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GENESEE FIGURE SKATING CLUB



## **The 22nd Genesee Biennial Invitational**

**Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex  
2700 Brighton Henrietta Town Line Road  
Rochester N.Y. 14623**

**April 9 -11, 2021**

### **Hosted By:**

**The Genesee Figure Skating Club**

<https://www.geneseeefsc.com/>

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

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Online Registration and credit card payment via <http://www.entryeeze.com/>

Registration deadline is 11:59 p.m. ET March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021



**GENERAL HEALTH and SAFETY STATEMENT:**

The Genesee Figure Skating Club will be complying with all federal, state, and local regulations and additional public health notices in place at the time of the Genesee Invitational, including recommendations from U.S. Figure Skating. Masks will be required for entry to Bill Grays Regional Iceplex. Masks must always be worn unless you are on the ice. We will be limiting spectators. A general safety plan will be sent out to all prior to the competition. Depending upon entries and current health recommendations we will evaluate whether the competition will be cancelled. If the competition is cancelled, a refund of entry fees minus the processing fees will be issued. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

The Genesee Biennial Invitational 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. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

**SERIES INFORMATION:**

The Genesee Invitational has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating to be part of the Excel Qualifying Series and will follow the rules as listed in the Excel Series Handbook.

**ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test Level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate up one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

**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.

**COMPETITION REGISTRATION:**

Entries will be accepted via <http://www.entryeeze.com/> . Registration deadline: March 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. ET.

**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.

**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 [safesport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:safesport@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

**ENTRIES:** The competition committee reserves the right to limit entries in any event or to cancel an event. Entry fees will be refunded in accordance with the stated refund policy. All entry changes after the close of entries on March 14 ,2021 are subject to referee approval and a **\$25.00** change fee.

**REFUND POLICY:** Entry fees will not be refunded after March 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. ET unless no competition exists, or an event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals unless the competitor tests positive for covid-19 within 14 days of the event and proper documentation is provided in advance of the event. The online processing fees are not refundable.

**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 Bill Grays Regional Iceplex at 2700 Brighton Henrietta Town line Road, Rochester N.Y. 14623. The main ice rink measures 200 ft. in length by 85 ft. in width. For additional information on the Bill Gray's Regional Iceplex facility, visit [www.billgraysiceplex.com](http://www.billgraysiceplex.com) .

**ENTRYEEZE MUSIC UPLOAD:**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EntryEeze no later than **MARCH 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. 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.

**ENTRYEEZE SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO:**

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

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:**

1. File Format: MP3
2. Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz  
This will be verified by the music chair and they may request that you upload a corrected file.
3. 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 bring a digital copy of their competition music as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition.

**ENTRYEEZE PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – IF IJS:**

**DEADLINE: March 14, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EntryEeze no later than **March 14, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EntryEeze 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.

**LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, (Genesee Figure Skating Club) and (Bill Grays Regional Iceplex) 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 REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN:**

Registration will open one hour prior to the start of the competition on April 9, 10, and 11 and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the lobby of the rink. Please register/check in promptly upon arrival.

**LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker rooms will not be available. There will be chairs in designated areas for changing skates.

**PRACTICE ICE:**

Practice ice will be available for purchase through EntryEeze after the schedule has been posted. For additional information regarding practice ice offerings, visit the Genesee Figure Skating Club competition page found here: <https://www.geneseefsc.com/genesse-invitational>

**PHOTO/VIDEO:**

Note, [per U.S. Figure Skating policy](#), photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member's Only.

**AWARDS:**

Medals will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Ribbons will be awarded for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> place

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:**

An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the rink. 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.

**TEST CREDIT:**

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may purchase their test credit forms online. Go to your competition tab and then merchandise. The cost of the packet is \$10.00. Skaters must be sure to provide an email address to receive their packet electronically.

**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 US 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 & 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 attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), 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.usfsonline.org](http://www.usfsonline.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.

**CONTACT INFO:** If you have questions, please contact the competition chair : Stephanie Dillingham at [milby35@hotmail.com](mailto:milby35@hotmail.com) or the Genesee Figure Skating Club at [skategfsc@gmail.com](mailto:skategfsc@gmail.com) .

**SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE FOR  
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<https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/2021%20Excel%20Series%20Handbook.pdf>

**GENERAL EVENT PARAMETERS:**

- Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and an Excel Free Skate event at the same non-qualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
- Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or “skate up” to one level higher.
- IJS Excel Free Skate events are not eligible for IJS protocol for test credit; program components are not compatible Judging System.
- Excel Series events: All Plus level events as well as Juvenile through Senior Excel events will be run using the IJS scoring system. Excel Beginner, High Beginner, Pre Preliminary, Preliminary, and Pre Juvenile events will be run as 6.0 .

## **EVENTS and FEES**

<b>U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS</b>
<b>JS Events - \$125.00 for the first event, \$225.00 for one FS and one SP</b>
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a> - Juvenile through Senior & all "Plus" (+) events
<a href="#">Well Balanced Short Program</a> - Juvenile through Senior
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate</a> - Juvenile (& Open Juvenile) through Senior
<a href="#">Adult Silver and Adult Gold</a>
<b>6.0 Events (Except Compete USA) - \$75.00 for the first event, \$45.00 for each additional event</b>
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a> - Beginner through Pre-Juvenile (not including "Plus" (+) events)
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate</a> - No Test through Pre-Juvenile
<a href="#">Adult Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Bronze, Bronze Free Skate</a>
<a href="#">Compulsory Moves</a> - No Test through Senior
<a href="#">Excel Compulsory Moves</a> - Excel Beginner through Excel Preliminary
<a href="#">Adult Compulsory Moves</a> - Adult Beginner through Adult Gold
<a href="#">Jumps Challenge</a> - Beginner through Senior
<a href="#">Adult Jumps Challenge</a> - Adult Beginner through Adult Gold
<a href="#">Spins Challenge</a> - Beginner through Senior
<a href="#">Adult Spins Challenge</a> - Adult Beginner through Adult Gold
<a href="#">Showcase - Dramatic Entertainment</a> - No Test through Senior & Adult
<a href="#">Showcase - Light Entertainment</a> - No Test through Senior & Adult
<a href="#">Solo Pattern Dance</a> (not participating in series)
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>
<b>6.0 Events - \$40.00 for the first event, \$70.00 for two events</b>
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Program w/ Music</a>
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music</a>
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements</a>
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves</a>
<a href="#">Compete USA Manual</a>