



**Come to the Providence Open Competition and help us celebrate our
50th year!!!!!!**

Providence Open

including IJS Excel and IJS Well Balanced Events
Dance Events
and the

Little New England Championships

Featuring 6.0 Excel and 6.0 Well Balanced Events
Presented by

The Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club

At Providence College's Schneider Arena

*331 Huxley Avenue
Providence, RI 02908*

September 7-9, 2018

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 may enter only one Free Skate and only one Short Program with the following restrictions.

They may enter either the Excel Free Skate or the Well-Balanced Free Skate Program, but not both during the same competition. An Excel Skater **may also enter** a Well-Balanced **Short** Program in addition to the Excel Free Skate.

The maximum age for Little New England Events is 18 years old.

Skaters may enter only one Little New England event.

Age restrictions/ requirements Skaters entering the juvenile free skate events (well balanced program) must be under 13 years of age at the close of entries. Skaters entering open juvenile free skate (well balanced program) must be at least 13 years at the close of entries. These age restrictions do not apply to Excel juvenile events, but no LNE candidate should be over the age of 18.

Skaters entering beginner through pre-juvenile 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 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.

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 August 5, 2018.

Late entries will be accepted until August 12th 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 August 5, 2018 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 Herb Kaplan Fourteen Step, the fee is \$35.00. For all other dance events, the fee is \$55.00 for the first event, and \$35.00 for subsequent events.

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

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after August 5, 2018, 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:

Anthony's Italian Deli, 712 Admiral Street, Providence

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.

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition LG/10-1-14

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 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, Juvenile Free Skate and Open Juvenile Free Skate.** In addition, IJS will be used for **Excel Senior, Junior, Novice, Intermediate, Juvenile and Juvenile Plus.**

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 August 12, 2018.

CRITIQUES: The Providence Open will provide critiques on a limited basis for only IJS Juvenile through Senior Free Skate Well Balanced) events in preparation for the New England Regional Championships. The availability of those critiques will depend on judge availability and scheduling. IJS Excel Skaters will not receive critiques.

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.

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 one hour 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 Learn to Skate USA ONLY coaches - Any person, 18 and older, instructing a Learn To Skate USA program must have successfully passed the annual background screen and be registered as a Learn to Skate instructor and completed the Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification or U.S. Figure Skating Coach Compliance.

All coaches must complete the Safe Sport Certification.

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/story?id=84159>

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

Hampton Inn, 2 George Street, Pawtucket, RI, 888-347-2319

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

PROVIDENCE OPEN IJS EVENTS (WELL BALANCED PROGRAMS)

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
Open Juvenile	Juvenile Free Skate Test

PROVIDENCE OPEN- EXCEL- IJS EVENTS

Excel Senior Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Excel Junior Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Excel Novice Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Excel Intermediate Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Excel Juvenile Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Excel Juvenile Plus Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel

LITTLE NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS-6.0

Event	Requirements
Excel Pre-Juvenile Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Pre-Juvenile Well Balanced Free Skate	See rules for Pre-Juvenile Free Skate
Excel Preliminary Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Excel Preliminary Plus Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Preliminary Well Balanced Free Skate	See rules for Preliminary Free Skate
Excel Pre- Preliminary Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced Free Skate	See rules Pre-Preliminary Free Skate
Excel High Beginner Skate	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
Excel Beginner	See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Excel
No Test Well Balanced Free Skate	See rules for No Test Free Skate

Solo Dance Events-6.0 These Events are **NOT** part of Little New Englands, nor are they eligible for the National Solo Dance series.

SKATER'S DANCE LEVEL

Preliminary

Pre-Bronze

Bronze

Pre-Silver

Silver

Pre-Gold

Gold

Herb Kaplan FourteenStep

TEST REQUIREMENT

No test/ Passed preliminary

Passed Preliminary/ Pre-Bronze

Passed Pre-Bronze/Bronze

Passed Bronze/Pre-Silver

Passed Pre-Silver/ Silver

Passed Silver/Pre-Gold

Passed Pre-Gold/ Gold

Open to all Skaters

DANCE TO SKATE

Dutch Waltz(3)

Fiesta (3)

TenFox(3)

European Waltz (3)

Rocker Foxtrot(3)

Blues (3)

Quickstep (3)

Fourteenstep (4)

Entry Form begins on next page.

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 August 5, 2018)

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:

Excel IJS Events	Well Balance IJS	Little New England Events
_____ Senior	_____ Senior Short	_____ Excel Pre-Juvenile Skate
_____ Junior	_____ Senior Free Skate	_____ Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus Skate
_____ Novice	_____ Junior Short	_____ Pre-Juvenile Well Balanced
_____ Intermediate	_____ Junior Free Skate	_____ Excel Preliminary Skate
_____ Juvenile	_____ Novice Short	_____ Excel Preliminary Plus Skate
_____ Juvenile Plus	_____ Novice Free Skate	_____ Preliminary Well Balanced Free Skate
	_____ Intermediate Short	_____ Excel Pre-Preliminary Skate
	_____ Intermediate Free Skate	_____ Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced Free Skate
	_____ Juvenile Free Skate	_____ Skate
	_____ Open Juvenile	_____ Excel High Beginner Skate
		_____ Excel Beginner Skate
		_____ No Test Well Balanced Skate

Entry Form continued on next page.

Dance Events

- _____ Preliminary Dance
- _____ Pre Bronze Dance
- _____ Bronze Dance
- _____ Pre-Silver Dance
- _____ Silver Dance
- _____ PreGold Dance
- _____ Gold Dance
- _____ Herb Kaplan Fourteen Step

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, club officers and the rink facility or college 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 \$ _____

___ Herb Kaplan Memorial Fourteen Step Solo, the Fee is \$35.00.....\$ _____

___ First solo dance event, the fee is \$55.00.....\$ _____

___ Subsequent dance events, the fee is \$35.00.....\$ _____

Total \$ _____

Entry Form continued on next page.



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.
- I will skate in the same level against the opposite gender. This choice only applies to levels from pre-juvenile down to the lower events