2026 Glacier Challenge & Test Session

March 19 - 22, 2026

Registration Deadline:

February 13, 2026 11:59 pm MST

Missoula Figure Skating Club
Glacier Ice Rink
1101 South Ave West, Missoula, MT

Chief Referee: Molly Zammit
Test Chair: Rachael Terrill
Competition Chairs: Edwina Doty & Lisa Bao
comp.entryeeze.com

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2026 Glacier Challenge 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, 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.
  - Skate Up: 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.
- 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 the information sheet or email events@usfigureskating.org.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs, Ice Dance):

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

EVENTS OFFERED:

We encourage all competitions to promote and support all athletes, including skaters with disabilities, through offering Adaptive events and levels (included in the table below). If you have any questions regarding Adaptive Skating, the levels offered, and/or accommodations for skaters, email events@usfigureskating.org.

Note: Well Balanced Singles events may have updated requirements for the 2026-27 season, which begins on March 3, 2026.

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Resources --> Skating Rules & Resources –> Competition Program Requirements
- **Showcase Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Resources --> Skating Rules & Resources –> Competition Program Requirements --> Showcase --> 2026-26 Showcase Handbook
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** learntoskateusa.com/competeusa
- **Skate United:** For any Skate United (S.U.) Athletes, please have them register for their appropriate level under the "standard" option. Once the registration is complete, the following form must be submitted to the competition chair via email at glacierchallenge@missoulafsc.org.
  - Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.
  - If you have questions about how to support Skate United Athletes, email events@usfigureskating.org.
- **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 glacierchallenge@missoulafsc.org
  - Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.
  - If you have questions about how to support skaters using S.A.Ms, email , email events@usfigureskating.org.

SINGLES	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary - Senior) **Not participating in series*	IJS	*$100.00*	*$65.00*
Well Balanced Short Program	IJS	*$100.00*	*$65.00*
Well Balanced Free Skate	IJS	*$100.00*	*$65.00*
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze - Masters Jr/Sr)	IJS	*$100.00*	*$65.00*
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
PARTNERED ICE DANCE	**JUDGING**	**1st Event Price**	**2nd Event Price**

Pattern Dance (Pre-Juvenile - Gold)	6.0	*$100.00*	*$65.00*
Open Pattern Dance	6.0	*$100.00*	*$65.00*
Adult Pattern Dance (Preliminary - Gold)	6.0	*$100.00*	*$65.00*
Free Dance (Juvenile - Senior)	6.0	*$100.00*	*$65.00*
Adult Free Dance (Pre-Gold - Masters)	6.0	*$100.00*	*$65.00*
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT	**JUDGING**	**1st Event Price**	**2nd Event Price**
Compulsory Moves (Level 1-8)	6.0	*$25.00*	*$15.00*
Jumps Challenge (Level 1-9)	6.0	*$25.00*	*$15.00*
Spins Challenge (Level 1-6)	6.0	*$25.00*	*$15.00*
SHOWCASE	**JUDGING**	**1st Event Price**	**2nd Event Price**
Emotional Performance (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$65.00*
Choreographic Artistry (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$65.00*
Lyrical Pop (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$65.00*
Character Performance (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$65.00*
Comedic Impressions (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$65.00*
Duets/Trios (Pre-Preliminary - Senior, Adult)	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$65.00*
Interpretive **See note below*	*CJS*	*$90.00*	*$65.00*
Mini Production Ensemble (3-7 skaters)	*CJS*	*$140.00 Team*	
Production Ensemble (7+ skaters)	*CJS*	*$140.00 Team*	
SOLO DANCE	**JUDGING**	**1st Event Price**	**2nd Event Price**
Solo Pattern Dance (Preliminary - Gold) **Not participating in series*	*6.0*	*$85.00*	*$45.00*
Solo Open Pattern Dance	*6.0*	*$85.00*	*$45.00*
Solo Free Dance (Juvenile - Senior)	*6.0*	*$85.00*	*$45.00*
Adult Solo Pattern Dance (Preliminary - Gold)	*6.0*	*$85.00*	*$45.00*
Adult Solo Free Dance (Bronze - Gold)	*6.0*	*$85.00*	*$45.00*
COMPETE USA EVENTS	**JUDGING**	**1st Event Price**	**2nd Event Price**
Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Program w/ Music	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Adult Free Skate (Beginner - Bronze)	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Snowplow Sam - Basic 6 Elements	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Adult 1-6 Compulsory Moves	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Compete USA – Hockey 1-4 Elements & Skills Challenge	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Compete USA – Team Compulsory (4 skaters)	*6.0*	*$50.00 Team*	
Compete USA – HS Team Maneuvers (4 skaters)	*6.0*	*$50.00 Team*	
Compete USA – Showcase Lyrical Pop (Basic 1 - Aspire 4)	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Compete USA – Showcase Character Performance (Basic 1 - Aspire 4)	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*

Compete USA – Showcase Interpretive (Basic 1 - Aspire 4)	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Adaptive 6 Freeskate	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Adaptive 6 Showcase	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Skate United **See statement above*	*6.0*	*$65.00*	*$20.00*
Compete USA - Synchronized Team Freeskate (Aspire 1-4)	*6.0*	*$140.00 Team*	
THEATRE ON ICE	**JUDGING**	**Team Fee**	**Skate Fee**
TOI/CE (1-4)	*CJS*	*$65.00*	
Preliminary	*CJS*	*$140.00*	
Juvenile	*CJS*	*$140.00*	
Intermediate	*CJS*	*$140.00*	
Novice	*CJS*	*$140.00*	
Junior	*CJS*	*$140.00*	
Senior	*CJS*	*$140.00*	
Open	*CJS*	*$140.00*	
Adult	*CJS*	*$140.00*	

***INTERPRETIVE EVENT NOTES:**

The program will be a performance choreographed by the competitor, unaccompanied and unassisted, to music that is supplied by the LOC. The skater's interpretation of the music should incorporate various elements of expressive movement and skating moves, rather than the primary focus being technical elements. No props will be used for this event.

The music will be played twice during a warm-up on full ice. After the warm up skaters will go back to a room, supervised by a competition official who is SkateSafe® compliant. Skaters will be brought to the ice during the previous skater's performance and will sit with their back to the ice giving them a third time to hear the music. All competitors in an event will interpret the same music.

There will be curtains for the showcase and Interpretive events set up on the concession side (north side) of the rink. The judges will be sitting in the public bleacher side of the rink which will be the east side of the rink opposite the judge stand used for testing and freeskate events.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration Deadline February 13, 2026 11:59pm MST
Late Registration Deadline: February 20, 2026 11:59 MST $50.00 fee applies
***The host club reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met**

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA® member number and password
    a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to Entryeeze no later than **February 27, 2026 11:59pm MST**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **$20.00 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside 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 Entryeeze no later than **February 27, 2026 11:59pm MST**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **$20.00 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after the 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®, Missoula Figure Skating Club and Glacier Ice Rink 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.

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 glacierchallenge@missoulafsc.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 be 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 in Members Only; click the blue "COACH" button. 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.

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted with a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

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 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITIES:

Glacier Ice Rink
1101 South Ave West
Missoula, Montana

Our rink is located on the west side of the Missoula County Fairgrounds. Parking may be limited and we suggest carpooling when possible.

One sheet of ice will be used for this competition. Our rink is a standard North American (NHL) ice rink measuring 200 x 85 feet.

There will be some concessions available for sale.

Our rink is cold and we do not have a heated location available for spectators, so we advise you to dress warmly.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

GENERAL LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only and will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender

specific. An exception can be made for athletes under 11 years old 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.

TEAM LOCKER ROOMS

The designated team coach, team manager, team service personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. The team coach, team manager, and team service personnel must remove themselves from the Locker Room/Changing Area while any Minor Athlete(s) are actively changing or undressing. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room/Changing Area monitor. If there are concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing Area is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

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 who are at least 8 years of age 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 website is www.missoulafsc.org. An official bulletin board will be maintained near the on-site registration desk. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the website and/or bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition. Starting orders and results will be posted online and the QR code to access will be posted near the on-site registration desk.

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: Sessions may be made available, schedule permitting, and will consist of 20

minute sessions for $20.00. Practice ice sessions are available for pre-purchase online through Entryeeze after the close of entries and shortly after the competition schedule is published. No refunds for practice ice will be issued for sessions not attended.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open on Thursday, March 19, 2025, 60 minutes prior to the start of the Test Session, and then 60 minutes prior to day's ice time. Registration / check-in will be located inside the main entrance to Glacier Ice Rink.

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:

Awards will be presented at the registration desk shortly after the posting of results. Medals will be awarded for the top four places in each event. Compete USA events will have medals awarded to the 4th place in each event.

Two additional awards will be presented at the end of the competition on Sunday.

Kay Spencer Award: Chosen by the judges, an artistic award given for two skaters in the competition – one at Preliminary/Adult Bronze or lower level, one at Pre-Juvenile/Adult Silver or higher level.

Club High-Point Award: Calculated by the accountant based on first- through fourth-place placements by skaters, excluding single entry exhibitions, with points awarded to their club.

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.

Professional Photographer: We will have professional photographer Jason Larson attend each day, capturing pictures of the skaters that will be available for purchase on his website shortly after each day of the competition.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hotel information and merchandise vendors will be posted on our website. Merchandise will be available for sale during the competition.

Stuffies may be thrown onto the ice surface by spectators only during Showcase events. Two ice sweepers will be designated to collect thrown objects between each skater's performance.

TEST SESSION MARCH 19, 2026:

Registration will be online via www.entryeeze.com and will open **February 1, 2026** for the test session. **Deadline to register is March 5, 2026.**

Start time will depend on the number of participants, with a possible start time at 8:30am.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition webpage: www.missoulafsc.org/glacier-challenge-competition.html

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chairs:	Edwina Doty Lisa Bao	glacierchallenge@missoulafsc.org lisa.bao@missoulafsc.org	406-241-0299 302-229-9784
Chief Referee:	Molly Zammit	molly.z@comcast.net	Email only
Test Chair:	Rachael Terrill	testchair@missoulafsc.org	Email only