

PHILADELPHIA SYNCHRONIZED SKATING
INVITATIONAL
&
JUDGES CRITIQUE



HOSTED BY WISSAHICKON SKATING CLUB
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

COMPETITION LOCATION
HATFIELD ICE
350 COUNTY LINE ROAD
COLMAR, PA 18915

This is a Competition Announcement Only

Registration must be completed online at www.entryeeze.com



Philadelphia Synchronized Skating Invitational & Judges Critique
Hosted by Wissahickon Skating Club
Saturday, October 28, 2017

The Philadelphia Synchronized Skating Invitational, hosted by Wissahickon Skating Club, 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 web site.

LOCATION: Hatfield Ice
350 County Line Road, Colmar, PA 18915
(215) 997-9797 (General Inquiries only)
www.philadelphiasymmetry.org/competition

CHAIRPERSON: Jill McGee, TeamManager@philadelphiasymmetry.org
CHIEF REFEREE: Dann Krueger
CHIEF ACCOUNTANT: Andi Shorin

This competition is open to all synchronized teams comprised of members who are eligible, restricted, reinstated, or readmitted persons, as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rule book regarding eligibility of non-U.S. Citizens.

This event is proud to participate in the Eastern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Participation in this series is open to all Synchro Skills 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile and open juvenile teams. Visit www.usfigureskating.org for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

JUDGES CRITIQUE

In conjunction with the Competition, teams can register and receive a 15-minute On-Ice Judges Critique. The registration and fee for the Critique is separate from the Competition. Teams cannot register for the Judges Critique only.

Teams will learn what improvements they can make to their programs to be successful under IJS and 6.0. The panel will be announced as soon as confirmed.

Entry Fees:

Snowplow Sam / Synchro Skills Teams:	\$75 / team
6.0 Teams:	\$100 / team
IJS Teams:	\$150 / team

Each team will receive a 15-minute block of on-ice time, in which they will be asked to perform their program while their coaches stand rink side with the judging panel and receive feedback. A member of the panel may ask the team to repeat specific parts of the program.

All teams are required to submit a completed Planned Program Content Sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content Sheet must be sent by email to Jill McGee at the above e-mail address by October 1, 2017.

ENTRIES:

All registrations are through Entryeeze at <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=557>.

A non-refundable processing fee will be charged. Contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25.00 fee. Payment will be required before the team is allowed to participate.

*******In Entryeeze, to register for the Judges Critique, click on Merchandise under the Competition tab and add the appropriate event level to your shopping cart.*******

For information on Music uploads, see Music under Competition Detail on following page.

COMPETITION DETAIL

ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1st preceding this competition. This competition is not requiring that Moves in the Field test requirements be met, with the exception of the maximum allowed at the Learn to Skate USA level.

SCHEDULE:

The schedule for the competition will be posted on the Entryeeze website and Emailed to team's primary contact. Please check for schedule changes prior to traveling to the competition.

MUSIC:

For this competition and judges critique, online music submission is the **ONLY** acceptable method to submit program music. After you have paid for your events, the EntryEeze 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! The music submission deadline is October 14, 2017.

- Programs per file: 1, only one piece of competition program music per file
- File Format: MP3 (simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable)
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps requested (bit rates between 128 and 320 kbps accepted)
- Maximum file size: 10mb
- Maximum run time: 5 minutes
- ID3 Metadata [tags]: None – please no embedded images
- Maximum leader: 2 seconds, however we recommend that there be NO leader
- Maximum trailer: 2 seconds, however we recommend that there be NO trailer

Competitors should have backup CDs with them at their scheduled event (in case of problems with the uploaded music). No CD's in RW format.

RINK:

All events will be held at Hatfield Ice. The ice surface measures 200' x 85'. No smoking at any time. No flash photography permitted during the events.

AWARDS:

Awards will be presented to each skater on teams placing first through fourth in each division. The Junior and Senior Short and Long programs are judged and awarded as separate events. Results will be posted in the lobby. Please check bulletin board at the registration desk for time and location of the presentation of awards.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

The event will be filmed and photographed by CARMO Photography. Photographs and DVDs / digital downloads will be available for order.

DEADLINE:

You must enter this competition online by midnight September 15, 2017. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Chair for an additional entry fee. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS** except for the cancellation of an event. Please note that the processing fee is not refundable for any reason.

ENTRY FEES:

Snowplow Sam / Synchro Skills Teams	\$50 per team plus \$5 per skater
6.0 and IJS Teams	\$275/team plus \$30/skater including alternates
Combined fee for Junior and Senior Teams for Short and Long Programs	\$300/team plus \$30/skater including alternates

ENTRIES:

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For Synchro Skills 1-3, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they should be able to “skate-up” one level (for example, team has majority of skaters under 9 years old but would like to skate in the Synchro Skills 2, they should be allowed).

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice ice will be offered and available for purchase through Entryeeze when team's register for the competition.

FACILITIES:

The competition will be held at Hatfield Ice, 350 County Line Road, Colmar, PA. This rink has an ice surface of 200' x 85'. The temperature of the rink can be cold. There is a snack bar on-site. Locker rooms will be assigned by the referee.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Philadelphia Symmetry, Wissahickon Skating Club and Hatfield Ice 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:

- Juvenile
- Intermediate
- Novice
- Junior Short Program & Free Skate
- Senior Short Program & Free Skate
- Collegiate
- Adult

The majority 6.0 Judging System will be used for the following events:

- Snowplow Sam
- Synchro Skills 1-3
- Preliminary
- Pre-Juvenile
- Open Juvenile
- Masters
- Open Adult
- Open Masters
- Open Collegiate

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org at least 7 days before the start of the event.

REGISTRATION:

Registration will begin on July 10, 2017 and end on September 15, 2017 at 11:59pm.

The registration table will be located in the rink lobby and will be open at all times during the practice ice and competition. Teams need to register no later than two hours in advance of their competition event and submit their competition music. At the time of registration, teams will pick-up their registration packets containing competition information, badges, final schedules, etc.

The Official Bulletin Board will be located at registration. It is the responsibility of each team to periodically check this board for any updates. The Team Manager should register on behalf of the team, as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches must register separately to receive their credentials (see coaching requirements below).

ADMISSION:

Each team will receive a credential for each skater, two (2) registered coaches, as well as two (2) chaperones. All other Admissions are \$5. Children under 5 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

PRACTICE ICE:

All practice ice is at Hatfield Ice, which has an ice surface of 200' x 85'. Practice ice is strongly recommended for teams competing in the IJS events. Your ice will be assigned in a block format by level by the LOC. Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, Collegiate and Adult teams will have their practice ice monitored by the IJS system, and will be grouped together for practice ice purposes.

Practice ice will be sold in blocks of 10 minutes at \$80 per block or 12 minutes at \$100.00 per block for Junior, Senior and Collegiate teams. Practice ice will be sold on a first come, first serve basis. Practice Ice will not be scheduled without full payment and completion of the team registration forms. Should practice ice sessions remain, they will be offered to teams at the discretion of the LOC. Practice Ice sessions will be confirmed by email.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained at Hatfield Ice. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or 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. The official schedule of events will be posted no later than 14 calendar days prior to the commencement of the competition.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating nonqualifying competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be:

- Declared by the skater or team in the registration process
- Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B for the current season.
- If coaches are **ONLY** coaching a Learn to Skate USA Synchro Skills 1-3 team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership and background check is sufficient. If the coach is coaching any other level team(s) at a nonqualifying event, then he/she must have at least CER B for the current season
- Current with Coach Registration (requires annual fee and background check)
- A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.pdf>.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of coaches who are cleared for 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. Coaches who are **NOT** on the list will need to show proof of membership in U.S. Figure Skating, a Coaches Registration card, proof of Category A or B compliance, and a photo I.D. at check in. 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 – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Current competition information will be posted on our Entryeze site <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=557> and our team website, www.philadelphiasymmetry.org.

For questions, please contact:

Jill McGee, TeamManager@philadelphiasymmetry.org, 267-280-7386

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Vendors:

There will be a Vendor tent, with the usual line-up of vendors – sweatshirts, t shirts, videos, action photos and skating-related items.

Transportation:

If your team is traveling to our competition by bus, please make sure to inform your bus driver that there is absolutely no bus parking in the Hatfield Ice parking lot.

Buses are allowed to drop off and pick up their teams only at Hatfield Ice. Buses must be parked at the Dorman Products Parking Lot at 3400 E. Walnut Street, Colmar, PA 18915.

Parking and Shuttles:

Cars may drop off and pickup skaters only at Hatfield Ice. All cars must be parked at the Dorman Products Parking Lot at 3400 E. Walnut Street, Colmar, PA 18915.

Philadelphia Symmetry will be running frequent bus shuttles from the parking lot to the rink.

Hotels:

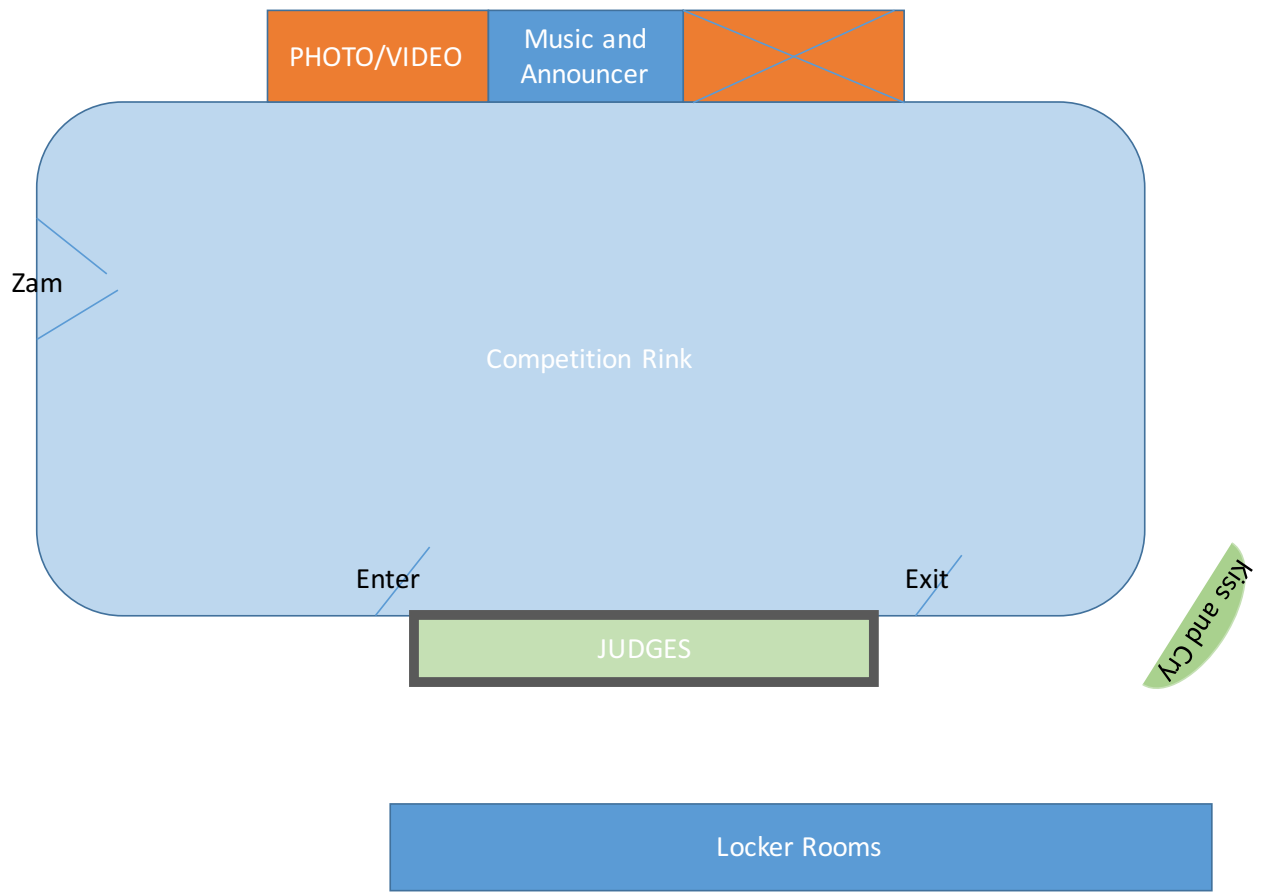
Should your team require hotel accommodations, we are arranging discounted room blocks at nearby hotels. Please check our Entryeze site and our team website, www.philadelphiasymmetry.org, for current hotel information and rates.

Skate Bag Storage:

A Tent will be used for skate storage and off-ice warmup. After a team has finished competing, they will be required to return their bags to their bus/car or store skate bags in this tent.

Judges Stand:

The Judges and Technical Panel will be located on the same side of the rink as the bleachers. Please refer to rink diagram on next page.

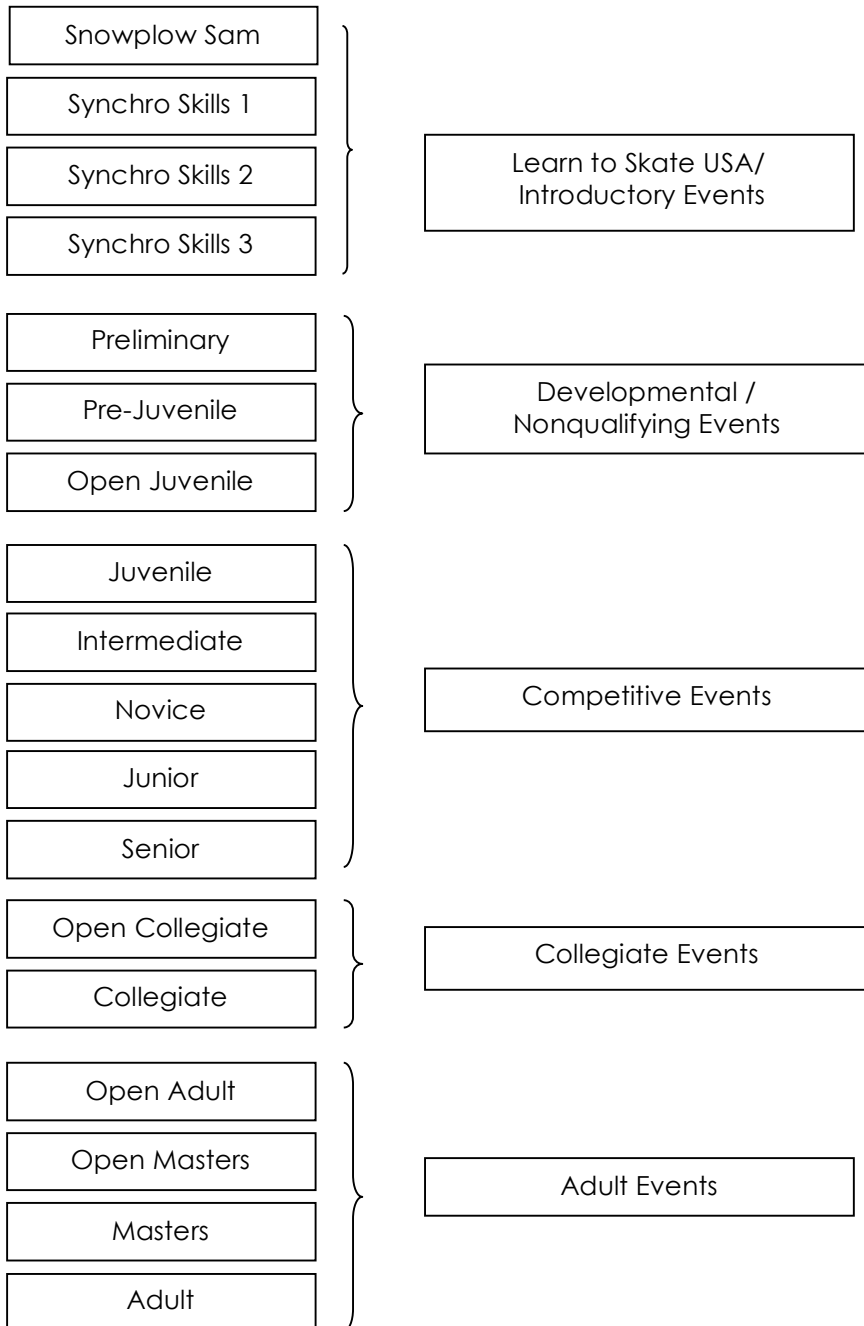


EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.

http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361)

Illustration of Synchronized Skating competitive pipeline and events; age restrictions, test requirements, and program duration are on the next page:



- A. Snowplow Sam:** A team of 5 to 12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- B. Synchro Skills 1:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- C. Synchro Skills 2:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- D. Synchro Skills 3:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes 40 seconds.
Rules:
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- E. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- F. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- G. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- H. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- I. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- J. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- K. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210

- L. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the junior moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200
- M. Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7290
- N. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7280
- O. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7520
- P. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7530
- Q. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7510
- R. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
Program duration: 3 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7500

Teams are permitted to have a maximum for four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.

Crossover Rules:

No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes that are skating on the ice at any given competition.

The chart below illustrates the levels where crossover skaters are allowed. The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An “X” indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined Rules 7200 – 7530, in addition to the statement above.

	Snowplow Sam, Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3	Preliminary	Pre - Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Masters	Adult
Snowplow Sam, Synchro Skills 1, 2 or 3															
Preliminary															
Pre - Juvenile															
Open Juvenile															
Juvenile						X	X								
Intermediate					X		X	X	X						
Novice					X	X		X	X						
Junior						X	X		X		X				
Senior						X	X	X			X				X
Open Collegiate															
Collegiate								X	X						X
Open Adult															
Open Masters															
Masters															X
Adult									X		X			X	