

**The 2025 Mohawk Valley Classic
and
Mohawk Valley Learn to Skate Competition**

Saturday, January 18, 2025



Hosted by
The Skating Club of New Hartford
scnh.org

New Hartford Recreation Center
4 Mill Street, New Hartford, NY 13413

Sanction# 35652



**Entry Deadline: December 15, 2024
11:59pm ET or until 150 skaters**

FOR INFORMATION E-MAIL:
mohawkvalleyclassic@gmail.com

Register at Entryeeze:
<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=511>

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2025 Mohawk Valley Classic and Mohawk Valley Learn to Skate Competition will be held on January 18, 2025 and 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, and who are currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current [rulebook](#) for non-U.S. citizens.

II. ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL

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.
 - Skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement 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:
 - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for 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.
 - If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met. (Note: if an athlete has passed the pre-preliminary singles test, they are no longer eligible for No Test or lower levels).
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other singles events (such as Adults, Showcase, etc.):

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


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.

For all events where permitted by US Figure Skating, if there are insufficient entries to hold separate contested events, male and female skaters will compete against each other in a combined event.

EVENTS OFFERED:

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> [Program Requirements](#)
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeuasa
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at mohawkvalleyclassic@gmail.org.
 - [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)

On the program requirements page linked above, competitions that fall within the date range beside the program requirements must use those requirements.

| SINGLES | JUDGING | 1st Event Price | 2nd Event Price |
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| Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary–Senior; Adult; Masters) | 6.0 | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Pre-Juvenile) | 6.0 | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| SPECIALTY | JUDGING | 1st Event Price | 2nd Event Price |
| Compulsory Moves (Pre-Preliminary–Senior; Adult) | 6.0 | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Excel Compulsory Moves | 6.0 | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior; Adult) | 6.0 | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior; Adult) | 6.0 | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
|  SHOWCASE | JUDGING | 1st Event Price | 2nd Event Price |
| Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult) * | CJS | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)* | CJS | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)* | CJS | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)* | CJS | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)* | CJS | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult) | 6.0 | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| COMPETE USA EVENTS | JUDGING | 1st Event Price | 2nd Event Price |
| Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music | 6.0 | <i>\$50</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Aspire 1-4 Program w/Music | 6.0 | <i>\$50</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements | 6.0 | <i>\$50</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves | 6.0 | <i>\$50</i> | <i>\$40</i> |
| Compete USA – Showcase | 6.0 | <i>\$80</i> | <i>\$40</i> |

At the 2025 Mohawk Valley Classic all events will use the 6.0 Majority marking system; qualifying levels of showcase events will use CJS.



Showcase Skaters should register for their appropriate Showcase category (artistic, lyric pop, emotional, etc.) but will be divided by category only if entry numbers support it. All Individual Entertainment Events may first be grouped first by appropriate test level and then by age (if number of entries merits this).

Showcase events (Preliminary and above) will use the Component Judging System (CJS). The components will be marked on a scale of 0.25 to 10. The three components include:

- Showcase Skating Skills
- Performance & Projection: Universe, Musicality and Feeling
- Artistic Appeal with Innovation & Creativity

Skaters who place in the top 4 of their Showcase event (Preliminary level or above) will qualify for National Showcase 2025.

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 receives, 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 or email SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org.

ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline at mohawkvalleyclassic@gmail.com.

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 three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. 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.

MANDATORY ATHLETES –

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice 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 SkateSafe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email skatesafe@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration will be conducted through Entryeze. Please note, this year we will utilize a skater cap of 150 skaters. If 150 skater spots are filled, additional skaters can fill out a Google form with their contact information and desired events. If we have the ability to fill an event once registration is closed, we will contact you. A late fee of up to a \$25 may be applied to any added events.

Registration Deadline: 12/15/24 at 11:59 ET OR until registration hits 150 skaters.

Late registrations will be accepted only at the discretion of the Competition Committee – \$25 Late Fee

ENTRIES:

The Local Organizing Committee and Chief Referee reserve the right to divide an event, limit the number of entries, hold an event with only one entry and cancel (with refund) any single event, or any competed event (with refund) in order to accommodate ice time constraints and availability of judges. In the event that a single-entry event is cancelled, the skater will have the option to skate up one level or receive a full refund. Entry fees will be refunded in accordance with the stated refund policy. All entry CHANGES after the close of entries on December 15, 2024 are subject to referee approval and a \$25.00 change fee.

The online processing fees are not refundable.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Competitors are required to upload their music on Entryeze when submitting their application. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the “competition” tab and then selecting “my music.”

Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. Free Skate, Showcase) per file is allowed. **The deadline for online music submission is December 30, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET.** After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and a \$20.00 Late Fee will be added to the Skater’s Cart. Late fees must be paid prior to a skater being allowed to compete.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone 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.

How to upload music to ENTRYEEZE:

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Files/How%20to%20Upload%20Music.pdf>

1. File Format: MP3
2. Bit Rate: 192 kpbs or higher and Sample Rate 44,100 kHz. The Music Chair may request a corrected file should the music not meet these criteria.
3. No Leaders or trailers should be included in the file submitted.

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®, The Skating Club of New Hartford, and the New Hartford Recreation Center 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:

The competition will be held at the New Hartford Recreation Center
4 Mill St. New Hartford, NY 13413

The ice surface at the New Hartford Recreation Center measures 85' x 185' with rounded ends.

LOCKER ROOMS:

All athletes are expected to come to the arena ready to skate. Limited locker rooms will be assigned on a case-by-case basis for skaters entered in more than one event who need to CHANGE between showcase/free skate costumes. Locker rooms will not be available for skate/bag storage. The locker rooms are available for skaters only. An exception will 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 in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

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 adhered to at all times 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:

OFFICIAL NOTICES: Competition information can be located on our club website, www.scnh.org as well as Entryeze <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=511> and Live Scoring (available on our website and Entryeze site closer to the competition date). A white board will be maintained at/near Registration. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the white board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 1 hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. As a non-qualifying competition, events may run ahead of schedule. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

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: Available practice ice will be determined after the close of entries. A schedule of event times and practice ice times will be posted on our website at least one week prior to competition. Practice ice - if available - will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis only. Sessions will cost \$15.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

An in-person registration table will be open one hour prior to the first event of the day and will be available the entire day of the competition. Competitors should register promptly for their first event of the day. No admission fee will be charged for spectators. Additional details will be available at www.scnh.org.

If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact skatesafe@usfigureskating.org at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS: For all events, individual medals will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishers; medals will be awarded for 4th and 5th place finishers.

****NEW THIS YEAR:*** All showcase performances (including Compete USA showcase) will be considered for/eligible to receive one of our specialized awards. These awards include Best Costume, Funniest Showcase, Best Dramatic/Emotional Showcase, and Showcase Champion (overall best in show/most original). Each award will be determined by an independent panel of community judges and is not tied to individual event placements or official CJS scoring.

At this time, there will be no official Awards Ceremonies. Skaters may pick up their medals at the designated award area or at the registration desk. An awards podium will be available for individual photographs.

Results will be posted on an online link (TBA) available through the competition website as well as on the wall.

VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include LOC leadership, locker room monitors and emergency medical providers.

PHOTO/VIDEO:

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.

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

Included in the cost of your registration, as a skater gift, each skater will receive a photograph with their name and the Mohawk Valley Classic logo on the bottom from our competition vendor, RES Video. Additional photos will be available to purchase at the competition.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Any additional information, including hotel accommodations at the Hampton Inn New Hartford, will be available on our Entryeze site.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: SCNH.org

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Competition Chair: Vicki Pellegrino

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