



2026 Boston Synchronized Skating Classic
Hosted by Team Excel and The Skating Club of Boston
Norwood, MA
November 20-22, 2026

[Boston Synchro Classic Website](#)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The Boston Synchronized Skating Classic 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® member, 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

Test Level

For synchronized skating teams, skating skills test requirements are as of the entry deadline

EVENTS OFFERED:

- **U.S. Figure Skating Program Requirements:** usfigureskating.org --> Skate --> Compete --> Program Requirements
- **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 chair@bostonsynchroclassic.org.
 - [Click here for more information about S.A.Ms.](#)

Teams must use the program requirements in the program requirements page linked above.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING	JUDGING	Team Fee	Skater Fee
TEAM FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE. Practice Ice needs to be purchased separately.			
Aspire 1	CJS	\$70	\$20
Aspire 2	CJS	\$70	\$20
Aspire 3	CJS	\$70	\$20
Aspire 4	CJS	\$70	\$20
Aspire Adult	CJS	\$70	\$20
Unified (1-3)	IJS	\$330	\$40
Preliminary	IJS	\$330	\$40
Pre-Juvenile	IJS	\$330	\$40
Open Juvenile	IJS	\$330	\$40
Juvenile	IJS	\$330	\$40
Intermediate	IJS	\$330	\$40
Novice	IJS	\$330	\$40
Collegiate	IJS	\$330	\$40
Adult	IJS	\$330	\$40
Masters	IJS	\$330	\$40
Open Adult	IJS	\$330	\$40
Open Masters	IJS	\$330	\$40
Open Collegiate	IJS	\$330	\$40

*TEAM FEE INCLUDES OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE Official Practice Ice (OPI) the fee for OPI for <u>Junior (Short and FS) and Senior (Short and FS) events</u> is included in the total team fee. No additional action to secure official practice is required for the Junior Combined and Senior Combined combined events.			
Junior Combined (Short & Free)	IJS	\$780*	\$40
Senior Combined (Short & Free)	IJS	\$780*	\$40

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 understanding 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 2.00*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 3.00*), 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 or email 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 chair@bostonsynchroclassic.org.

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 be verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (including choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [in Members Only](#), click the blue “COACH” button. 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.

Each team will receive a maximum of four coach credentials, as well as one credential for each skater on the competition roster. In order to receive a credential at the competition, coaches and any mandatory athletes must meet all compliance requirements for the current season, as described above.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team’s registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via “[My Coaches](#)” or “Team Personnel.” All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included in the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources

- [Team Management Guide](#)

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.

All team personnel and skaters who will need to receive a credential must be listed in the Team Portal for the competition (Team Personnel for coaches and team managers; Competition Roster for skaters and alternates). In order to be added in EMS, the individual must first be added in the team’s profile through Member’s Only.

MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team 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 for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REGISTRATION DEADLINE, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026 (We reserve the right to close registration early if capacity is met.)

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:

All teams are required to register online via the U.S. Figure Skating Event Management System (EMS). Anyone listed as a team manager or coach for a team in their Members Only Team Profile will be able to access the registration system. Registration for the competition is not considered final until online payment has been received. Online payment via credit card is the only form of accepted payment for registration in EMS.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>.
2. Use your personal member number and password to login.
3. Click the **BLUE** “EMS Event Management System” button.
4. Choose “Competition Registration – Teams” from the menu.
5. Select the team you would like to register for competition.
6. Click the REGISTER NOW button next to your competition’s name.

NOTE: Only the competitions for which your team(s) are eligible will appear.

7. Walk through the on-screen registration process which will include:
 - a. Team Verification: Confirm the team’s information is accurate.
 - b. Registration Overview: Review general information about the competition.
 - c. Event Selection: Confirm the event you are registering the team for is accurate.
 - d. Competition Roster Selection: Click the “**Add Skaters**” link. The screen will display all skaters listed in your Main Roster. Check the box next to each skater’s name to add them to the competition roster.
 - e. Coach Information: Click the “**Add Coaches**” link. The screen will display all coaches listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each coach’s name to add them. Only the coaches who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add coaches who are listed in your Team Profile.
 - f. Team Service Personnel Information: Click the “**Add Team Service Personnel**” to add attending team service personnel. The screen will display team managers and team service personnel listed in your Team Profile. Check the box next to each name to add them. Only the team service personnel who will be attending this competition should be listed. This information can also be updated from your EMS Team Portal. You will only be able to add team service personnel who are listed in your Team Profile.

8. Payment via credit card will be required to complete your registration as it is the only accepted form of payment for registration in EMS. Registrations are not considered complete until an invoice confirmation via email has been received. A 3% processing fee will be assessed at check-out.

NOTE: Payment must be submitted individually for each team's registration. If you are planning on registering multiple teams in a short period of time, it is recommended that you contact your credit card company to prevent anti-fraud systems from being activated.

FOREIGN SYNCHRO TEAMS:

Additional steps are required to complete your registration. For a full guide to registering foreign teams, [CLICK HERE](#). Email memberservices@usfigureskating.org if you require assistance.

CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK

Information regarding Critiques will be provided to teams closer to the event date.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Include instructions as to how attendees will provide your competition with their music. Include details about any online uploads including deadlines or where music is to be dropped off on-site.

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD: Teams are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **November 6, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, teams will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$50 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

Teams must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the team 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:

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) – Teams participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **November 6, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, teams will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$50 late fee**.

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

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline unless the event is canceled. The online processing fees are not refundable. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, Team Excel and The Skating Club of Boston 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:

The Skating Club of Boston
750 University Avenue, Norwood, MA 02062
617.782.5900
<https://scboston.org/the-facility/>

The Tenley E. Albright Performance Center will be used for competition and the Performance Center and the West and East Rinks will be used for practice ice. The Performance Center is Olympic-sized (200' x 100') with 2,500 upholstered seats, while the West and East Rinks are a NHL surface (200' x 85'). The Performance Center and West Rink have no hockey lines or glass. This state-of-the-art facility includes the 1240 Café and Performance Center concessions, Home Ice skate shop, and ticket office.

The facility controlling temperature is 64 degrees. That is an average from four different sensors in the facility, two on ice level (colder) and two over the fixed seating to read closer to the mezzanine level (warmer).

Vendors will be located in the Performance Center on the mezzanine level.

The Skating Club of Boston facility is handicap-accessible, with parking, elevators, and handicap seating available.

Please note that outside food and beverages may not be brought into the building.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

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 must 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.

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available for any practice ice sessions in the West Rink or the East Rink. 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.

Skate bags will not be allowed in the stands. Teams will be provided skate bag storage space when they arrive for practice and/or competition.

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 who are at least 8 years of age 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 competition website is [Boston Synchro Classic](#). Event information, including practice ice and competition schedules, will be posted on the website. It is the responsibility of each competitor, team, parent and coach to check the website frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

SCHEDULE

Teams 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:

Official Practice Ice (OPI): Teams may purchase official practice ice, but are not required to do so. Official Practice Ice must be purchased on EMS **by September 18, 2026**. Official practice ice sessions will primarily be held in the Performance Center, however, the West Rink may also be used for certain levels.

Official Practice Ice must be purchased by the registration deadline of September 18, 2026

Teams	Official Practice Length	Cost
CJS Teams		
Aspire (all levels)	5 minutes	\$105
IJS Teams		
Preliminary	7 minutes	\$110
Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Open Collegiate, Adult, Masters, Open Adult, Open Masters, and Skate United Levels	8 minutes	\$115
Intermediate and Novice	10 minutes	\$140
Collegiate	11 minutes	\$145
Junior (Short) Junior (Long)	10 minutes (Short Program) 11 minutes (Free Skate)	Included in Registration
Senior & Senior (Short) Senior & Senior (Long)	10 minutes (Short Program) 12 minutes (Free Skate)	Included in Registration

Official Practice Ice (OPI) the fee for OPI for Junior (Short and FS) and Senior (Short and FS) events is included in the total team fee. No additional action to secure official practice is required for the Junior Combined and Senior Combined combined events.

Teams must follow the time segments for their division when purchasing official practice ice sessions.

Unofficial Practice Ice (UPI)

Teams may purchase additional segments for unofficial practice (UPI). All UPI sessions will be held at The Skating Club of Boston, either on the West Rink or the East Rink. Unofficial practice ice will be offered all day on Friday, all day on Saturday and Sunday morning and afternoon. Teams should sign up for all desired unofficial practice ice and will be informed if not all sessions are available.

The fee for unofficial practice ice is **\$130 for 10 minute sessions**.

The deadline for purchasing unofficial practice Ice is **September 30 , 2026**

Teams should purchase practice ice via EMS for the total number of segments requested. The total number of segments a team purchases cannot be guaranteed. Any segments that cannot be scheduled by the LOC will be refunded to the team.

Practice ice schedules will be posted on the competition website as soon as they are available.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open each day (Friday, November 20; Saturday, November 21; Sunday, November 22) prior to the first practice ice of the day and will close one hour prior to the last competition/practice ice for each day.

The check-in desk will be located at The Skating Club of Boston office, to the left of the main doors. One team representative should check in on behalf of the team as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Team personnel (coaches, team managers, and team service personnel) must check in individually to receive their credentials (see requirements below).

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 at least two business days prior to the competition for assistance.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to all skaters and alternates for first, second, third and fourth place teams. The Junior, and Senior short program and free skate are considered combined events. Awards will be given out off-ice immediately following each division's event. Awards will be in the Club Library with team staging on the mezzanine.

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.

Team and individual photos will be available. Information will be available closer to the event.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**Suggested Hotels**

Hotel information can be found on the competition website: [Boston Synchro Accommodations](#)
Additional hotel information will be added as it becomes available.

Airport Information

The Skating Club of Boston is approximately 45-60 minutes from Logan Airport in Boston, MA; T.F. Green Airport in Providence, RI; and Manchester Airport in Manchester, NH.

Merchandise Pre-Orders

Competition pins and other merchandise will be available for pre-order closer to the event. A small number of pins may be available at the competition, but their availability during the competition is not guaranteed.

Tentative Schedule

A tentative schedule will be posted on the website as soon as it is available.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: <https://excelsynchro.org/boston-synchronized-skating-classic>

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Co-Chair:	Deanne Benson	chair@bostonsynchroclassic.org	781-727-2127
Competition Co-Chair:	Lisa Schneider	chair@bostonsynchroclassic.org	617-699-6205
Practice Ice Chair:	Kelly Requadt	kelly.requadt@scboston.org	617-797-6240
Chief Referee:	Laura Days	ledays@gmail.com	617-529-2120