



February 9, 2025

Hosted by the Dallas Figure Skating Club

Credit Union of Texas Event Center — 200 E. Stacy Road #1350 Allen, Texas 75002

I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The **Love Bug Open 2025** competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#) and or the current Compete USA Handbook, 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, or a Learn To Skate USA member, or 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.

Love Bug Open 2025 is an adult-friendly event meeting the requirements for the **Adult Competition Series (ACS)** for adult skaters in Adult 1 thru Bronze. Please refer to the most recent [Adult Competition Series Handbook](#) for more details. **Adult Sectional Level Competitors** (Silver thru Master Jr-Sr) will be offered critiques following their FreeSkate program upon request to provide helpful feedback in preparation for Adult Sectional Championships 2024.

DALLAS FSC TRI-SWIZZLE SERIES:

The **TriSwizzle Series** is for skaters in **Compete USA SNOWPLOW SAM** thru **BASIC 6** and **ASPIRE FREE SKATE 1** thru **4**. Skaters accumulate points from their placement and group size over the 3 series events. **TriSwizzle Series events include:** ***2024 Bunny Hop, 2025 Love Bug Open & 2025 Skate Dallas***. Skaters must compete in all series competitions to be eligible. TRI-SWIZZLE Champions will be Announced at the annual DFSC awards picnic in July 2024.

DALLAS FSC HEART OF A SKATER SERIES:

The DALLAS FSC “**HEART OF A SKATER SERIES**” is for skaters competing in the well-balanced Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary and Pre-Juvenile levels. *Heart of a Skater* series events include [2024 Texas Trophy](#), [2025 Love Bug Open](#), [2025 Skate Dallas](#) to gain points in the series with winners announced and trophies presented at the annual Awards Picnic in July 2025.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Singles: Excel and Well Balanced Events:

- Skaters must meet at least the minimum singles test requirements for the event’s level. A skater’s singles test level may be higher than the minimum requirement.
 - o Skate Up: Skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows at this competition.
- Skaters may not register for an event level lower than allowed by their competitive floor. An athlete’s competitive floor is set by one of the following scenarios:
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the NQS series, the event level registered for in the most recent NQS will become the lowest level they may compete at in any U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event.
 - o If an athlete has a paid EMS series application for the Excel Series, the event level registered for in the most recent Excel series will become the lowest level they may compete in any Excel event. For Well-Balanced and Specialty events the skater will be permitted to register at one level lower than the “floor” set by their excel series entry.
 - o If an athlete has never had a paid EMS series application in the NQS or Excel series, the athlete may select their level based on their goals and technical skills as long as the minimum test requirements are met.
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and a Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).
- For more details about establishing event levels, refer to information sheet [HERE](#) or email events@usfigureskating.org.

Showcase Events: Theatrical lighting in darkened arena will be used.

All other singles and partner events (such as Adults, Pairs):

Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

Synchronized Skating:

For synchronized skating teams, this competition is not requiring that skating skills test requirements for the team’s level be met, except for the maximum allowed at the Compete USA levels (Snowplow Sam Synchro and Aspire levels).

EVENTS OFFERED:

[Click HERE](#) to view the program requirements for the current season.

SINGLES FREESKATING EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Excel Open Freeskate - Pre-Pre, Prelim	6.0	\$125	N/A
Excel Qualifying Freeskate - Prelim Plus thru Senior	IJS	\$150	N/A
Well Balanced Pre-Preliminary Freeskate	6.0	\$125	N/A
Well Balanced Preliminary & PreJuvenile FS	IJS	\$150	N/A
Adult Freeskate - Beginner, PreBronze & Bronze	6.0	\$125	N/A
Adult Freeskate - Silver, Gold, Mast Int-Nov & Mast Jr-Sr	IJS	\$150	N/A
SHOWCASE EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Showcase Individual - Aspire thru Senior, Adult Choose - Lyrical, Emotional, Comedic, Character, Choreo	CJS	\$125	\$75
Showcase Duet/Trio - Aspire thru Senior, Adult Choose - Lyrical, Emotional, Comedic, Character, Choreo	CJS	\$150/team	N/A
Showcase Production/Mini Production Ensemble	CJS	\$150/team	N/A
COMPETE USA EVENTS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Aspire Freeskate - Levels 1-4	6.0	\$125	N/A
Snowplow Sam thru Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100	N/A
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$100	N/A
Snowplow Sam thru Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$100	\$60
Compete USA Showcase - Snowplow Sam & Basic 1-6 Choose - Lyrical, Emotional, Comedic, Character	6.0	\$125	\$75
Compete USA Showcase Duet/Trio Snowplow Sam & Basic 1-6	6.0	\$125/team	N/A
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT EVENTS <i>(See new 2025 combined levels)</i>	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Compulsory Moves Challenge - Levels 1 thru 8	6.0	\$100	\$60
Spin Challenge - Levels 1 thru 6	6.0	\$100	\$60
Jump Challenge - Levels 1 thru 9	6.0	\$100	\$60
ADAPTIVE / SPECIAL OLYMPICS	JUDGING	1st Event Price	2nd Event Price
Special Olympic – Freeskate Program w/music levels 1 thru 4	6.0	\$100	N/A

Special Olympics - Compulsory Elements Badges levels 1 thru 12	6.0	\$100	\$60
Adaptive Freeski Program w/music Badge levels 2-12	6.0	\$100	N/A
Adaptive Elements Badge levels 2-12	6.0	\$100	\$60
Special Olympic & Adaptive Showcase - Individual Young Adult/Adult/Masters Levels 1 - 4	6.0	\$100	\$60
Special Olympic & Adaptive Showcase - Duet/Trio Young Adult/Adult/Master - Levels 1-4	6.0	\$125/team	\$75
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING	JUDGING	TEAM FEE	PER SKATER
Aspire Synchro - levels 1 thru 4	6.0	\$125/team	\$15
Open Adult Synchro	6.0	\$125/team	\$15
Open Juvenile Synchro (Exhibition w/critique)	N/A	\$125/team	\$15

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 understand 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 1.01) and Code of Conduct (GR 1.02), 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.

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 verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#). 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.

TEAM SERVICE PERSONNEL

Teams are permitted a maximum of two team service personnel. Team service personnel must have a current U.S. Figure Skating membership, a green lighted background check and completed SafeSport™

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Entries are accepted via [EntryEeze](#) with credit card only. Each transaction will incur 3% transaction fee.

1. Go to www.Entryeeze.com
2. Select **Love Bug Open 2025**

See event page at www.DallasFSC.org for more information. Entries must be paid with a successful credit card transaction to be considered valid and **must be completed by January 12, 2025 11:59pm CT**. Late entries can be considered for acceptance at the discretion of the competition committee only if accompanied by a \$35 late fee.

PARTNERED EVENTS:

Only one partner will 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.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events utilizing music are required to upload their music into **ENTRY EEZE** no later than **February 1, 2025 11:59pm CT**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$35 late music 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.

MUSIC DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1, 2025, 11:59PM CT; LATE FEE \$35

If you need assistance, email DallasFSCmusic@gmail.com

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on either a CD or a USB drive, and it must be immediately available at rink side whenever the skater competes. Only one piece of music per device (CD / USB).

Music change fee of \$35 per change will apply. Skater needing to change music onsite at event must purchase music change at registration prior to event and then provide CD or USB with music change receipt envelope to music tech at start of their event.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD – FOR IJS ONLY:

Events judged with the **International Judging System (IJS)** require the submission of the Planned Program Content (**PPC**) form.

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit their PPC in EntryEeze no later than **February 1, 2025 at 11:59pm CT**. After this date, skaters will be subject to a \$20 late fee. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's account 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.

TEST CREDIT:

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request preparation of a test credit form at registration desk. Please complete request at least 1 hour prior to your competition event. Delay in printing of forms may occur if not requested prior to skating your event. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. Submission of test credit form to USFSA is the responsibility of the skater upon return home in conjunction with their home club test chair. Cost for test credit form preparation is \$25

CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK

Skaters in Excel Series Levels and Adult Competitors preparing for Adult Sectionals are offered the opportunity to have a critique/feedback with judges following their free skating events to provide useful insight and help them fine tune their programs. Skaters may register for a critique online or in-person at the registration desk. Critique spaces are limited and critique registration will close when capacity is reached so early pre-registration is encouraged. Cost for critiques is \$25 each.

REFUND POLICY

Entry fees will not be refunded after the deadline date, unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. **There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.** The online processing fees are not refundable. All fees must be paid prior to participating in practices or events. **There will be a \$35 fee for each change of event or level after the entry deadline date.** Full refunds, minus the online processing fee, are available if withdrawal is before entry deadline.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, Dallas Figure Skating Club and Credit Union of Texas Event Center and Allen Community Ice Rink 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:

Credit Union of TX Event Center, 200 Stacy Road #1350, Allen, Texas 75002. Both ice surfaces are 200' x 85' with rounded corners.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be available this competition. 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 clothes will not be permitted in these spaces.

US 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 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:

Notices will be posted online in EMS and online at www.DallasFSC.org It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check frequently for any schedule changes and/or notices. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule will be posted prior to the competition. Scores and start orders will be available via Live Link with QR code easy access.

SCHEDULE

Competitors 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 of event schedule via email once available.

PRACTICE ICE:

Practice Ice will be available and is still to be determined. Ice time will be posted closer to the competition date. Practice Ice will be available to purchase online in EntryEeze or in person on the day of the event.

Pre-Purchase: Practice ice credits may be purchased after participants complete their event registration, via the EntryEeze Competition Portal. Skaters who purchase credits during the pre-

purchase period will be able to select sessions during the selection period, after the schedule has been completed and posted. Competitors will receive email notice of practice selection availability online once schedule is ready.

Regular Practices cost \$20 pre-paid and \$25 after schedule opens. Practice Space may be limited.

A limited number of Individual Spotlight Practices of 5 minutes each will be sold if time permits. Cost for these private Spotlight practices is \$50 each pre-paid and \$60 after schedule if any spaces remain available. Skaters should pre-purchase to request private spotlight practices and will be refunded if time cannot be provided.

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place winners in all events. Ribbons will be awarded to fifth and sixth place winners. All awards will be presented off-ice at the awards area following each event.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION DESK:

See the event site located at www.DallasFSC.org for registration desk open hours. Registration will be open approximately 1-2 hours before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration desk is located just inside the entrance in the Arena Lobby and will open 30 minutes before the first practice ice session. **Please register promptly upon arrival.**

VOLUNTEERS:

DSFC members volunteering receive hour credits toward membership dues. We can't put on this event without many helping hands. Help will be needed for Set Up, Tear Down, Ice Monitors, Registration, Runners, Music, Announcing, Practice Ice, Hospitality, Cleaning, Food donations, and more. Please consider how you can help us make to Love Bug Open 2024 a great event, and contact DFSCvolunteers@gmail.com for more info and to volunteer.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY:

Professional award photos, action photos and videography will be available at the event provided by **MKT Photography**. Personal cameras will be permitted in the bleachers only and may not be plugged into arena outlets. Videotaping for personal profit is not allowed. **Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.**

Skater Recognition Digital AD:

Treat your favorite skater or coach to a special recognition by creating a custom slide including their photo to be shown on the big screens in the facility throughout the event. Complete the Recognition Ad forms by clicking [here](#).

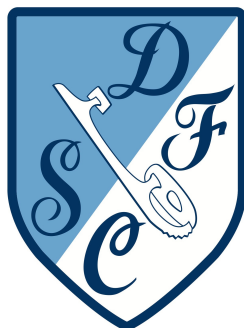
Ad preparation is a **two step process** including payment in Square, and completion of slide information on google form including upload of photo. **Slide submission deadline is 2/2/2024.** All slides must be ***both purchased and all uploaded data provided*** by no later than 2/8/2024 to be shown during the event.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Courtyard by Marriott Dallas Allen at Allen Event Center

210 E Stacy Rd, Allen, TX 75002

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