



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

**Featuring**  
Excel and Free  
Skate Events

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Presented by

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

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

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

**September 10-11, 2022**

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

*This event is sanctioned by US Figure Skating.*



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.

**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 <http://www.entryeeze.com>. Online registration closes midnight on August 14, 2022. Late entries will be accepted until August 21 at the discretion of the LOC with a \$50.00 late fee.

Registration fees are paid by credit card only and include a 4% non-refundable credit card processing fee paid by the skater.

**FEES:**

All freestyle events \$130

Showcase \$130

Solo dance \$115

Compulsory moves \$75

**2022 Providence Open Events**

**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

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## **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  
Pre- Juvenile Well Balanced Girls  
Pre- Juvenile Well Balanced Boys  
Excel Preliminary Girls  
Excel Preliminary 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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## Other Events

We are using 6.0 judging for all events and are following all rules for skating competitions.

### Adults:

- Pre-Bronze
- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

### Compulsory Moves:

#### PROVIDENCE OPEN INDIVIDUAL COMPULSORY MOVES EVENTS

| Event           | Time Limit      | Element 1       | Element 2                   | Element 3                        | Element 4  | Element 5   |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Novice - Senior | 1:30 (full ice) | Double Loop     | Straight line step sequence | Layback spin                     | Combination Spin - 1 foot change, 2 position changes | Combination Jump - one must be double (no turn or step between) |
| Intermediate    | 1:00 (full ice) | Double Toe Loop | Axel                        | Split Jump                       | Camel Spin   | Combination Spin - 1 foot change                                |
| Juvenile        | 1:00 (half ice) | Axel            | Lutz                        | Flip                             | Combination Spin -1 foot change                      | Combination Jump - 2 singles (no turn or step between)          |
| Pre-Juvenile    | 1:00 (half ice) | Loop            | Flip                        | Backward Spiral                  | Camel/Sit Spin                                       | Combination Jump - 2 singles (no turn or step between)          |
| Preliminary     | 1:00 (half ice) | Salchow         | Forward Spiral              | Backward Crossovers in Figure 8. | One Foot Spin  | Combination Jump - Waltz/Toe Loop                               |
| Prepreliminary  | 1:00 (half ice) | Walz jump       | Half lutz                   | Half flip                        | Two Foot Spin  | Forward Spiral  |

**Showcase:**

## Lyrical Pop:

- Perform to your favorite song containing lyrics, without lip-synching.
- Lip synching is not permitted
- Props and Scenery are not permitted • No Technical Limitations

Pre-preliminary

Preliminary

Prejuvenile

Juvenile

Intermediate

Novice

Junior

Senior

**Solo Pattern Dance:****Eligibility: Skaters cannot have completed the next level.**

Preliminary-Dutch Waltz

Pre-Bronze-Cha Cha

Bronze- Hickory Hoedown

Pre-Silver- Fourteenstep

Silver-Tango

Pre-Gold-Paso Doble

Gold- Quickstep

**MUSIC CRITERIA: Please refer to the Music Criteria and Requirements at the end of this announcement.**

**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 SYSTEM**

The 6.0 Judging System will be used for all events.

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 Entryeeze. If availability permits, any unsold ice will be available onsite for \$25.00 for 15 minutes.

## **REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Go to Entryeeze.com.

**REFUND POLICY:** Entry fees will not be refunded after August 14, 2022 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. Credit card processing fees are NOT refundable.

**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 Entryeeze 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 22<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 Entryeeze through the Music & Program Content tab no later than August 22, 2022. All music must meet the criteria as stated in this announcement. 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.

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College accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition.

**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:** 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 EntryEeze. Sessions will be self-scheduled 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.

**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:**

All coaches must be fully compliant per USFS rules. They should bring proof of compliance to the competition.

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 PPFSC will have a list of compliant coaches which is verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database; they will 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

The schedule will be posted at [WWW.PPFSC.ORG](http://WWW.PPFSC.ORG)

**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 2022-23 season requirements chart at [usfigureskating.org/ programs/excel](http://usfigureskating.org/programs/excel) series for those changes.**

## Music Criteria and Requirements

For the **2022 Providence Open**, **online music submission is the ONLY acceptable method to submit program music**. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the “Competition” tab and then selecting “My Music.” Please be sure you are uploading the correct music for the correct event segment. Be careful, for example, not to mix up your short program and your free skate! **All music must be uploaded by August 22, 2022, 11:59PM ET). Please confirm the exact date on EntryEeze.**

The uploaded program music MUST conform to the following specifications:

- Programs per file: One (1) - Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. short program, free skate, short dance, free dance, etc.) per file is allowed.
- File Format: mp3 - The uploaded file music must be an mp3 file (MPEG-1 or MPEG-2 Audio Layer III). Simply changing the file extension to “mp3” from another file format is not acceptable.
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps is requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps will be accepted).
- Maximum file size: 10 MB
- Maximum run time: Five (5 minutes)
- ID3 Metadata (tags): None - The Chief Music Coordinator strongly requests that mp3 files DO NOT contain any ID3 metadata, commonly called tags. This is especially true of any embedded images such as album cover art, picture of the skater, etc. Please, **NO EMBEDDED IMAGES!**
- Maximum leader: The Chief Music Coordinator requests that there be NO leader. The leader is the silence between the start of the track and the actual start of the program music.
- Maximum trailer: The Chief Music Coordinator requests that there be NO trailer. The trailer is the silence between the end of the program music and the end of the actual track.

### Backup Music at Event (CDs)

In addition to submitting the music online, **all competitors/teams must also have at least one (1) backup copy of their competition music on CD, AT RINKSIDE, during the actual competition event segment or official practice**. CDs must meet the following requirements:

- In standard Audio CD format (Compact Disc Digital Audio). Other formats, including mp3 are NOT acceptable.
- Clearly marked with a permanent marker (e.g. Sharpie, do NOT use a label or tape) as follows: First Name, Last Name, (Club – Optional but requested), Event, Event

Segment and Music Length (e.g. Jane Smith, Acme FSC, Novice Ladies, Free Skate, 3:10 or Synchro Team, Widget FSC, Preliminary, Free Skate, 1:59)

- Each CD may have only ONE (1) music track on it. In the case where a skater competes in both a short program/dance and a free skate/free dance, two (2) separate discs must be available. Any disc with more than one (1) track is NOT acceptable.
- Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two (2) seconds.
- Due to the compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable “CD-RW” discs. **PLEASE, no CD-RWs!!**

The Local Organizing Committee (“LOC”), competition officials, and volunteers exercise reasonable care when handling CDs. However, they are not responsible for damage to or loss of any CDs. The LOC is not responsible for CDs not picked up by the end of the competition. Those CDs will be destroyed.

### **Interruption in Music – U.S. Figure Skating Rule 1403**

If, after the competitor/team’s name has been called to compete, there is an issue with the downloaded music or CD provided at the event, the competitor will have up to 3 minutes to rectify the situation with a backup copy of the music on CD. After 3 minutes, the competitor/team will be considered withdrawn.

### **Administrative Fee for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music**

The LOC may assess each competitor/team an additional charge, up to \$25.00 per event segment, to manually handle a team’s music, if the competitor/team: 1) fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission, 2) submits files that do not follow the specifications above, or 3) uploads the incorrect music for a given event segment (e.g. uploads short program music instead of the free skate). In the event the LOC decides to assess an administrative fee, the competitor/teams will not receive their credentials at registration until they pay the fee and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.