



The 51st Providence Open and Little New Englands
including the
NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES

Featuring
Excel and Free Skate Events
Dance Events
Showcase
Presented by

The Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club

At Providence College's Schneider Arena

***331 Huxley Avenue
Providence, RI 02908***

September 5-8, 2019

This event is sanctioned by US Figure Skating.

The Providence Open, Little New Englands, and the National Qualifier 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.

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 AND LITTLE NEW ENGLANDS.

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.

Foreign Skaters who wish to compete in this competition must set up a non- member account prior to registering for the competition. To do so, login to www.usfigureskating.org and then choose "non-member Create account" on the Members Only Page. Foreign Skaters are not eligible for NQS events.

United States Figure Skating has approved this competition as part of the National Qualifying Series.

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.

Age Restrictions/Requirements:

Singles free skate events have the following requirements:
Juvenile Girls-12 years or younger; Boys -13 years or younger
Open Juvenile-13 years or older; Boys 14 years or older
Intermediate must be under the Age of 18

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

Skaters may enter only one Little New England Event.

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.

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 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:

Entries will only be accepted online via EMS at www.usfsaonline.org. Online registration closes midnight on August 5, 2019. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password. All EMS registration fees are credit card only and include a 3% non-refundable processing fee paid by the skater.

FEES:

For the NQS events, the cost is \$230.00 and includes both the long and short program.

For the NQS Juvenile Free Skate and all other IJS events, the cost is \$135.00.

For the entrance into Little New Englands, the fee is \$115.00 (excluding Excel Preliminary Plus and Excel Pre- Juvenile Plus, which are IJS events)

To enter a Showcase event, the cost is \$55.00

For the first dance event, the fee is \$55.00

For subsequent dance events and the Herb Kaplan Fourteen Step, the fee is \$35.00.

Practice Ice: Practice Ice will be available at a cost of \$20.00 for 15 minutes and can be purchased online through EMS prior to the competition deadline. On the day of the competition, any unsold ice will be available for \$25.00 for 15 minutes.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
 - a. For best experience, the Google Chrome browser is recommended
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click the blue EMS button
4. Click "Competition Registration"
5. Choose Providence Open" from the list of competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

EMS SKATER PORTAL:

Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Skater Portal for this competition. This portal is where you will manage music, upload the Planned Program Content, and purchase practice ice, view the competition schedule (once available) and update coach information. To access your skater portal, click the **BLUE** Event Management System button on the [Members Only](#) landing page then select the competition name from options at the bottom of the screen.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after August 5, 2019 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. Payment of these fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

SCHEDULE: Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available via EMS as soon as possible after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available. The schedule will also be posted at www.ppfsc.org once it is available,

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Schneider Arena on the campus of Providence College, 331 Huxley Avenue, Providence RI 02908. The size of the rink is 85 x 200 feet.

The Snack Bar at the rink will not be open.

Restaurants in the area are:

Providence College Cafeteria

Anthony's Italian Deli, 712 Admiral Street (not open on Sunday)

McDonald's 736 Branch Avenue, Providence RI

Wendy's 391 Charles Street, Providence

Dunkin Donuts, 50 Admiral Street, Providence

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LaSalle Bakery, 685 Admiral Street, Providence- they sell pizza, calzones and other food items.

MUSIC UPLOAD:

Deadline for Uploading Music is August 22 at midnight. A late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed if music is uploaded after the deadline.

All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab. All music must meet the criteria listed below. 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.

If you need assistance with uploading music, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
- The music chair will verify these specifications and may request you upload a corrected file.
- 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.

In case of technical difficulties, competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup and it must be available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

LIABILITY: In accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, U.S. Figure Skating, the Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club, the Schneider Arena, and Providence College accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition.

JUDGING SYSTEMS:

INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM (IJS) will be used for the following events: NQS Senior through Intermediate Free Skate and Short Programs as well as Juvenile and Open Juvenile Free Skate. In addition, IJS will be used for Excel Senior through Juvenile Events, Excel Preliminary Plus, Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus and Excel Juvenile Plus.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit their PPC via the EMS Skater Portal no later than August 22, 2019 at midnight. Program content must be entered under the Music & Program Content tab of your EMS for this competition. A late fee of \$15.00 will be assessed if the PPC is submitted after the deadline.

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

6.0 JUDGING SYSTEM

The 6.0 Judging System will be used for all Dance Events, Showcase Events, and for Little New Englands with two exceptions. The Excel Preliminary Plus and Excel Pre- Juvenile Plus events are part of Little New Englands but will be judged using IJS.

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 on arrival.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: US Figure Skating policy toward locker rooms can be found in Safe Sport Handbook. Please review for detailed information.

PRACTICE ICE: All practice ice will be available for purchase online through the EMS Skater Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the Main page of your skater portal. All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice through EMS on their mobile devices! Also check the website of the club at www.ppfsc.org for more practice ice information.

PHOTO/VIDEO: There will be still photography, video, and live streaming available through Snapshot Photography. They will be set up in the main lobby of Schneider Arena. If you have questions, contact their website at www.snapshotsportsphotography.com

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 Competition. A trophy will be presented 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 frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 1 hour 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 request their test credit form packets at registration desk and must be secured before the end of the competition. Please request your test packets one hour before your event. There will be a fee of \$10.00 for the forms. If the skater does not meet the test requirement, there will be no refunds.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non-qualifying competition, coaches' names must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal. All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

Coaches of U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2019-20 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Coaches of Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through <http://www.usfsaonline.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and certification is valid for 2 seasons.

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches via EMS, verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database, and are approved to receive 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. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:
<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION: If you are interested in volunteering for the Providence Open competition, contact Janice Delano at providence.open@earthlink.net

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact Gloria Haddad at providence.open@earthlink.net or 508-212-2611 or Debbie Merry dmerry7750@gmail.com or 401-359-2401.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Hotels

Hampton Inn, 2 George Street, Pawtucket, RI 888-347-2319- official hotel
Hilton 21 Atwells Avenue, Providence 401-831-3900
Marriot, Charles and Orms Steet, Providence RI 401-272-2400 (closest to rink)
Wyndham Garden, 220 India Street, Providence 401-272-5577
Holiday Inn Express. 901 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, RI 401-736-5000

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE WILL BE POSTED AT WWW.PPFSC.ORG

IJS EVENTS: SEE US FIGURESKATING.ORG FOR REQUIREMENTS

NATIONAL QUALIFIER EVENTS:

Per United States Figure Skating rules, a skater must have registered for this NQR competition by May 28, 2019 and passed the requisite skating tests. See [usfigureskating.org/Events/Qualifying competitions/ National Qualifying Series](http://usfigureskating.org/Events/Qualifying%20competitions/National%20Qualifying%20Series)
With the exception of Juvenile Free Style, NQR registrants will skate a long program and a short program.
Juvenile Skaters only skate their program.

These events are also open to all skaters who have met the test requirements and wish to skate **Well Balanced Programs**.

Senior Ladies
Senior Men
Junior Ladies
Junior Men
Novice Ladies
Novice Men
Intermediate Ladies
Intermediate Men
Juvenile Girls
Juvenile Boys

Notice to Coaches: USFS is implementing small changes to the Excel Program, which are effective September 1 and were unavailable to PPFSC for inclusion in this application. Those changes will be posted mid- summer. The association encourages coaches to check the 2019-20 season requirements chart at [usfigureskating.org/ programs/excel series](http://usfigureskating.org/programs/excel%20series) for those changes.

OTHER IJS EVENTS-

Open Juvenile Girls
Open Juvenile Boys
Excel Senior Ladies
Excel Senior Men
Excel Junior Ladies
Excel Junior Men
Excel Novice Ladies

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Excel Novice Men
Excel Intermediate Ladies
Excel Intermediate Men
Excel Juvenile Girls
Excel Juvenile Boys
Excel Juvenile Plus Girls
Excel Juvenile Plus Boys
Excel Preliminary **Plus** Girls– this event is a **Little New England Event**
Excel Preliminary **Plus** Boys- this event is a **Little New England Event**
Excel Pre-Juvenile **Plus** Girls– this event is a **Little New England Event**
Excel Pre-Juvenile **Plus** Boys– this event is a **Little New England Event**

6.0 Events

LITTLE NEW ENGLAND COMPETITION EVENTS-6.0***

See usfigureskating.org/Programs/Excel for requirements

Excel Pre-Juvenile Girls
Excel Pre- Juvenile Boys
Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus Girls****
Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus Boys****
Pre- Juvenile Well Balanced Girls
Pre- Juvenile Well Balanced Boys
Excel Preliminary Girls
Excel Preliminary Boys
Excel Preliminary Plus Girls***
Excel Preliminary Plus Boys***
Preliminary Well Balanced Girls
Preliminary Well Balanced Boys
Excel Pre- Preliminary Girls
Excel Pre- Preliminary Boys
Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced Girls
Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced Boys
Excel High Beginner Girls
Excel High Beginner Boys
Excel Beginner Girls
Excel Beginner Boys
No Test Well Balanced Girls
No Test Well Balanced Boys

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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	TEST REQUIREMENT	DANCE TO SKATE
Preliminary	No test/ Passed preliminary	Canasta Tango(3)
Pre-Bronze	Passed Preliminary/ Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha (3)
Bronze	Passed Pre-Bronze/Bronze	Hickory Hoedown(3)
Pre-Silver	Passed Bronze/Pre-Silver	Foxtrot (3)
Silver	Passed Pre-Silver/ Silver	American Waltz (2)
Pre-Gold	Passed Silver/Pre-Gold	Kilian (4)
Gold	Passed Pre-Gold/ Gold	Quickstep (3)
Herb Kaplan FourteenStep	Open to all Skaters	Fourteenstep (4)

SHOWCASE EVENTS- See USFigureSkating.org/Programs/Showcase for criteria requirements and times. These Events are NOT part of Little New Englands, but they are eligible for National Showcase in August 2020. (Pre- Preliminary is not eligible for National Showcase.)

Light Entertainment and/or Dramatic

Pre- Preliminary
Preliminary
Pre- Juvenile
Juvenile
Intermediate
Novice
Junior
Senior

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, 2019)

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:

National Qualifying Series/ Well Balanced Events

- ___ Senior Ladies
- ___ Senior Men
- ___ Junior Ladies
- ___ Junior Men
- ___ Novice Ladies
- ___ Novice Men
- ___ Intermediate Ladies
- ___ Intermediate Men
- ___ Juvenile Girls Free Skate
- ___ Juvenile Boys Free Skate

Other IJS Events

- ___ Open Juvenile Girls
- ___ Open Juvenile Boys
- ___ Excel Senior Ladies
- ___ Excel Senior Men
- ___ Excel Junior Ladies
- ___ Excel Junior Men
- ___ Excel Novice Ladies
- ___ Excel Novice Men
- ___ Excel Intermediate Ladies
- ___ Excel Intermediate Men
- ___ Excel Juvenile Girls
- ___ Excel Juvenile Boys

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- Excel Juvenile Plus Girls
- Excel Juvenile Plus Boys
- Excel Preliminary **Plus** Girls– this event is a **Little New England Event**
- Excel Preliminary **Plus** Boys- this event is a **Little New England Event**
- Excel Pre-Juvenile **Plus** Girls– this event is a **Little New England Event**
- Excel Pre-Juvenile **Plus** Boys– this event is a **Little New England Event**

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LITTLE NEW ENGLAND COMPETITION EVENTS-6.0***

See usfigureskating.org/Programs/Excel for requirements

- Excel Pre Juvenile Girls
- Excel Pre Juvenile Boys
- Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus Girls****
- Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus Boys****
- Pre- Juvenile Well Balanced Girls
- Pre- Juvenile Well Balanced Boys
- Excel Preliminary Girls
- Excel Preliminary Boys
- Excel Preliminary Plus Girls***
- Excel Preliminary Plus Boys***
- Preliminary Well Balanced Girls
- Preliminary Well Balanced Boys
- Excel Pre- Preliminary Girls
- Excel Pre- Preliminary Boys
- Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced Girls
- Pre-Preliminary Well Balanced Boys
- Excel High Beginner Girls
- Excel High Beginner Boys
- Excel Beginner Girls
- Excel Beginner Boys
- No Test Well Balanced Girls
- No Test Well Balanced Boys

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Dance Events

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

Showcase/ Light Entertainment

- Pre-Preliminary
- Preliminary
- Pre- Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior

Showcase/ Dramatic

- Pre-Preliminary
- Preliminary
- Pre- Juvenile
- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior
- Senior

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

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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
__ For NQS Intermediate through Senior, the fee is \$230.00	\$ _____
__ For NQS Juvenile and all other IJS Events, the fee is \$135.00	\$ _____
__ For the Little New England Event, the fee is \$115.00****	\$ _____
__ For the first solo dance event, the fee is \$55.00	\$ _____
__ For subsequent dance events, and the Herb Kaplan Fourteen Step, the fee is \$35.00	\$ _____
__ For Showcase Events, the fee is \$55.00	\$ _____

**** Remember Excel Preliminary Plus and Excel Pre- Juvenile Plus are part of Little New Englands, but are IJS events.

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.

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