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**LeeAnn Miele Synchronized Skating Open**  
**&**  
**Little New England Championships**  
**November 10, 2024**  
**Hosted by**  
**The Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club**  
**Schneider Arena, Providence College**  
*Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating*  
*#35631*

## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The LeeAnn Miele Synchronized Skating Open & Little New England 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 that 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.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, Learn to Skate USA, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **Singles: Excel and Well-Balanced Events:**

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event's level. A skater's singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
  - o Skate Up: Skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.
  - o **Skaters may enter no more than ONE Free Skate event in this competition. (This includes Little New Englands and Special Olympics.)**
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete's competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:

- If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
- If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the “floor” set by their excel series entry.
- If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to the information sheet [HERE](#) or email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org).
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**SPECIAL FEATURE:** Free Skate events with more than one group will have a final round.

### **Synchronized Skating:**

For synchronized skating teams, this competition does **not** require that skating skills test requirements for the team’s level be met, except for the maximum allowed at the Compete USA levels (Snowplow Sam Synchro and Aspire levels).

### **EVENTS OFFERED:**

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** [usfigureskating.org](https://usfigureskating.org) --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements
- **Compete USA Program Requirements:** [learntoskateusa.com/competeusa](https://learntoskateusa.com/competeusa)
- **\*\*Skate United:** For any Skate United (S.U.) Athlete, please have them register for their appropriate level under the “standard” option. Once the registration is complete, the following form must be submitted to the competition chair via email at [gahaddad@earthlink.net](mailto:gahaddad@earthlink.net)
  - [Click here for the Skate United Athlete Form.](#)
- **Skating Accommodation Memorandum (S.A.M.):** Skaters using a S.A.M. must submit their S.A.M. to the competition chair via email at [gahaddad@earthlink.net](mailto:gahaddad@earthlink.net)
  - [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate- Pre-Juvenile Plus	6.0	\$160	NA
Excel Free Skate- Preliminary	6.0	\$160	NA
Excel Free Skate- Preliminary Plus	6.0	\$160	NA
Excel Free Skate-Pre- Preliminary	6.0	\$160	NA
Well Balanced Free Skate – Pre-Juvenile	6.0	\$160	NA
Well Balanced Free Skate- Preliminary	6.0	\$160	NA
Well Balanced Free Skate- Pre-Preliminary	6.0	\$160	NA
Aspire 1	6.0	\$160	NA
Aspire 2	6.0	\$160	NA
Aspire 3	6.0	\$160	NA
Aspire 4	6.0	\$160	NA
<b>ADAPTIVE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Special Olympics – Free Skate Program Levels 1-4	6.0	75	NA
<b>SYNCHRONIZED SKATING</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>Team Fee</b>	<b>Skater Fee</b>
Aspire 1	6.0	\$75	\$12
Aspire 2	6.0	\$75	\$12
Aspire 3	6.0	\$75	\$12
Aspire 4	6.0	\$75	\$12
Preliminary*	IJS	\$320*	\$30
Pre-Juvenile*	IJS	\$320*	\$30
Open Juvenile*	IJS	\$320*	\$30
Adaptive/Skate United** see above	6.0	\$75	\$12

\*Fee of \$70 for 8 minutes of practice included in the fee for IJS teams.

Practice ice for all other teams will be determined by the availability of ice after the close of registration.

Please note that this year we are not able to offer this competition to divisions higher than Open Juvenile.

### **OUR COMMUNITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION:**

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the [SkateSafe® Program Handbook](#) for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit [www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

### **ATHLETE ASSISTANCE/ACCOMMODATIONS:**

Should a skater with disabilities require any specific accommodations or assistance for their competitive event, please submit your approved S.A.M to the Competition Chair by the registration deadline at [gahaddad@earthlink.net](mailto:gahaddad@earthlink.net).

### **COMPLIANCE:**

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>.

### **COACHES**

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#). All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Coaches of foreign athletes: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

Coach credentials will be issued to: **one** coach per registered athlete / **two** coaches per registered team).

### **TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL**

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate USA® membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™ Training. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions. Team service personnel is defined as those indicated as a team manager and/or team service personnel planning to attend the competition with the team.

### **MANDATORY ATHLETES**

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., synchro, ice dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training. \*

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SafeSport™ Training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

## **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION : register at EntryEeze.com; look for Miele Skating Festival**

Registration Deadline for Little New Englands: 10/5/24 at 11:59 p.m. ET\*

Late Registration Deadline: 10/12/24 at 11:59 p.m. ET + \$50 Late Fee\*

**IMPORTANT!** PPFSC reserves the right to close registration at any time if event capacity is met.

### **CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK:**

Critiques will be offered for synchro teams, Little New Englands, and adaptive skaters.

### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

Music must be uploaded via EntryEeze. Directions for uploading will be posted on the EntryEeze site.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

### **PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS EVENTS ONLY:**

The PPC for synchro teams in IJS events must be uploaded via EntryEeze. Directions for uploading will be posted on the EntryEeze site.

### **REFUND POLICY**

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

### **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Pawtucket and Providence Figure Skating Club, and Schneider Arena accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

## **IV. COMPETITION DETAILS**

### **FACILITIES:**

Schneider Arena, Providence College  
331 Huxley Avenue, Providence, RI  
<https://friars.com/facilities/schneider-arena/6>

Rink size: 200' x 85' This arena has a very comfortable temperature. The concession stand will not be open. There are many restaurants in the area.

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

**For singles free skate events:** Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

### **For Synchro Teams:**

The designated team coach, team manager, team service personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. The team coach, team manager, and team service personnel should remove themselves from the Locker Room/Changing Area while any Minor Athlete(s) are actively changing or undressing. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room/Changing Area monitor. If there are concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing Area is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

### **U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy:**

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe® Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

### **OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:**

The official event website is [ppfsc.org](http://ppfsc.org). PPFSC will post updates and announcements on the club website and email, as appropriate. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the website and email frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

**\*\*All LOCs are encouraged to utilize online results vs. posting results onsite. To request the live results link from U.S. Figure Skating (IJS and 6.0), click [here](#).**

### **SCHEDULE**

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Practice ice will be available for purchase online once the competition schedule has been completed. Teams and singles skaters will be notified by email when it is possible to purchase practice ice and when the practice schedule is finalized.

**If you are participating in a role requiring compliance, please be sure to [download or print your compliance card](#) to verify your compliance status on-site, if requested. If you believe your compliance card does not accurately reflect your compliance status, please contact [skatesafe@usfigureskating.org](mailto:skatesafe@usfigureskating.org) at least 2 business days prior to the competition for assistance.**

### **AWARDS:**

**For synchro and singles in Aspire 1-4 events:** There will be no more than six competitors in a group, and all six will receive an award.

**For all other synchro and singles events:** Medals will be awarded to all skaters for first, second, third, and fourth place.

**VOLUNTEER INFO:**

Volunteers are welcome to assist in the running of this competition. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Janice Delano at [jan102500@comcast.net](mailto:jan102500@comcast.net).

**VOLUNTEER COMPLIANCE:**

Reminder: Compliant positions at all U.S. Figure Skating events include LOC leadership, locker room monitors and emergency medical providers.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:**

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music. Questions about this can be directed to [music@usfigureskating.org](mailto:music@usfigureskating.org).

**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Competition website: <https://ppfsc.org>

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair:	Gloria Haddad	<a href="mailto:gahaddad@earthlink.net">gahaddad@earthlink.net</a>	508-212-2611
Chief Referee-singles	Gerald Miele	<a href="mailto:gmiele69@aol.com">gmiele69@aol.com</a>	401-935-0606
Chief Referee- synchro		<a href="mailto:tsobell@gmail.com">tsobell@gmail.com</a>	603-718 9532
Practice Ice Chair:	Janice Delano	<a href="mailto:jan102500@comcast.net">jan102500@comcast.net</a>	508-662-9966
Additional Contact:	<b>Name</b>	<b>E-mail</b>	<b>Phone</b>