



Sanctioned by US Figure Skating



28th Annual Orange Blossom Open Competition
Tampa Bay Skating Club
July 5 - 7, 2019
Registration Deadline Friday, May 24th at 11:59 PM



The Orange Blossom Open 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.

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS):

This competition has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as an official NQS event. Athletes are required to read the NQS handbook [found here](#) and register for the series through EMS by May 28th (separate from competition registration).

NATIONAL SOLO DANCE SERIES: In conjunction with the regular competition, The Orange Blossom Open has been sanctioned as a National Solo Dance Series host event.

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 (Well Balanced Program) have the following

requirements.

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger
Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older
Intermediate must be under the age of 18
Adults must be 21 years or older

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.

NQS REMINDER: All NQS events are combined short program and free skate events. If there are more than 24 entries per event, qualifying rounds must be held in accordance with Rule 2460. SEE THE NQS LOC HANDBOOK FOR DETAILS (p. 5 – 7).

ENTRIES: Please note entry policies and deadlines!

Entries will only be accepted online via EMS at www.usfsaonline.org. Online registration opens April 29th 2019 and closes at 11:59pm EDT on May 24th, 2019. **Late entries will not be accepted.** Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

ENTRY FEES:

All IJS Events (not including NQS events):

First IJS Event: \$125
Second IJS Event: \$75

NQS Events *

Intermediate - Senior Combined Short Program + Freeskate: \$200
Juvenile Freeskate: \$125

* Skaters **do not** need to be registered for the National Qualifying Series to participate in these events.

All non IJS

First Non IJS Event \$95
Additional Non IJS Events \$55.00

Compete USA Events

First Event: \$60
Each Additional Event \$ 30

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. This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the Members Only login page. You will also need a letter from your federation stating that you are a member in good standing.

PARTNERED EVENTS (PAIRS/DANCE/DUETS/SHADOW DANCE):

Only one partner needs to complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/ppc upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
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. Select the "Registration/Administration" option under the Events tab.

4. Click "Event Registration & Information"
5. Choose "Orange Blossom 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 is where you will manage music and PPC upload as well as 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 unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable.

FACILITIES: All events will be held at the Tampa Bay Skating Academy, 255 Forest Lakes Blvd., Oldsmar, FL 34677. The arena has twin ice surfaces measuring 85' x 200' each, with rounded corners and hockey barriers. The Academy has locker rooms, a snack bar, pro shop, and ample seating areas. Visit www.tampabayice.com for more information about the facility.

MUSIC UPLOAD:

DEADLINE: June 16th, 2019

All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than 6/16/2019. 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.

CLICK HERE FOR MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO

If you need assistance, 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
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they 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.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD as a backup in case of technical difficulties and 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: U.S. Figure Skating, (Tampa Bay Skating Club), and (Tampa Bay Skating Academy) 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.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- All Short Program and Free Skate events at Pre-Preliminary through Senior
- Adult Free Skate events as Pre-Bronze through Masters Junior/Senior
- All Solo Dance Series events

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for:

- Excel events below Juvenile level
- No Test Free Skate (Standard and Adult tracks)
- Compulsory Moves, Spins, and Jumps
- Showcase

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC):**DEADLINE: June 16th, 2019**

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit their PPC via the EMS Skater Portal no later than June 16th, 2019. Program content must be entered under the Music & Program Content tab of your EMS for this competition.

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on Friday, July 5, 2019 one hour prior to the first event and remain open throughout the entire competition. The registration table will be located in the lobby of TBSA. Please register promptly upon arrival.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice Ice will be available beginning Friday, July 5th and throughout the rest of the competition (based on the schedule of the competition), on a first-come-first-served basis. 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!

Advanced purchase of practice ice may be made at the time of registration for 1 session per event at \$17 per 20 minute session. We will allow additional practice ice sales online for \$21 per session after the schedule has been posted and those that pre-registered have had time to select their sessions. Any remaining practice ice time will be available for purchase at the event for \$23 per session at the registration desk. **Practice ice fees are non-refundable.**

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Individual videotaping will be permitted in designated areas ONLY. Only battery-operated cameras will be permitted with NO TRIPODS. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY, PLEASE! You may only video your skater, not the entire flight.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded for 1st through 4th place winners in each event. Skaters may collect their medal in the registration area anytime following the posting of results for their event.

CRITIQUES

Individual critiques will be offered for the short and Free Skate programs of Juvenile through Senior skaters as well as Adult Gold for \$15. Sign up for critiques will only be available during registration. Critiques will be open only to skaters and their coaches. No parents are allowed. Please check-in for critiques at the registration desk at least one hour prior to your event. Critiques will include one copy of your protocol. Additional copies may be purchased at the awards table.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the registration table. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

COMPETITION CONTACT INFORMATION

Brad Bartlett, Competition Chair: box1@bradleyb.us

Tampa Bay SC website: www.tampabayaskatingclub.org

All competition inquiries should be made to the club, please do not call the Tampa Bay Skating Academy for issues regarding the 2019 Annual Orange Blossom Open competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches 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.

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.

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 who 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>

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hampton Inn & Suites, 813-818-7202 4017 Tampa Rd. Oldsmar FL 34677 * **Group Rate Available Please Call To Book.**

Website: <http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/hampton-inn-and-suites-tampa-northwest-oldsmar-TPAOMHX/about/index.html>

Hilton Garden Inn, 813-891-9990 4052 Tampa Rd. Oldsmar FL 34677

Website: <http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/florida/hilton-garden-inn-tampa-northwest-oldsmar-TPANWGI/index.html>

Holiday Inn Express, 813-854-5080 3990 Tampa Rd. Oldsmar FL 34677

Website: <http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/oldsmar/oldfi/hoteldetail>

Events Offered:

NOTE FOR SKATERS: it is not a requirement for skaters to be registered for the NQS series to compete in these events.

OFFICIAL NQS SINGLES EVENTS: *

Intermediate – Senior Combined Short Program + Free Skate
Juvenile Free Skate

**These events will be conducted in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 2040 with regard to qualifying and final rounds if more than 24 competitors register.*

ADDITIONAL SINGLES EVENTS:

Snowplow Sam- Free Skate 6 Program (with music)
Excel Free Skate (For levels below Juvenile)
Singles Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test – Open Juvenile)

COMPULSORY MOVES – SINGLES

Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6 Program
Excel Compulsory (Excel Beginner – Excel Preliminary)
Compulsory Moves (No Test – Senior)

PAIRS EVENTS:

Pairs Short Program
Pairs Free Skate

SPECIALITY EVENTS - SINGLES

Jumps Challenge
Spin Challenge
Moves in the Field
Step Sequences
Showcase

SOLO DANCE

The 2019 Orange Blossom Open is a participating competition within the 2019 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, solo combined event and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2019 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/2019_Skater_Handbook.pdf. Please refer to the 2019 Solo Dance Series handbook for the current Series rules, levels and event requirements that will be in effect for this competition.

You do not need to be a registered participant in the 2019 Solo Dance Series to participate in these events.

Solo Pattern Dance
Solo Combined Dance (juvenile – senior only)
Shadow Dance

Dances to be skated at Orange Blossom Open for the Pattern Dance event:

Level	Dances (number of sequences to be skated)
Preliminary	Canasta Tango (3 sequences) Dutch Waltz (3 sequences)
Pre-Bronze	Swing Dance (2 sequences) Fiesta Tango (3 sequences)
Bronze	Hickory Hoedown (3 sequences) Ten Fox (3 sequences)
Pre-Silver	Fourteenstep (4 sequences) Foxtrot (3 sequences)
Silver	Tango (2 sequences) Rocker Foxtrot (3 sequences)
Pre-Gold	Paso Doble (3 sequences) Kilian (4 sequences)
Gold	Quickstep (3 sequences) Westminster Waltz (2 sequences)
International	Rumba (3 sequences) Yankee Polka (2 sequences)

ADULT EVENTS

Adult 1-6 (Program with music)
Adult Introductory Free Skate Beginner and High Beginner
Adult 1-6 and Introductory Compulsory

Adult Singles Free Skate

Adult Compulsory Moves

Adult Jumps Challenge

Adult Spins Challenge

Adult Pairs Free Skate

Adult Pattern Dance

Adult Partnered Free Dance

Adult Solo Pattern Dance

Adult Solo Free Dance



TAMPA BAY SKATING CLUB PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENT FORM

The Tampa Bay Skating Club is proud to host the 2019 Orange Blossom Open Competition July 5-7, 2019. This competition is held at the Tampa Bay Skating Academy in Oldsmar, Florida and is one of the largest non-qualifying figure skating competitions held in the south. We expect over 125 competitors, plus their families and coaches as well as officials and spectators.

We invite you to submit an advertisement to be printed in the program, which will be available to all participants and spectators during the competition. The program format is 5 1/2" X 8 1/2", or "booklet size." We ask that advertisers submit camera-ready artwork, but if you need an ad made, please send what you have and we will be as creative as possible. The advertising deadline is May 31, 2019. Ads received after that date will be included to the best of our ability if time and layout permit.

Your support of the 2019 Orange Blossom competition and the Tampa Bay Skating Club is greatly appreciated. Programs will be available during the three days of the competition, which is open to the public. Thank you for your participation.

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To the attention of: Orange Blossom ProgramPlease do not submit into Entryeeze**
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