



## **The 52<sup>nd</sup> Providence Open and Little New Englands**

### **Featuring**

Excel and Free Skate Events

Presented by

***The Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club***

***At Providence College's Schneider Arena***

*331 Huxley Avenue*

*Providence, RI 02908*

**September 11 – 12, 2021**

**PLEASE NOTE, THIS YEAR WE WILL ONLY BE HOSTING 6.0 EVENTS**

*This event is sanctioned by US Figure Skating.*

*This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition (EMS)*



The Providence Open/Little New Englands 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. This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as part of the National Qualifying Series.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PARENT, COACH AND SKATER TO REVIEW THE [U.S. FIGURE SKATING 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** Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Non-Member? Create Account” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

**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](http://www.usfsaonline.org). Online registration closes midnight on August 13, 2021. Late entries will be accepted until August 20<sup>th</sup> at the discretion of the LOC with a \$50.00 late fee.

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:**

All events: \$120.00

*This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition (EMS)*

Practice Ice: unofficial practice ice (no music) will be available at a cost of \$20.00 for 15 minutes and can be pre-purchased online through via EMS. Sessions will be self-schedule by skaters after the competition schedule has been released. If availability permits, any unsold ice will be available onsite for \$25.00 for 15 minutes.

**Follow the links here for EMS Skater Resources: [Pre-Purchase + Selection](#)**

**REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Go to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

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

**MUSIC UPLOAD:**

**DEADLINE: AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM**

**After this deadline, skaters will be locked out of the music upload and assessed a \$25.00 late fee**

All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than August 20<sup>th</sup>. All music must meet the following criteria. 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.

*This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition (EMS)*

**EMS MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)**

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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:**

**6.0 JUDGING SYSTEM**

The 6.0 Judging System will be used for all events.

**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](http://www.ppfsc.org) for more practice ice information.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:** There is no photography scheduled at this time, subject to change.

**AWARDS:** Medals will be presented for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place finishers.

**OFFICIAL NOTICES:** To receive the schedule for the competition as well as any news on the competition, refer to [www.ppfsc.org](http://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.

## **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, email at [providence.open@earthlink.net](mailto:providence.open@earthlink.net)

**CONTACT INFO:** If you have questions, please contact Gloria Haddad at [providence.open@earthlink.net](mailto:providence.open@earthlink.net) or 508-212-2611 or Debbie Merry [dmerry7750@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://WWW.PPFSC.ORG) AND A FINAL SCHEDULE WILL BE AVAILABLE VIA EMS AFTER THE CLOSE OF ENTRIES**

**Notice to Coaches: U.S. Figure Skating 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 2021-2022 season requirements chart at [usfigureskating.org/programs/excel-series](http://usfigureskating.org/programs/excel-series) for those changes.**

**OFFERED UPPER-LEVEL EVENTS NOT PART OF THE LITTLE NEW ENGLAND COMPETITION (JUDGED UNDER THE 6.0 SYSTEM)**

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  
Excel Juvenile Plus Girls  
Excel Juvenile Plus Boys

*This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition (EMS)*

**LITTLE NEW ENGLAND COMPETITION EVENTS-6.0**

**See [usfigureskating.org/Programs/Excel](http://usfigureskating.org/Programs/Excel) for requirements**

Excel Preliminary **Plus** Girls  
Excel Preliminary **Plus** Boys  
Excel Pre-Juvenile **Plus** Girls  
Excel Pre-Juvenile **Plus** Boys  
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

*This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition (EMS)*





## **The 52<sup>nd</sup> Providence Open and Little New Englands EMS Registration Check List**

- **Confirm USFS Membership for the 2021-2022 Season**
- **Review Offered Events (pages 7-9)**
- **Confirm test records for Event Eligibility**
  - Review offered events (pages 7-9 of announcement)
  - Note: test records are connected to EMS registration, if a recently passed test is not updated, you have the ability to self-report the passed test
- **Confirm Coach(es) member numbers for inclusion with EMS Registration and/or update within EMS Skater Portal**
  - Note: there is a directory search within registration
- **AFTER registration (EMS – My Competitions):**
  - [Pre-purchase Practice Ice](#)
    - Additional Resources: [Selection](#) + Open Sales
  - [Upload Music File\(s\)](#)

**If you need assistance with EMS, email  
[productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)**