

SPRING FLING 2008
4th ANNUAL US FIGURE SKATING OPEN COMPETITION
BEGINNER THROUGH INTERMEDIATE
SPONSORED BY
THE SKATING CLUB OF AMHERST

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008

PLACE: UMASS MULLINS CENTER PRACTICE RINK - AMHERST, MA.

Eligibility: All skaters must be current amateur full members in good standing of US Figure Skating.

Rules: This event is sanctioned by US Figure Skating and will be conducted under the rules set forth in the 2008 official USFSA Rulebook and this announcement using the 6.0 scoring system. The Skating Club of Amherst, the Organizing Committee, US Figure Skating, and the Mullins Center facility accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. (See CR 3222 in the 2008 edition of the USFSA Rulebook.)

Events: Events are being offered in A) Freeskating Programs B) Compulsory Moves and C) Showcase events.

A skater may compete at her/his highest test level passed, or one level higher, but not both.

Skaters will be grouped by age in each event where there is more than one flight.

Girls and Boys may be grouped together in the Compulsory Moves and Showcase events.

Entries: All first event requests will be honored first, and then second and third until all slots are filled. Any event requests not able to be met will be refunded.

Mail Entry Form to: Paula Rigano-Murray 45 Finn Street Northampton, MA. 01060

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked no later than **Wednesday, May 7, 2008**.
Age and Test level passed determined as of deadline.

Entry Fees: \$40 for the first event, \$25 for the second event, \$15 for the third event.

Please include a separate check for each event entered.

Late entries will be accepted only if there is available time/space, and a \$25 late fee/event is included. There will be no refunds after the deadline unless the event has been canceled by the SCA.

Confirmation: The competition schedule and event groupings, along with directions to the rink, will be posted on the SCA's website (www.scamherst.org) about one week prior to the competition. Click on the Spring Fling 2008 button.

Confirmation links will be emailed directly to all those who submit their email address on the entry form.

If you wish to receive a mailed confirmation notice, you **must** include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your entry form.

Registration: Please arrive at the rink at least one hour before your event. Check in at the Registration Table located on the lower rink level.

Music: Please turn in a standard cassette tape or CD at the registration table at least one hour before your event. Programs must be at the beginning of the tape or the CD, and be the only recording on it. Tapes/CDs need to be in ready-to-play position and be labeled with Skater's Name, Level, and Event. We strongly recommend that you bring an extra copy of each of your programs.

Awards: Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers in each event. Ribbons will be awarded to 4th place finishers. Awards will be given out at posted times throughout the day.

Ice Surface: The Mullins Center rink is an Olympic sized rink measuring 200' x 95'.

Contacts: Paula Rigano-Murray (413) 586-7325 or Nancy Asai (413) 247-9987
Email questions: webmaster@scamherst.org

Lodging:	Quality Inn	237 Russell St (Rt 9)	Hadley	(413) 584-9816
	Econolodge	329 Russell St (Rt 9)	Hadley	(413) 582-7077
	Hampton Inn	24 Bay Rd (corner of Rt 9)	Hadley	(413) 586-4851
	Howard Johnson	401 Russell St	Hadley	(413) 586-0114
	Hadley Inn	208 Russell St	Hadley	(413) 587-9866
	Amherst Motel	408 Northampton Rd (Rt9)	Amherst	(413) 256-8122
	Holiday Inn Express	400 Russell Street	Hadley	(413) 582-0002
	Marriot Courtyard	423 Russell Street	Hadley	(413) 256-5454

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EVENTS

Skaters may not compete below their current test level but may compete one level higher.

FREE SKATE:

<u>Level</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Program Length</u>
Beginner	No Free Skating Test passed.	1 ½ minutes
Pre-Preliminary A	Pre-Preliminary FS Test passed. No axel or double jumps.	1 ½ minutes
Pre-Preliminary B	Pre-Preliminary FS Test passed. May include axels, but no double jumps.	1 ½ minutes
Preliminary A	Preliminary FS Test passed. No axel or double jumps.	1 ½ minutes
Preliminary B	Preliminary FS Test passed. Axels and 2 different doubles allowed.	1 ½ minutes
Pre-Juvenile	Pre-Juvenile FS Test passed.	2 minutes
Juvenile	Juvenile FS Test passed.	2 ¼ minutes
Intermediate	Intermediate FS Test passed.	2 ½ minutes
Intermediate Short Program	Intermediate FS Test passed.	Up to 2 minutes

COMPULSORY MOVES

The program should include all specified elements in any order, and will be skated without music. Elements may only be attempted once. Connecting steps may be included, but should be limited to the minimum necessary to link the various moves. Unspecified or additional moves are not permitted and marks will be deducted if included. The program may not exceed the time limit, but may be shorter.

Beginner: Time Limit: 1 minute on ½ ice surface (Spins minimum of 3 revolutions)

1. Forward spiral
2. Forward lunge
3. One foot spin
4. Waltz jump
5. Toe loop

Pre-Preliminary: Time Limit: 1 minute on ½ ice surface (Spins minimum of 3 revolutions)

1. Forward crossovers in figure eight
2. Salchow
3. Toe loop
4. Forward spiral
5. One foot spin

Preliminary: Time Limit: 1 minute on ½ ice surface (Spins minimum of 3 revolutions)

1. Backward crossovers in figure eight
2. Forward spiral
3. Flip jump
4. Jump combination: waltz jump – toe loop (no step between)
5. Sit or camel spin

Pre-Juvenile: Time Limit: 1 ½ minutes on ½ ice (Spins minimum of 4 revolutions)

1. Flip jump
2. Jump combination: lutz – toe loop (no step/turn between)
3. Camel spin
4. Sit spin
5. Consecutive forward outside spirals (one on each foot)

Juvenile: Time Limit: 1 ½ minutes on 1/2 ice (Spins minimum of 4 revolutions)

1. Backward outside spirals
2. Ina Bauer or spread eagle
3. Axel
4. Spin combination: camel-sit (no change of foot)
5. Jump combination: lutz-loop (no step/turn between)

SHOWCASE

Showcase is a form of free skating in which the skater will be judged on overall performance. Eligibility for this event is based on the free skating test requirements listed in this announcement. **Length of all showcase programs is 1 ½ - 2 minutes +/- 10 seconds.** Depending upon registration, levels may be combined as follows: Beginner/Pre-Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile.

For all levels, the emphasis of the judging will be on:

- 1) Originality: creativity of chosen theme carried throughout entire program
- 2) Costume: how costume relates to choreography and complements music
- 3) Music Interpretation: ability to characterize theme and style of music
- 4) Choreography: suitability of program sequences and elements to music and theme
- 5) Technical: demonstrated skating skills

Beginner Showcase: Limitations: No Axels or Double Jumps allowed

Pre-Preliminary Showcase: Limitations: No Axels or Double Jumps allowed

Preliminary Showcase: Limitations: No more than 2 attempts at Axels and/or Double Jumps allowed in program.

Pre-Juvenile Showcase: No Limitations

Juvenile Showcase: No Limitations

Intermediate Showcase: No Limitations

