



48th Annual Providence Open Competition

Featuring

Little New England Championships

Presented by

The Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club

At Providence College's Schneider Arena

331 Huxley Avenue

Providence, RI 02908

September 9-11, 2016

Get an Individual critique before New Englands with ample time to make changes to the Program!!!

This event is sanctioned by US Figure Skating.



The Providence Open and the Little New England Figure Skating Championships 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 which 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 is a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club, or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

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 one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Skaters who placed in the top four in a final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

Skaters may enter either the test track or the well-balanced free skate program, but not both during the same competition.

Skaters may enter only one Little New England event.

For all events where permitted by USFS, if there are insufficient entries to hold a separate event, male and female skaters may compete against each other. PPFSC also reserves the right to limit the size of each event, to cancel an event, to combine and/or divide groups if necessary. In addition, the LOC may cancel or alter an event due to time constraints.

Skaters entering beginner–pre-juvenile events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

There will be no Open Juvenile event.

ENTRIES: Only Entry-eeze applications will be accepted. No paper entries will be allowed. Secure online registration for the Providence Open and Little New England Championships at www.ppfsc.org

Simply follow the links for the competition information; use the link to register for the competition and pay with a credit card. A non-refundable processing fee of 3.8% will be added to each entry.

Entries must be submitted no later than July 31, 2016

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the LOC with a \$50.00 late fee.

All skaters must have a current USFS membership by the registration deadline. Any skater who does not have a current membership by the deadline faces disqualification from the

competition and the forfeiture of all entry fees.

Special attention should be taken when checking off the events to be entered- any changes after July 31, 2016 will be assessed an additional \$25.00.

FEES

For the first IJS event, the fee is \$125.00.

For the subsequent IJS event, the fee is reduced to \$85.00.

For entrance into the Little New England Events, the fee is \$110.00

For entrance into the LNE Herb Kaplan Fourteen Step, the fee is \$25.00.

For non-Little New England Test Track events, the fee is \$80.00 for the first event and \$55.00 for subsequent events.

ADMISSION THERE WILL BE **FREE** ADMISSION TO THE COMPETITION.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after July 31, 2016, unless no competition exists or the event is cancelled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$25.00 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

PRACTICE ICE Practice Ice will be available at a cost of \$20.00 for 15 minutes and can be purchased online after the schedule is posted. Skaters will be notified in advance of the time that practice ice sales will begin. In addition, any remaining unsold practice ice will be sold at the competition for \$25.00 for 15 minutes. Notification of competition schedule and practice ice times will be available on the ppfsc.org website as soon as possible after the deadline date. Please do not call.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Schneider Rink on the Campus of Providence College, 331 Huxley Street, Providence RI 02908.

The Snack Bar at the Rink **will not** be open. Restaurants in the area are:

McDonalds, 736 Branch Ave., Providence

Wendy's 391 Charles Street, Providence

Dunkin Donuts, 50 Admiral Street, Providence

La Salle Bakery, 685 Admiral Street, Providence- they sell calzones and other food items.

MUSIC CD's with no paper labels; one track per CD in a recognizable format. The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Providence and Pawtucket FSC cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, the Pawtucket and Providence FSC, Schneider Arena, or Providence College accepts no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any

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participant in this competition. This policy is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Entries are accepted only on such conditions.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

THE INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM (IJS) will be used for the following events: Senior Short, Senior Free Skate, Junior Short, Junior Free Skate, Novice Short, Novice Free Skate, Intermediate Short, Intermediate Free Skate and Juvenile Free Skate.

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online. This form is found in the Member's Only section at www.usfigureskating.org. The deadline to submit the form is July 31, 2016.

Critiques will be available for only IJS Juvenile through Senior Free Skate events in preparation for the New England Regional Championships. Due to time constraints, critiques for short programs will be based on judge availability.

THE 6.0 MAJORITY JUDGING SYSTEM will be used for all events in the Little New England Championships, the Test Track events from Juvenile through Senior Levels, as well as and the Herb Kaplan (LNE) Fourteen Step Dance event. There will be no Open Juvenile event.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located in the main lobby of Schneider Arena. Please register promptly upon arrival.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: There will be still photography, video, and live streaming available from Snapshot Sports Photography.

AWARDS: Medals will be presented for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishers. Trophies will be presented to the top four finishers in the final round of the Little New England Events. A trophy will be presented only to the winner of the Herb Kaplan Fourteen Step; medals will be given to the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place finishers.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: To receive the schedule for the competition as well as any news on the competition, refer to www.ppfsc.org
It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the website for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Registration

In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;
- B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.
- C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A, B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

For Basic Skills ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing in a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Basic Skills instructor member.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge *all* coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

CONTACT INFO:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hotels:

Hilton, 21 Atwells Ave, Providence (401) 831-3900

Marriot, Charles and Orms Street, Providence (401) 272-2400

Wyndham Garden, Providence 220 India Street, Providence, RI (401) 272-5577

Holiday Inn Express, 901 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, RI 401-736-5000

PLEASE NOTE

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT, COACH AND SKATER TO LOOK AT THE USFS WEBSITE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EACH OF THE EVENTS OFFERED AT THE PROVIDENCE OPEN. THE COMPETITION WILL BE UTILIZING THE RULES FROM THE 2016-17 RULEBOOK AS

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**WELL AS ANY UPDATES THAT WERE MADE PRIOR TO THE ONLINE POSTING OF THE
RULEBOOK. ALL PROGRAM TIMES ARE DELINEATED IN THE RULE BOOK.**

PROVIDENCE OPEN IJS EVENTS

Event	Requirements
Senior Short	Senior Free Skate Test
Senior Free Skate	Senior Free Skate Test
Junior Short	Junior Free Skate Test
Junior Free Skate	Junior Free Skate Test
Novice Short	Novice Free Skate Test
Novice Free Skate	Novice Free Skate Test
Intermediate Short	Intermediate Free Skate Test
Intermediate Free Skate	Intermediate Free Skate Test
Juvenile Free Skate	Juvenile Free Skate Test

PROVIDENCE OPEN TEST TRACK EVENTS

Test Track Senior Free Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at USFigureSkating.org
Test Track Junior Free Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at USFigureSkating.org
Test Track Novice Free Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at USFigureSkating.org
Test Track Intermediate Free Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at USFigureSkating.org
Test Track Juvenile Free Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at USFigureSkating.org

LITTLE NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP FREE SKATE EVENTS

Event	Requirements
Pre-Juvenile Test Track Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at US Figure Skating.org
Pre-Juvenile Free Skate	See rules for Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Preliminary Test Track Free Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at USFigureSkating.org
Preliminary Free Skate	See rules for Preliminary Free Skate
Pre-Preliminary Test Track Free Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at USFigureSkating.org
Pre-Preliminary Free Skate	See rules Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
High Beginner Test Track Free Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at USFigureSkating.org
No Test	See rules for No Test Free Skate
Beginner Test Track Free Skate	See rules for Test Track Free Skating at USFigureSkating.org
Herb Kaplan Memorial Fourteen Step	Open to all levels of solo skaters – 3 patterns of the Fourteen Step

ENTRY FORM

Please type or print clearly.

Competitor's Name: _____

Birth Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ ___ Male ___ Female

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Highest Test Passed (as of July 31, 2016)

Free Skate _____ Moves _____ Figures _____ Dance _____

Home Club: _____ Member # _____

Professional/coach: _____ USFS# _____

(Be sure to use the exact name of the coach as it was utilized in the USFS coach's registration process.)

Please enter me in the following events:

<i>TT* Free Skate</i>	<i>IJS Events</i>	<i>Little New England Events</i>
_____ Senior TT	_____ Senior Short	_____ Pre-Juvenile Test Track Free Skate
_____ Junior TT	_____ Senior Free Skate	_____ Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
_____ Novice TT	_____ Junior Short	_____ Preliminary Test Track Free Skate
_____ Intermediate TT	_____ Junior Free Skate	_____ Preliminary Free Skate
_____ Juvenile TT	_____ Novice Short	_____ Pre-Preliminary Test Track Free Skate
	_____ Novice Free Skate	_____ Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
	_____ Intermediate Short	_____ High Beginner Test Track Free Skate
	_____ Intermediate Free Skate	_____ No Test
	_____ Juvenile Free Skate	_____ Beginner Test Track Free Skate
		_____ Herb Kaplan Fourteen Step

Entry form continued on next page.



Certificate of Eligibility: Approval is hereby given to

Who is a member in good standing of this club and is an amateur in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skate, and to the best of my knowledge is eligible to enter the specified event.

Signature of Club Official

Title

Signature of Professional

Indemnity Clause: All entrants and guardians waive all claims against officials, US Figure Skate officers, club and club officers holding this competition, for any damages to person or property in accordance with USFS rule 1600. Entries are accepted only on such conditions.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent or Guardian

___ First IJS event, the fee is \$125.00 \$ _____

___ Subsequent IJS events, the fee is \$85.00..... \$ _____

___ Little New England Event, the fee is \$110.00 \$ _____

___ (LNE) Herb Kaplan Memorial Fourteen Step Solo Dance the Fee is \$25.00....\$ _____

Total \$ _____

In the event there is only one entry in a given event, the skater(s) must choose one of the following:

___ I will exhibit.

___ I will skate up a level, assuming the skater is not already doing so.

___ I will withdraw and receive a refund minus the processing fees.

