



USFS FIGURE SKATING

DATE

Friday, February 10 through Sunday, February 12.

LOCATION

Lansing Chapman Skating Rink - Williams College (76 Latham St, Williamstown, MA)

- Rink is 200ft by 85ft with seating for 2,000.

SANCTION

The 2012 Bay State Games USFSA figure skating competition is approved for sanction by USFSA. Our sanction number will be posted on the Bay State Games website as soon as it is received.

AGE

Athletes must be a minimum of age 8 (eight) by February 10, 2012 to be eligible.

ELIGIBILITY

An athlete must meet at least **ONE** of the following guidelines:

1. A full-time resident of Massachusetts by February 10, 2012.
2. A full-time student at an academic institution in Massachusetts.
3. A registered member of a figure skating club in Massachusetts. The club must be the athlete's exclusive "contact" within the sport.
4. A resident of any New England state that does not have its own State Games organization with current membership in the National Congress of State Games. These states are Rhode Island, Vermont and New Hampshire.
5. A resident of Maine, which is a member of the National Congress of State Games, but does not host its own figure skating competition.

EVENTS

Bay State Games will offer the Test Track (Restricted) free skate program and the Well Balanced (Unrestricted) free skate program.

Event options, by division, are as follows:

- **Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile** can compete in Free Skate only. Athletes at these levels can choose to compete in either Test Track or Well Balanced programs but NOT both.
- **Intermediate** can compete in Free Skate AND/OR Short Program. For Free Skate, Intermediate level athletes can choose to compete in either Test Track or Well Balanced programs but NOT both.
- **Novice, Junior and Senior** can compete in Free Skate AND/OR Short Program. For Free Skate, athletes in Novice, Junior or Senior must compete in a Well Balanced program. Test Track will not be offered at these levels.
- **Adult Gold, Adult Silver, Adult Bronze** can compete in Free Skate only.
- **Master Senior, Master Junior, Master Novice, Master Intermediate** can compete in Free Skate only.

*Athletes may also enter one ISI event but are limited to a total of two events (US & IS).

EVENT LIMITS

- Athletes may skate in only one level.
- Where offered, athletes may choose Test Track (Restricted) OR Well Balanced (Unrestricted) but NOT both
- For Free Skating only, athletes may move up one level.
- Athletes may NOT move up one level for short program.
- Male and female athletes will not be combined in any event or division.

TEST TRACK FREE SKATE PROGRAM (RESTRICTED) ELEMENT REQUIREMENTS

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Pre-Preliminary Test	Maximum 5 jump elements. Jumps with not more than one half rotation (front to back or back to front including half loop). Single rotation jumps: Salchow, Toe Loop & Loop only.. Max 2 jump combinations or sequences. Max 2 of any same jump. Max 2 spins. Two spins of a different nature, one position only, no change of foot. No flying entry. Minimum 3 revolutions. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout program.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test	Time :1:30 +/- 10
Preliminary Test	Maximum 5 jump elements. Jumps with not more than one rotation (no axels). Max 2 jump combinations or sequences. Max 2 of any same jump. Max 2 spins. One spin in one position, no change of foot, no flying entry(min 3 revolutions) and one consisting of a front scratch to back scratch, exit on spinning foot not mandatory. Min 3 revs on each foot. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout program.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-pre free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than preliminary free skate test	Time :1:30 +/-10
Pre-Juvenile Test	Maximum 5 jump elements. Jumps with not more than one rotation (no axels). Max 2 jump combinations or sequences. Max 2 of any same jump. Max 2 spins. One spin in one position, no change of foot(min 3 revs). And one combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin, change of foot optional(min. 6 revs combined in forward sit and camel positions). Spins may not fly. One step sequence straight line, circular or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test	Time: 2:00 +/-10
Juvenile Test	Maximum 5 jump elements. Any single jumps with not more than 1 ½ rotations (Axel permitted). Max 2 jump combinations or sequences. Max 2 of any same jump. Max 2 spins. One spin in one position, no change of foot(min 4 revs in position)and one combination spin with one change of foot and at least one change of position (Min 4 revs on each foot). Only solo spin may fly. One step sequence straight line, circular or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test	Time: 2:15 +/-10
Intermediate Test	Maximum 6 jump elements. Any single jumps. Double jumps permitted: Double Salchow and Double Toe Loop. Max 3 jump combinations or sequences. Max 2 of any same jump. Max 2 spins of a different nature. One must be a flying spin with minimum of 5 revs. One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position. Minimum of 4 revs on each foot. One step sequence straight line, circular or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface.	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test	Time: 2:30 +/-10

WELL BALANCED (UNRESTRICTED) FREE SKATE PROGRAM EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Listed below is a summary of Unrestricted event requirements. Refer to the appropriate USFS Rule Number posted for full details.

Pre—Preliminary (US Rule 4270)

Jumps - Maximum of 5 jump elements. Up to two may be jump combinations or jump sequences. Jump combinations are limited to two jumps. The number of jumps in a jump sequence are not limited. Axels are permitted. Double and Triple Jumps are not permitted. .

Spins - Maximum of 2 spins of a different nature. Each spin must have minimum of 3 revolutions.

Steps - One step sequence utilizing one half the ice surface. Pattern must be straight line, circular or serpentine.

Preliminary (US Rule 4260)

Jumps - Maximum of 5 jump elements. One of which must be an Axel/waltz jump-type jump. Up to two may be jump combinations or jump sequences. Jump combinations are limited to two jumps. The number of jumps in a jump sequence are not limited. Only two different double jumps, chosen from double salchow, double toe loop and double loop may be attempted. Double flip, double lutz, double axel and triple jumps are not permitted.

Spins - Maximum of 2 spins of a different nature. Each spin must have a minimum of 3 revolutions.

Steps - One step sequence utilizing one half the ice surface. .Pattern must be straight line, circular or serpentine. Jumps may be included in the step sequence.

Pre-Juvenile (US Rule 4250)

Jumps - Maximum of 5 jump elements. One of which must be an Axel type jump. Up to two may be jump combinations or jump sequences. Jump combinations are limited to two jumps. The number of jumps in a jump sequence are not limited. No double axel or triple jumps are permitted.

Spins - Maximum of 2 spins. One must be a spin combination with at least one change of position and a minimum of 6 revolutions. One must be a spin in one position with a minimum of four revolutions and no change of foot. All spins must be of a different character. In the spin combination, the number of changes of foot is optional and the number of different positions is not limited. Boy spins may have a flying entry.

Steps - One step sequence fully utilizing the ice surface .Pattern must be straight line, circular or serpentine. Jumps may be included in the step sequence.

Juvenile (US Rule 4240)

Jumps - Maximum of 5 jump elements. One of which must be an Axel type jump. No triples allowed. Jump combinations are limited to two jumps. The number of jumps in a jump sequence are not limited. No double jumps may be repeated more than once, and if repeated, at least one attempt must be in a jump combination or a jump sequence. No more than three different double jumps may be repeated.

Spins - Maximum of 2 spins. One must be a spin combination with at least one change of position and a minimum of eight revolutions. One must be a spin in one position with a minimum of five revolutions and no change of foot. All spins must be of a different character. In the spin combination, the number of changes of foot is optional, and the number of different positions is not limited. Both spins may have a flying entry.

Steps – Maximum of one choreographic step sequence. Pattern may be a straight line, circular or serpentine. Must fully utilize the ice surface. A step sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE. A step sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will have no value.

Intermediate (US Rule 4230)

Jumps - Maximum of 6 jump elements. One of which must be an Axel type jump. Up to three may be jump combinations or jump sequences. Jump combinations are limited to two jumps except that one jump combination may contain three jumps. The number of jumps in a jump sequence are not limited.

Spins - Maximum of 2 spins. One must be a spin combination with at least one change of position and a minimum of eight revolutions. One must be a spin in one position with a minimum of five revolutions and no change of foot. All spins must be of a different character. In the spin combination, the number of changes of foot is optional, and the number of different positions is not limited. Both spins may have a flying entry.

Steps – Maximum of one choreographic step sequence. Pattern may be a straight line, circular or serpentine. Must fully utilize the ice surface. A step sequence that meets the minimum requirements above will be awarded a fixed base value and evaluated by the judges in GOE. A step sequence that does not meet the minimum requirements above will have no value.

WELL BALANCED (UNRESTRICTED) SHORT PROGRAM EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Listed below is a summary of Short Program event requirements. Refer to the appropriate USFS Rule Number posted for full details.

Senior Ladies Short (US Rule 4220)

- Axel Type Jump**- One Double or Triple Axel
- Solo Jump** – One triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements..
- Jump Combination** – One jump combination consisting of a double jump and triple jump (in either order) or two triple jumps.
- Flying Spin** – One flying spin with minimum of eight revolutions.
- Spin In One Position** – One layback or sideways leaning spin with minimum of eight revolutions.
- Spin Combination** – One spin combination with only one change of foot and at least 2 changes of position and all three basic positions.
- Step Sequence** – One step sequence, straight, circular or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface.

Junior Ladies Short (US Rule 4210)

- Axel Type Jump**- One Double Axel
- Solo Jump** – One double or triple lutz jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements..
- Jump Combination** – One jump combination consisting of two double jumps, a double jump or a triple jump (in any order) or two triple jumps.
- Flying Spin** – One flying sit spin with minimum of eight revolutions.
- Spin In One Position** – One layback or sideways leaning spin with minimum of eight revolutions.
- Spin Combination** – One spin combination with only one change of foot and at least 2 changes of position and all three basic positions.
- Step Sequence** – One step sequence, straight, circular or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface.

Novice Ladies Short (US Rule 4220)

- Axel Type Jump**- One single Axel or Double Axel
- Solo Jump** – One double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements..
- Jump Combination** – One jump combination consisting of two double jumps or a double jump and a triple jump (in any order).
- Spin In One Position** – One layback or sideways leaning spin with minimum of six revolutions.
- Spin Combination** – One spin combination with only one change of foot, at least 1 change of position and at least 2 basic positions (sit, camel, upright or any variation thereof).
- Step Sequence** – One step sequence. Must be straight, circular or serpentine. Fully utilize ice surface.

Intermediate Ladies Short (US Rule 4230)

- Axel Type Jump**- One single Axel or Double Axel
- Solo Jump** – One double or triple jump immediately preceded by connecting steps and/or other comparable free skating movements.. If a triple jump is executed as the solo jump, a triple jump cannot be included as either part of the combination.
- Jump Combination** – One jump combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump (in either order), two double jumps, a single jump and a triple jump(in either order) or a double jump and a triple jump(in either order). If a triple jump is executed as either part of the jump combination, a triple jump cannot be executed as the solo jump.
- Spin In One Position** – One spin with only one position. No change of foot. Minimum 5 revolutions.
- Spin Combination** – One spin combination with only one change of foot, at least 1 change of position and at least 2 basic positions (sit, camel, upright or any variation thereof).
- Step Sequence** – One choreographic step sequence. Pattern must be straight line, circular or serpentine and must fully utilize ice surface.

WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM (UNRESTRICTED) EVENT TIME LIMITS

Event	Duration	Event	Duration	Event	Duration
Senior	4:00 - Ladies	Intermediate	2:30	Senior Short	2:50 Max
	4:30 - Men	Juvenile	2:15	Junior Short	2:50 Max
Junior	3:30 - Ladies	Pre-Juvenile	2:00	Novice Short	2:30 Max
	4:00 - Men	Preliminary	1:30	Intermediate Short	2:00 Max
Novice	3:00 - Ladies	Pre-Preliminary	1:30	Masters Senior	3:40
	3:30 - Men	Adult Gold F/S	2:40 Max	Masters Junior	3:40
		Adult Silver F/S	2:10 Max	Masters Novice	3:10
		Adult Bronze F/S	1:50 Max	Masters Intermediate	3:10

RULES & REQUIREMENTS

- Adult events are in accordance with 2012 U.S. Figure Skating Rules **4500-4914**
- Masters events are in accordance with 2012 U.S. Figure Skating Rules **4500-4914**
- Unrestricted Freestyle and short program rules are in accordance with 2012 USFS Rules **3000-4270**.

FLIGHTS AND FORMAT

Within in each division, flights will be determined by date of birth of all registered athletes. Every effort will be made to not have more than 12 skaters in a flight. Medals will be distributed by flight. There will be no final round combining winners from all flights in the same division.

JUDGING SYSTEM

The Bay State Games will use the 6.0 judging system for all divisions (Both Restricted and Unrestricted).

FEES

\$85 for the 1st event

\$45 for the 2nd event (U.S. Figure Skating or ISI)

REGISTRATION OPENING

Registration will open on **November 1, 2011** for athletes who are Massachusetts residents, a full-time student at an academic institution in Massachusetts or a full-time members of a Massachusetts skating club, On **November 10, 2011** registration will be open to any athlete from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Rhode Island who does not meet any of the criteria listed above.

ENTRY DEADLINE

The registration deadline is December 23. All registrations must be postmarked no later than this date or they will be returned with a full refund of the entry fee. In addition, ice time for the 2012 Bay State Games figure skating competition is limited. Applications will be accepted until the December 23 deadline OR until all available ice time has been filled (whichever comes first). Applications received after the competition has been filled or after the December 23 deadline will be returned with a full refund. Athletes can register online with a credit card at www.baystategames.org. Applications can also be mailed to Bay State Games, 55 Sixth Road Woburn, MA 01801.

AWARDS

- Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded to the top three athletes in each division and event/flight, regardless of the state in which the athlete resides. Any athlete that wins a gold medal will receive a Bay State Games award jacket. Athletes that win more than one gold medal will receive only one jacket.
- Top finishers in each division/event/flight will also receive an invitation to the 2013 State Games of America (SGA) figure skating competition in Hershey, PA (tentative dates July 31-August 4, 2013). Invitations will be distributed to the top three finishers in each division/event/flight on a state-by-state basis.
- All registered athletes receive a 2012 Bay State Games T-shirt, an athlete pass for admission to the Bay State Skate Figure Skating Show on February 11, free admission to an athlete pizza party preceding the skate show and a souvenir 2012 Winter Games program listing all participants.

REFUNDS

Refunds of entry fees will be considered for medically verified injuries only. Refund requests must be accompanied by a doctor's note outlining the injury and why the athlete is unable to compete. **THERE WILL BE NO CASH REFUNDS OF ENTRY FEES.** Athletes approved for a refund will receive a defer certificate that can be used as a credit for future Bay State Games Figure Skating participation. By signing the participant waiver on the entry form, participants acknowledge that they agree to this policy.

RETURNED CHECKS

If an entry fee check is returned from the bank, the athlete must pay the full entry fee plus a \$25 bank fee before the registration will be confirmed.

CONFIRMATION

All athletes will be mailed a confirmation packet no earlier than January 9, 2012 with schedules, directions and other details. Athletes who register online must use the Club Officer Permission Form that is included with this application, have it signed by your club representative and faxed or mailed to the Bay State Games office by December 23, 2011. Athletes who mail in their application form must get their club officer's signature on the entry form prior to submitting it to the Bay State Games.

TENTATIVE COMPETITION SCHEDULE

- Specific times cannot be listed until after the entry deadline.
- Changes in times or days of events may be required once the exact number of entrants is determined.
- Due to the large number of athletes entering Pre Preliminary, Preliminary and Juvenile, these divisions could be competing on multiple days as listed below.
- Please note that there are conflicts in 2012 with Williams College Men's and Women's Ice Hockey games that are requiring that the competition on Friday be held in the morning and early afternoon to accommodate a hockey game that will be played on Friday evening.

Friday, February 10

7:30am-12:30pm

Juvenile Girls (Restricted & Unrestricted)

Short Program

Saturday, February 11

7:30am-2:30pm

Pre-Juvenile Girls & Boys (Restricted & Unrestricted)

Juvenile Boys (Restricted & Unrestricted)

Intermediate Men & Ladies (Restricted & Unrestricted)

Novice Men & Ladies

Junior Men & Ladies

Senior Men & Ladies

Pre-Preliminary (Restricted & Unrestricted)

Sunday, February 12

7:30am-1:30pm

Pre-Preliminary (Restricted & Unrestricted)

Preliminary Girls (Restricted & Unrestricted)

Adult Gold, Silver & Bronze

Short Program(if needed)

**M.A.S.F. will not have confirmed times or dates until after the entry deadline when we know how many athletes have entered each event.*

LODGING

Numerous hotels in the Berkshire Region of Massachusetts will offer special room rates for Bay State Games participants. A listing of available hotel accommodations in the Berkshires is posted on the Bay State Winter Games website.

SKATE SHOW

The Bay State Skate Figure Skating Show will be held Saturday, February 11 at 7:30pm at Williams College's Lansing Chapman Rink. Gold medal winning athletes from selected divisions during the Bay State Games figure skating competition will be invited to skate in the show. We will also be inviting a few skaters from Massachusetts who won gold medals at the 2011 State Games of America in San Diego, CA. The specific divisions that will be invited to the show will be posted in the athlete finalist packet. All athletes will receive an athlete ID badge which will allow the athlete complimentary admission to attend the show. Tickets for parents, family, friends and spectators are available for sale for \$10 each. There is NO ADMISSION FEE for spectators for the competition on February 10-12. There is only an admission fee for the February 11 show.

COMPETITION CHECK IN & MUSIC

On the day of the competition, athletes must arrive at least one hour prior to the scheduled start time. Upon arrival, athletes will check in at registration and turn in their competition music. Only CDs are permitted. No Cassettes or iPods can be used. The CD must be properly marked with your name, event and flight number. Only one track per CD. You must have a duplicate CD and a practice CD. Athletes are responsible for picking up their music after their competition. Bay State Games is not responsible for lost or stolen music.

SINGLE SKATER FLIGHT POLICY FOR USFS EVENTS

USFS skaters will be allowed to have a judged exhibition in flights with less than two skaters.

- If there are less than two skaters in any event by December 28, then the skater will be contacted with the option of a full refund or a judged exhibition.
- After December 28, if a scratch occurs which reduces a division to less than 2 skaters, then the skater will be contacted with the option of a full refund or a judged exhibition.
- If an athlete does not notify the Games of a scratch and does not show up for the competition which reduces the flight to a single skater, then the remaining athlete will be offered a judged exhibition. Under this scenario, there will be no refund of any travel expenses or entry fee.

To properly manage the event, M.A.S.F. reserves the right to combine or cancel events for due cause.

2012 BAY STATE WINTER GAMES

USFS FIGURE SKATING SKATER PERMISSION FORM

NAME OF CLUB _____

The skater(s) listed below is/are (a) member(s) in good standing of the above stated skating club and has/have permission to skate in the exhibition, show or competition that the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation is sponsoring, i.e. 2011 Bay State Winter Games and/or 2012 Bay State Skate Figure Skating Show.

SIGNED _____

Club Director or Coach

SKATER(S) NAME(S):

**Please complete this form and mail, fax or e-mail to the Bay State Games office
BEFORE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2011**

**MAIL TO:
Bay State Games
Skater Permission Form
55 Sixth Rd Woburn, MA 01801**

FAX TO: 781 932 3441

E-MAIL TO: INFO@BAYSTATEGAMES.ORG