

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

**Holiday Inn Express & Suites Miami-Kendall**  
**13475 SW 131st Street**  
**Miami, Florida 33186**  
**786-837-2100**

Our hotel offers a complimentary shuttle to and from the arena as well as anywhere within a 5-mile radius from the hotel (6am-9pm, hourly). We also offer a daily complimentary breakfast, Wi-Fi, and self-parking.

**Best Western Plus Kendall Airport & Suites**  
**13700 SW 139th Ct. Miami, FL 33186**  
**Reservations 305-969-1600**  
**Group Reservations 305-969-4500**

Complimentary Shuttle to Kendall Tamiami Airport and local businesses (5 Mi)

**Comfort Suites**  
3901 SW 117th Avenue  
Miami, FL 33175  
305-220-3901  
Fax 305-221-1348

**Airport information.**

Miami International Airport is approximately 20 miles from the arena and listed hotels. Travel time during non-peak rush hours is 45 minutes by car.

**Club Website:**  
**miamifsc.com**

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

**A tentative event schedule will be posted approximately one week before start of events.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Official website: miamifsc.com

Arena website: kendallicearena.com

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Jane Johnson	Jjsk8johnson@hotmail.com	305-588-7009
Chief Referee:	Greg Cannon	gcannon@yahoo.com	
Practice Ice Chair:	Janet Johnson	kendall11038@gmail.com	
Miami FSC President:	Kristina Suengas	elsiokristina@comcast.net	