



Central Carolina Synchro Classic Central Carolina Skating Club November 11-12, 2017

The Central Carolina Synchro 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 which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site.

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 rulebook 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 Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro Skills 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-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.

ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1st preceding this competition. Moves in the Field test requirements are as of the entry deadline.

ENTRIES:

Teams will register for the competition and pay entry fees and practice ice fees online via EntryEeze at www.centralcarolinasc.com. Entry deadline is 11:59 pm, Sunday, October 1, 2017.

IJS events will not be offered at this competition.

Non-IJS events: Entry fee \$530. Fee includes team entry, DVD of program (available for coach to pick up on 11/12/17 before leaving rink) and critique with competition judge.

Snowplow Sam, Synchro Skills 1, 2, and 3 entry fees are \$50 per team plus \$5 per skater (including alternates). Synchro Skills entry fee does **not** include a DVD of program. Synchro Skills 1-3 and Snowplow Sam Synchro events will be run in accordance with the Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual (a maximum of 6 teams per group).

For Synchro Skills 1-3, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they will be allowed 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 will be allowed).

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the competition is canceled. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$50 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at Orange County SportsPlex, 101 Meadowlands Drive, Hillsborough, NC, 919-644-0339, www.trianglesportsplex.com. The rink is 200' x 85' with rounded corners and a hockey barrier.

MUSIC: Each team's music will be uploaded to EntryEeze; specific instructions will be provided following the registration deadline. **PLEASE have a duplicate CD readily available during the competition in case of playback difficulties; the CD must have only one track of music.**

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Central Carolina Skating Club and Orange County SportsPlex 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 majority 6.0 Judging System will be used for the following events:

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

REGISTRATION: Registration will begin on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 9 a.m. and end at Sunday, October 1, 2017, 11:59 pm. The registration table will be located in the main lobby of Orange County SportsPlex. Registration will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. One team representative should register on behalf of the team as soon as the team arrives at the competition. Coaches must register separately to receive their credential (**see coaching requirements below**).

Ice time for practice ice and competition has been reserved Saturday afternoon and early evening and on Sunday morning through 12:45 pm.

The competition officials and host club plan to hold a parents' seminar on Saturday afternoon during practice ice times. Please share this information with your skaters' families. More information to follow.

ADMISSION: Each team will receive two (2) chaperone credentials. Spectators welcome; there will be no admission fee for spectators.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice sessions will be available at Orange County SportsPlex. Practice ice reservations must accompany the team's EntryEeze competition entry. Practice ice will be sold in 15-minute increments for \$110 each. If a team would like more than one practice ice session, please note that on the entry form, and submit payment. If LOC is unable to offer the additional practice ice session(s), a prompt refund will be issued to the team.

Coaches and team managers will be notified of practice ice and competition schedules by email once they are available, no later than October 27th.

PHOTOGRAPHY / VIDEOGRAPHY: Videography services will be provided by Looking Glass Productions. Each team (with the exception of the Snowplow Sam and Synchro Skills teams) will receive a DVD of their competition skate. Team DVD's will be available at the conclusion of the coach's critique at the competition. Additional DVD's will be available for pre-order. Each team will be provided a form for pre-ordering DVD's at \$10 per copy; these pre-order forms and payments will be turned in when the team registers at the event. Every effort will be made to have all DVD orders ready at the conclusion of the competition.

AWARDS: All awards will be presented in on-ice awards ceremonies at the conclusion of each competition day. Medals will be presented to each roster skater for teams placing 1st through 4th place in each event.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at the Registration table at OCSP. 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 a minimum of 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:

For USFS competitions being held before January 1, 2018:

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
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- ✓ Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B for the current Season. If coaches are ONLY coaching a Learn to Skate USA team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership, background check and instructor certification 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 coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://usfsa.org/content/Coach%20Requirements%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 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:

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair: Karen McClure karen.mcclure@duke.edu 919-414-2381

Chief Referee: Judy Edmunds judyedmunds@gmail.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Courtyard by Marriott – 919-309-1500

Springhill Suites by Marriott – 919-403-1111

Home2Suites by Hilton – 866-215-4064

Comfort Suites – 919-490-4949

Homewood Suites – 919-401-0610

Durham Hilton – 919-383-8033

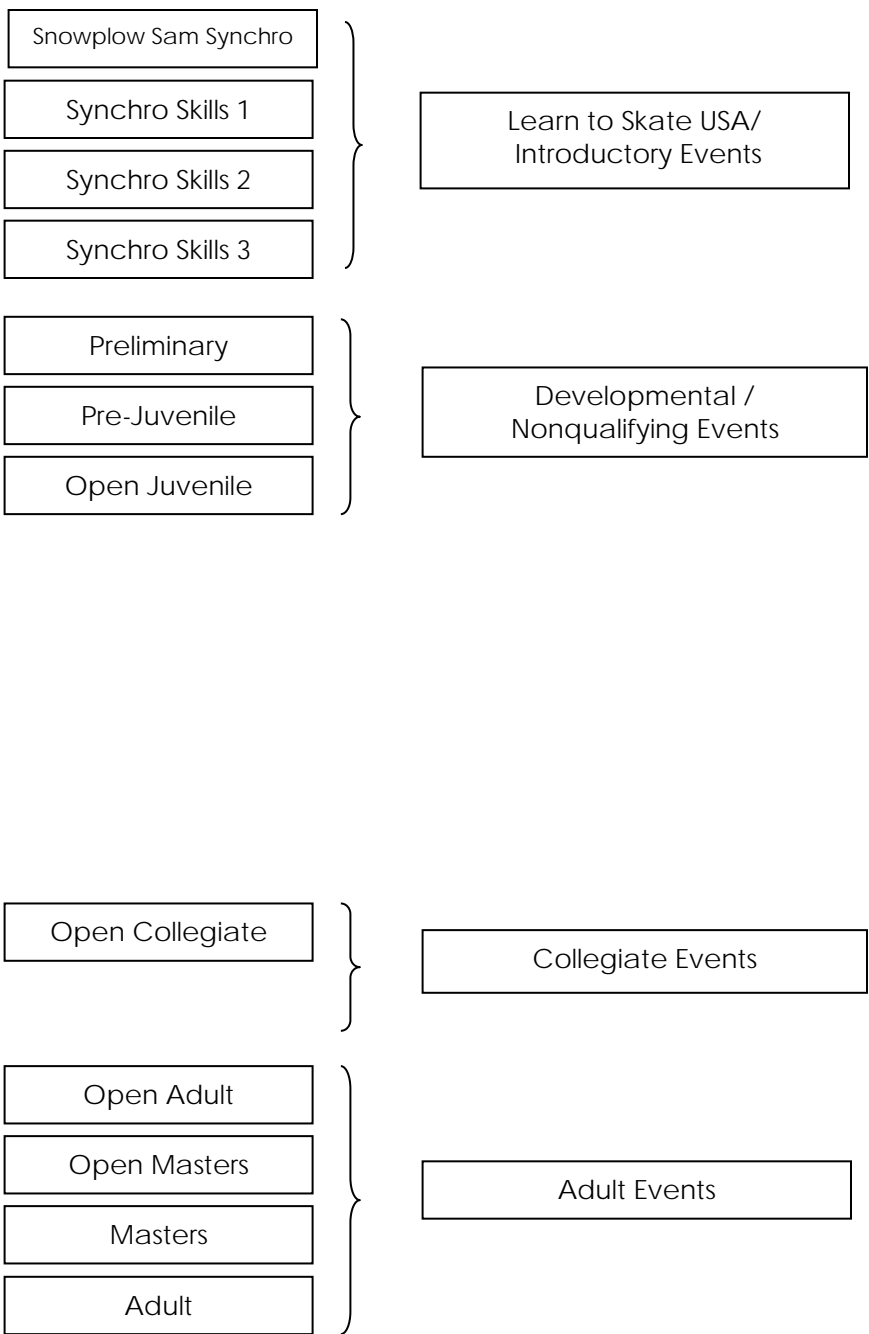
- The closest airport is Raleigh-Durham International (RDU), approximately 25 minutes from the rink. Piedmont Triad International (PTI) in Greensboro is approximately 50 minutes west.

- Tentative schedule will be available by October 27, emailed to coaches and team managers and available online on the EntryEeze registration site and on at www.centralcarolinasc.com

EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>

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



- A. Snowplow Sam Synchro** A team of 5-12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7 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>
- B. Synchro Skills 1:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 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>
- 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. 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
- I. 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

- J. 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
- K. 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
- L. 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 of 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. Refer to Rules 7200-7530 in the USFS 2017-18 Rulebook for additional information.

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.