



# Levels of Figure Skating Participation

## An Introductory Guide for Parents and New Skaters



### Skater takes private lessons from a coach and JOINS CENTRAL CAROLINA SKATING CLUB

Skater progresses through the standard USFS testing system	Skater may compete with a synchronized skating team	Skater may participate in free skating competitions <sup>1</sup>
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Official U.S. Figure Skating Test Levels

Least difficult	Pre-Preliminary
↓	Preliminary
	Pre-Juvenile
	Juvenile
	Intermediate
	Novice
	Junior
	Most difficult

- Skaters may compete at the no test/beginner level before they have passed any standard USFS tests
- Beyond no test/beginner, a skater's competition level is determined by his/her test level
- Two tests must be passed at each level – moves in the field and free skating
  - At all levels, the moves test must be passed before the free skating test
  - More difficult moves tests can be taken without passing lower level free skating tests, e.g., a skater may test Pre-Preliminary Moves and then Preliminary Moves before testing Pre-Preliminary Free Skating

US Figure Skating membership type\* required for participation:

- Learn to Skate USA
- Full

\*See next page

<sup>1</sup> Includes many different disciplines (e.g., singles, pairs, dance) and events (e.g., moves in the field, compulsory moves, free skating, artistic, interpretive)