

THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL

RED RIVER VALLEY INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC

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The Twentieth annual RED RIVER VALLEY INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC competition will be held Friday, February 10th through Sunday, February 12th, 2017 at the Moorhead Sports Center, 324 24th Street South, Moorhead, MN. There are two ice surfaces each 85' x 200' with slightly rounded corners and seating in both arenas. Locker rooms, concessions and vendors will be available throughout the competition.

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

The competition will consist of Free Skating, Compulsory/Short Program, Moves in the Field, Artistic Free Skate, Solo Dance, Synchronized Skating and an Artistic Final Round with cash memorial skating scholarships being awarded. These events are open to all eligible persons and synchronized teams who are registered with the US Figure Skating or Skate Canada and are members in good standing.

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating as set forth in the 2017 Official USFSA Rule Book, except as otherwise noted in this announcement. Age as of closing date of entries shall govern. Also tests passed as of the closing date of entries shall govern eligibility for all events. Skaters may compete in as many events as qualified by their test level or at one level higher. The 6.0 judging system will be used for all events.

All official bulletins and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board at the Moorhead Sports Center and shall be considered sufficient notice to all competitors, parents, professionals and officials. Decisions by the Referee on all matters will be final.

ENTRIES/FEES

Online registration with credit card payment is the preferred method of registration and will be available at www.rrvfsc.org. All skater and coach schedules will be posted at www.rrvfsc.org. Skaters will be able to choose their own practice ice sessions online after the schedule is posted. Deadline for online entries is midnight December 28th, 2016. Late entries, if accepted, will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee.

All paper entries must be post office postmarked mail (not metered) no later than midnight December 28, 2016. No telephone entries will be accepted. Entries received after this date will be accepted at the discretion of the Referee and Competition committee **and ONLY if accompanied by a \$25.00 late fee**. In the event that a skater is signed up for the incorrect level or event, the Chief Referee must approve all changes. **The skater will then be charged an additional fee of \$25.00 to make any changes**. All entries must be completely and correctly filled out and signed by the competitor, a parent/guardian if the competitor is under the age of 18, the coach, and a Club official. If incomplete entries are received, you will receive a COLLECT phone call to obtain the needed information. The appropriate fees must accompany all entries.

ENTRY FEES:	Singles:	First event; - \$105.00, artistic event - \$25.00, each additional event - \$20.00
	Synchronized:	\$80.00 per team (\$50.00 for Synchro Skills teams) plus \$8.00 per skater (Including alternates)

Make check or money order (Canadians send money orders in US funds) payable to: RRVFSC. There will be a \$30.00 charge for returned checks and contested credit card charges; postdated checks are not acceptable. There are no refunds under any circumstances (this includes medical) after closing date unless the event is cancelled for lack of participation. Rule 3047 states, once entries have closed; entry fees are refundable only if the competition is not held.

If only one eligible competitor enters an event, the entry fee will be refunded and the event will be cancelled. See rule 3045.

PRACTICE ICE

No official practice ice is included with your registration fees. Individual practice ice can be purchased online once the schedule is posted at a cost of \$10.00 per 30-minute session. Additional practice ice times will be available at the registration desk beginning on the first day of practice ice at a cost of \$15.00 per 30-minute session. Synchronized teams will have practice ice either Saturday evening and/or Sunday morning and may purchase practice ice online once the schedule is posted. Practice ice will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis for individuals and synchronized teams. The cost of synchronized practice ice is \$50.00 per 15 minutes. There will be no synchronized team practice ice sold at the rink.

A registration desk will be established in the front lobby of the Moorhead Sports Center on Thursday, February 9th with the first practice session. The desk will remain open during all scheduled events. Competitors are advised to arrive at the arena 45 minutes before the scheduled time of their event.

MUSIC

For events requiring music, music will be by CD, with one program per CD. Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW". CD's must be clearly marked with skater's name and event and are to be turned in at the registration desk during check-in. The skater or coach should have a back-up copy on hand at the actual time of competition. All synchronized teams must have an additional copy of their music available for practice sessions. The competition committee will take all reasonable precautions to safeguard your CD's; however, the committee will not accept responsibility for accidental damage. CD's may be picked up at the registration desk after the event. Any unclaimed CD's will be returned upon request at the skater's expense.

ADMISSION

The competition is open to the general public for viewing at no charge.

AWARDS

Awards will be presented off-ice after each individual event. Trophies will be given for 1st-4th placement in individual events. A photographer will be taking award photos for all events during the competition. Please accept your award promptly after the results are posted so that all winners may pose for the group photograph. We ask all group winners pose for the group picture even if you do not plan to purchase a picture. Synchronized awards are presented on-ice after the last team has competed. 1st-3rd place synchronized teams will receive a team trophy; additionally each team member will receive an individual medal with the exception of the Synchro Skills 1-3 teams. Synchro Skills 1-3 1st-3rd place team members will receive individual medals only; no team trophy.

COACHING CREDENTIALS

U.S. Figure Skating Rule MR 5.11 Coach Compliance: In order to be granted access to work within U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned activities, each coach must complete the following requirements on an annual basis by July 1:

- A. Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating - either through a member club or as an individual member;
- B. Must complete the coach registration process through the U.S. Figure Skating Members Only site, submit proper payment for the annual registration fee of \$30 and, if 18 years of age or older, successfully pass the background screen.
- C. Must complete the appropriate CER courses (A,B, C or D) depending on the highest level of students being coached as of July 1. See rule MR 5.12.
- D. Must submit proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of compliant 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.

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. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without compliance is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please refer to: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaching%20Compliance%20Toolkit.pdf>

ACCOMMODATIONS

The host hotel is the Holiday Inn in Fargo located about 15 minutes from the rink. Please call the hotel direct (1-877-282-2700). Hotel accommodations in the area will be at a premium that weekend as there are hockey tournaments in town—reserve early!

There are many hotels/motels to choose from in the area; check out www.fargomoorhead.com for more lodging information. All rates are in US funds. All quoted room rates are without applicable sales tax and other surcharges.

COMPULSORY MOVES

*Required moves may be skated in any order and executed without stopping between the elements.

*Deductions will be taken for any added element, missing elements, and interruptions in the flow of the program.

*Double jumps may not be substituted for single jumps.

*Axel is considered a single jump unless otherwise noted.

*Combination jumps may not have a turn or change of foot in between.

LEVEL (see freeskate chart for test requirement)

Beginner:

½ ice, no music

0.2 deduction for each element performed from higher level

High Beginner:

½ ice, no music

0.2 deduction for each element performed from higher level

No Test:

½ ice, no music

Elements may be performed only once

Pre-Preliminary:

½ ice, no music

Elements may be performed only once

Preliminary:

½ ice, no music

Elements may be performed only once

Pre Juvenile:

½ ice, no music

Elements may be performed only once

Juvenile and Open Juvenile:

½ ice, no music

Elements may be performed only once

ELEMENTS

MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT

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| 1. Waltz jump | 1 minute 15 sec |
| 2. ½ jump of choice | |
| 3. Forward 2 foot or 1 foot spin (3 rev. min) | |
| 4. Forward or backward spiral | |

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| 1. Toe Loop jump | 1 minute 15 sec |
| 2. Salchow jump | |
| 3. Forward scratch spin (3 rev. min) | |
| 4. Forward or backward spiral | |

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| 1. Loop jump | 1 minute 15 sec |
| 2. Jump combination to include toe loop—no loop or axel | |
| 3. Solo spin-sit or camel (3 rev min) | |
| 4. Spiral sequence, must include a forward & backward spiral | |
| Additional spirals & balance moves may be included | |

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| 1. Single Toe Loop Jump | 1 minute 15 sec |
| 2. Jump combination: single/single (no axel) | |
| 3. Sit spin or camel spin (3 rev. min) | |
| 4. Spiral sequence with 1 forward spiral & 1 backward spiral | |
| (any edge) | |

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| 1. Single Lutz jump | 1 minute 15 sec |
| 2. Single/Single jump combination (axel permitted) | |
| 3. Back upright spin (3 rev min) | |
| 4. Forward Inside Spiral | |

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| 1. Single jump (Axel permitted) | 1 minute 15 sec. |
| 2. Jump combination: single/single (Axel permitted) | |
| 3. Layback spin or camel spin (3 rev. min) | |
| 4. Circular step sequence | |

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| 1. Single Axel | 1 minute 15 sec |
| 2. Combination jump: single/single or double/single | |
| 3. Layback spin or Camel spin (3 rev. min) | |
| 4. Circular step sequence | |

SHORT PROGRAM

Intermediate	USFSA 4230	Not to exceed 2 minutes, 10 seconds
Novice	USFSA 4220	Not to exceed 2 minutes, 30 seconds
Junior	USFSA 4210	Not to exceed 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Senior	USFSA 4200	Not to exceed 2 minutes, 50 seconds



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EVENT: Introductory Levels Free Skate Program – Beginner and High Beginner Levels

General event parameters:

1. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
2. Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
3. Minimum numbers of spin revolutions are in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner 1:40 Maximum	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). • Max. 2 jump sequences • Max. 2 of any same jump 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests
High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	<i>Max. 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump. 	<i>Max. 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests



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EVENT: Test Track Free Skate

General event parameters:

1. Skaters may not enter both a Well-Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
2. Skaters will skate to the music of their choice. Vocal music is permitted at all levels.
3. Level will be determined by the highest Free Skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or "skate up" to one level higher.
4. Minimum number of spin revolutions are in () following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
5. The following deductions will be taken:
 - 0.1 from each mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
 - 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element included.
 - 0.1 from the technical mark for any spin that is less than the required minimum revolutions.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Pre-Preliminary 1:40 maximum	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (<i>front to back or back to front including half-loop</i>) • Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop only. • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two spins of a different nature, one position only. No change of foot, no flying entry. (Min. 3 revolutions) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test
Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry. (Min. 3 revolutions) • One spin consisting of a front scratch to back scratch; exit on spinning foot not mandatory. (Min. 3 revolutions per foot) 	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than the preliminary free skate test

<p>Pre-Juvenile</p> <p>2:00 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels). • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 3 revolutions) • One combination spin: forward camel spin to forward sit spin; change of foot optional (Min. 6 revolutions). Spins may not fly. 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test</p>
<p>Juvenile</p> <p>2:15 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps, including Axel, are permitted. • Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One solo spin in one position, no change of foot (Min. 4 revolutions). • One combination spin with one change of foot and at least one change of position must include two of the basic spin positions. (Min. 4 revolutions per foot) • <i>Only solo spin may fly</i> 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test</p>
<p>Intermediate</p> <p>2:30 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 6 jump elements:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Double jumps permitted: double Salchow and double toe loop. • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a flying spin (min 5 revolutions), • One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (minimum 4 revolutions per foot). 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test</p>

<p>Novice</p> <p>Ladies: 3:00 +/- 10 sec.</p> <p>Men: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 7 jump elements for men and 6 for ladies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop. • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 3 spins, of a different nature:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position (min 5 revs per foot) • The other spins are the option of the skater (min 6 revolutions per foot) • <i>All spins may fly</i> 	<p>One step sequence or spiral sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p> <p>(see rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks)</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating intermediate free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than novice free skate test</p>
<p>Junior</p> <p>Ladies: 3:30 +/- 10 sec.</p> <p>Men: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Double jumps permitted: double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and double flip • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions) • One flying spin (Min. 6 revolutions) • One combination spin consisting of all three basic positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5) revolutions per foot) 	<p>One step sequence fully utilizing ice surface</p> <p>(See rule 4105 for remarks)</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating novice free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than junior free skate test</p>
<p>Senior</p> <p>Ladies: 4:00 +/- 10 sec.</p> <p>Men: 4:30 +/- 10 sec.</p>	<p><i>Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any single jumps. • Must include at least four different double jumps, one must be a double Lutz. • Triple jumps are not permitted • Maximum of 3 jump combinations or sequences • Max. 2 of any same type jump 	<p><i>Maximum of 3 spins of a different nature:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One spin in one position (Min. 6 revolutions) • One flying spin (Min. 6 revolutions) • One combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (2 per position, min. 5 revolutions per foot) 	<p>Men:</p> <p>Two different step sequences, one being of advanced difficulty, both fully utilizing the ice surface.</p> <p>(See rule 4105 for remarks)</p> <p>Ladies:</p> <p>One step sequence of advanced difficulty, covering the full ice surface and one spiral sequence. (See rule 4104 & 4105 for remarks.)</p>	<p>Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating junior free skate test</p>

WELL BALANCED FREESKATE

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>TEST/AGE REQUIREMENTS & RESTRICTIONS</u>	<u>PROGRAM TIME</u>
No Test (4280)	-no tests passed, no age limit, no axel permitted	Maximum 1 minute 40 sec
Pre-Preliminary (4270)	-passed Pre Preliminary test, no age limit, spins in any position, axel permitted, no double jumps	Maximum 1 minute 40 sec
Preliminary (4260)	-passed Preliminary test or Canadian Preliminary test, no age limit	1:30 minutes +/- 10 sec
Pre-Juvenile (4250)	-passed Pre Juvenile test, no age limit or Canadian Jr. Bronze test	2 minutes +/- 10 sec
Juvenile (4240)	-passed Juvenile test or Canadian Sr. Bronze test, under 14 years of age as of 9/1/16	2:15 minutes +/- 10 sec
Open Juvenile (4240)	-passed Juvenile test or Canadian Sr. Bronze test, 14 years or older as of 9/1/16	2 :15 minutes +/- 10 sec
Intermediate (4230)	-passed Intermediate test or Canadian Pre-Novice Comp. test, under age 18 as of 9/1/16	2:40 minutes. +/- 10 sec
Novice (4220)	-passed Novice test or Canadian Jr. Silver or Canadian Novice Competitive test	Ladies: 3 minutes +/- 10 sec Men: 3:30 minutes +/-10 sec
Junior (4210)	-passed Junior test or Canadian Sr. Silver or Canadian Jr. Competitive test	Ladies: 3:30 min +/- 10 sec Men: 4 minutes +/- 10 sec
Senior (4200)	-passed Senior test or Canadian Gold or Canadian Sr. Competitive test	Ladies: 4 minutes +/- 10 sec Men: 4:30 minutes +/- 10 sec

ARTISTIC

*Skaters may use vocal or instrumental music of their choice.

*Costumes are permitted: NO props allowed—No bobby-pins, feathers, hair accessories, or anything else that may fall to the ice and be hazardous to the skaters are allowed. 0.1 deduction will be taken.

*Skaters are judged on originality, creativity, and musical interpretation.

*Ladies and Men may compete against each other at all levels.

*Artistic test level is same as Freeskate test level or you may skate one level higher.

*Programs should be designed to entertain and/or emotionally move the audience; artistic feeling and presentation are stressed, no technical skating mark will be used.

All levels, No Test through Pre-Juvenile, can have a maximum of three jumps; no axels or doubles. Beginner, High Beginner, No Test & Pre-Preliminary have a maximum time limit of 1 ½ minutes. Preliminary and Pre-Juvenile have a maximum time limit of 1:40 minutes.

All levels, Juvenile/Open Juvenile through Senior, can have a maximum of three jumps; no doubles. Juvenile through novice programs have a maximum time limit of 2:30 minutes and the junior and senior programs have a maximum time limit of 3:00 minutes.

ARTISTIC FINAL ROUND

PRELIMINARY THROUGH SENIOR ARTISTIC COMPETITORS:

In honor of long time FM and surrounding area skating supporter, Tom Wilson, the RRVFSC, will be conducting a final round in the artistic event with cash Memorial Skating Scholarship awards to be given to the top three finishers. As the artistic events are a favorite of Tom's, RRVFSC is conducting this special event to honor him.

*There will be two flights: Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile AND Juvenile/Open Juvenile through Senior.

*The initial round will be held Thursday or Friday with the final round (if qualified) to be held on Saturday evening.

*Competitors in the final round will use the same program as initial round with same criteria as posted in the announcement.

*The number of competitors and artistic events will determine the number of skaters advancing to the final round. The two top finishers in each initial round will advance to the final round.

*Any and all ties will be broken with the second mark. (Presentation)

*The first place winner in each flight will receive a \$150.00 Memorial Skating Scholarship, the second place winners will each receive a \$100.00 Memorial Skating Scholarship and the third place finishers will each receive a \$50.00 Memorial Skating Scholarship.

MOVES IN THE FIELD

*All MIF events are in accordance with the 2017 USFSA Official Rule Book and should be performed according to the test requirements listed.

*Ladies and men may compete against each other at all levels (3012).

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>TEST REQUIREMENT</u>	<u>ELEMENTS</u>
Preliminary	Preliminary MIF test	-Consecutive outside& inside Spirals, Forward Power 3-Turns
Pre Juvenile	Pre Juvenile MIF test	-Power Change of Edge Pulls (FIO to FOI one length, BOI to BIO second length) -Five Step Mohawk Sequence
Juvenile	Juvenile MIF test	-Forward & Backward Cross Strokes (forward one length, backward second length) -Forward Double 3-Turns
Intermediate	Intermediate MIF test	-Backward Double 3-Turns (BO one length, BI second length) -Spiral Sequence
Novice	Novice MIF test	-Forward & Backward Outside Counters, Backward Rocker Choctaw Sequence
Junior	Junior MIF test	-Forward & Backward Outside Rockers, Backward Loop Pattern
Senior	Senior MIF test	-Back Outside Double 3 to Double Inside Rockers -Spiral Sequence

SOLO DANCE

*Solo dance events may be flighted depending on number of entries; men and ladies may compete against each other at all levels (3014C)

Preliminary	-No test or passed Preliminary	Dutch Waltz, Canasta Tango
Pre-Bronze	-Passed Preliminary or PreBronze	Swing, Cha Cha
Bronze	-Passed Pre Bronze or Bronze	Hickory Hoedown, Willow Waltz
Pre-Silver	-Passed Bronze or PreSilver	Fourteenstep, European Waltz
Silver	-Passed PreSilver or Silver	American Waltz, SilverTango
Pre-Gold	-Passed Silver or PreGold	Killian, Blues
Gold	-Passed Pre Gold or Gold	Viennese Waltz, Argentine Tango
International	-No test restrictions	Ravensburger Waltz, Silver Samba



2017 Red River Valley International Classic Synchronized Skating Competition

Location, Arena and Date: Moorhead Sports Center, 324 24th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560. February 12, 2017.

Entries: On-line entry with secure credit card payment is the preferred method of registration. Please go to www.rrvfsc.org for the entry link. On-line entries will be accepted until Midnight December 28th, 2016. Paper entry forms will be accepted but must be postmarked by December 28th, 2016. Entries received after the deadline will be considered late and accepted at the discretion of the Chief Referee. Late entries will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee.

Synchronized team entry fee is \$80.00 per team (\$50.00 for Synchro Skills teams) plus \$8.00 per skater (including alternates). Online registration is the preferred method of registration for your team. Please go to www.rrvfsc.org for the entry link. You will need to register each team separately and pay for that team (all members together) in the online system. The following information will be needed: team contact, team name (as it will appear in the program and skating order), # of team members (include alternates), and the team roster: skater first and last name, skater date of birth, skater USFS number, email address of skater if over 18 or the email address of legal guardian if under 18 so they can accept the liability waiver for that skater.

General Rules: The Classic is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and will be conducted under the rules set forth in the 2017 edition of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and this announcement. Particular note should be taken of these sections:

Rule 3070: Eligibility to compete

Rules 7200-7270: Requirements for each level

Rule 7040: Duration and Warm-up Periods of Synchronized Team Skating

Rule 7020: Clothing and Equipment - Synchronized Team Skating

Rule 7021: The clothing of the competitors must be modest, dignified, and appropriate for athletic competition, not garish or theatrical in design. The costume may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.

- A. The costume must not give the effect of excessive nudity inappropriate for the discipline.
- B. Ladies may wear a skirt or body suits or full-length trousers.
- C. Men must wear full-length trousers; no tights are permitted.
- D. Accessories, feathers and props are not permitted.
- E. Clothing that does not adhere to these guidelines will be penalized by a deduction. See rule 7923.

Rule 7022: Sequins, rhinestones or jeweled trim may be used in moderation on the clothing of senior, junior and collegiate synchronized skating teams only (see rule 7021 (E)). This adornment is allowed on the bodice only and must be non-detachable. Sleeves and skirts are to be void of adornment. Feathers or other materials that could be dislodged upon contact are not allowed. The use of adornments at all other levels is prohibited. If any part of the costume or decoration falls on the ice during a competition, the team will be penalized by a deduction. See rule 7923.

Rule 7024: The use of hair pins and bobby pins is prohibited while skating in any synchronized skating competition.

Liability: U.S. Figure Skating, RRVFSC and Moorhead Sports Center accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the 2017 edition of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Judging System: All events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.



Synchro Skills 1-3, Learn to Skate USA

The synchronized competition program is also a part of the Learn to Skate USA program. The Compete USA competition program is for Learn to Skate USA level skaters who are interested in a first competition or “team” experience, taking the Synchro 1-4 badges a step further. Synchro Skills teams compete at Compete USA competitions and nonqualifying synchronized skating competitions around the country.

LEVEL	CIRCLE	LINE	BLOCK	WHEEL	INTERSECTION
Synchro Skills 1 8-16 skaters majority under 9 years old Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds	One circle, which must contain a two foot turn. Must contain a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide. Stroking from backward to forward is permitted.	One line, which must cover half ice to full ice and must have only forward skating	One block, which must cover half ice to full ice, and must have only 1 configuration.	One wheel, choice of 4 spoke or 2 spoke with backward pumps.	One intersection: two lines facing each other, 2-foot glide at point of intersection.
Synchro Skills 2 8-16 skaters, majority under 12 years old Maximum 2 minutes 10 seconds	One circle, which must contain a forward 3-turn and must contain a backward inside and/or backward outside edge glide.	One line, which must cover full ice and may include forward and backward skating.	One block, which must cover the ice and must have 1 or 2 configurations.	One wheel of the team’s choice with backward pumps and chasses.	One intersection: two lines facing each other, 2-foot or 1-foot glide at point of intersection.
Synchro Skills 3 8-16 skaters, majority at least 12 years old. Maximum 2 minutes 40 seconds Minimum of two different hand holds	One circle, which must contain a Mohawk and must contain a backward inside and/or backward outside edge glide.	Line element, which includes a change of configuration (1 line to 2 lines or 2 lines to 1 line), and must cover full ice and must include forward and backward skating	One block, which must cover the ice and must have 2 different configurations.	Wheel element of the team’s choice with backward pumps, chasses, or crossovers.	One intersection: two lines facing each other, 1-foot glide or forward lunge at point of intersection.

The emphasis of the Compete USA synchronized skating competition is on mastering the Synchro Skills of Synchronized skating:

- Unison of body alignment, and learning to guide with the head
- Control of rotation in wheels and circles
- Straight lines in lines, blocks and intersections
- Learning how to transition within elements with ease and clarity
- Incorporating skills from Basic 1-6, Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1 to strengthen skating skills
- Learning skills that will be the foundation for higher levels
- Demonstrate ability to recognize and skate to the tempo of the music

Restrictions in Synchro Skills 1 & 2:

- Additional elements are not allowed (the team must only do their required elements).
- Teams may only use hand-to-hand, shoulder-to-shoulder and choo-choo holds.
- Wheels and circles may not travel, change rotational direction or change configuration.
- Lines may not pivot.
- Synchro Skills 1 teams may not do steps higher than Basic 5, with the exception of forward chasses.
- Synchro Skills 2 teams may not do steps higher than Free Skate 1, with the exception of forward chasses.

Restrictions in Synchro Skills 3:

- No traveling within elements (change of configuration and rotational direction are allowed).

Restrictions in all levels: All of the synchronized skating “illegal elements” found in Rule #7160 of the US Figure Skating Rulebook.

Please reference <http://usfsa.org/programs?id=840968&menu=synchronized> for most up to date Learn to Skate USA Synchronized Skating rules.



SECTION 2: U.S. FIGURE SKATING STANDARD COMPETITIVE EVENTS

- A. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes +/- 10 sec.
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- B. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes 15 sec +/- 10 sec
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- C. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes +/- 10 sec
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- D. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 3 minutes +/- 10 sec
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- E. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes +/- 10 sec
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- F. 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, on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes +/- 10 sec
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- G. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1.
Free skate duration: 4 minutes +/- 10 sec
Well balanced program: Rule 7210
- H. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1.
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes +/- 10 sec
Well balanced program: Rule 7200

Note to teams regarding moves in the field test requirements:

Minimum moves in the field test levels are not being required at this competition.

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 2056, 2827 and 7200 – 7530, in addition to the statement above.

Level in which athlete is skating	Pre - Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Open Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Preliminary	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Collegiate	Adult	Masters
Pre - Juvenile														
Open Juvenile														
Open Collegiate														
Open Adult														
Open Masters														
Preliminary														
Juvenile								X						
Intermediate							X		X	X	X			
Novice							X	X		X	X			
Junior								X	X		X	X		
Senior								X	X	X		X	X	
Collegiate										X	X		X	
Adult											X	X		X
Masters													X	

Awards: Synchronized awards are presented on-ice after the last team has competed. 1st-3rd place synchronized teams will receive a team trophy; additionally each team member will receive an individual medal with the exception of the Beginner teams. Synchro Skills 1-3 1st-3rd place team members will receive individual medals only; no team trophy.

Practice Ice: Synchronized teams will have practice ice available for purchase in 15 minute segments at a cost of \$50.00 per 15 minutes. Practice will be Saturday evening, February 11th and Sunday, February 12th. Registration for practice ice will be online at www.rvfsc.org when the referee has completed the competition schedule. Segments will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Music: Rules governing music selection can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, including, but limited to, rule 7030.

Only CDs will be accepted with one program per CD.

- *CDs: Must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length and contained in a hard sided "jewel" case.*

Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW" discs.

Competition music must be turned in at the registration desk and must be submitted no later than two hours prior to the event in which the team is skating. All music must be picked up at the completion of the competition. CDs will not be mailed back to competitors.

All teams must have an additional copy of their music available for practice sessions. Teams must also have an extra copy available at rink side during the actual competition event. The organizing committee will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of music but will take every precaution to ensure its safety.

Registration: The registration desk will be established in the front lobby of the Moorhead Sports Center on Thursday, February 9th with the first practice session. The desk will remain open during all scheduled events. Competitors are advised to arrive at the arena 45 minutes before the scheduled time of their event.

Admission: There is no admission fee for this event.

Food: Concessions are available at the Sports Center.

Accommodations: The host hotel is the Holiday Inn in Fargo located about 15 minutes from the rink. Please call the hotel direct (1-877-282-2700).

Competition Schedule: The competition and coach schedule will be on our website: www.rvfsc.org when it becomes available from our referee.

RED RIVER VALLEY INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC
COMPETITION APPLICATION
FEBRUARY 10-12, 2017

PAPER ENTRIES ARE DUE MIDNIGHT, DECEMBER 28TH, 2016

First name (print) _____ Last Name (print) _____
Birthdate _____ Age _____ Male _____ Female _____ USFS Member # _____
Address _____ Email (print) _____
City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____
Home Club (full name) _____
Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone # _____
Highest test level passed as of 12/28/16: Freeskate _____ MIF _____ Dance _____

PLEASE CHECK EVENTS TO BE ENTERED

COMPULSORY/SHORT	INTRODUCTORY FREESKATE	WELL BALANCED FREESKATE	TEST TRACK FREESKATE
<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> No Test	<input type="checkbox"/> PrePreliminary
<input type="checkbox"/> High Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> High Beginner	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre Preliminary	<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary
<input type="checkbox"/> No Test		<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary	<input type="checkbox"/> PreJuvenile
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre Preliminary		<input type="checkbox"/> Pre Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
<input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary		<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate
<input type="checkbox"/> Pre Juvenile		<input type="checkbox"/> Open Juvenile	<input type="checkbox"/> Novice
<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile		<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate	<input type="checkbox"/> Junior
<input type="checkbox"/> Open Juvenile		<input type="checkbox"/> Novice	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate		<input type="checkbox"/> Junior	
<input type="checkbox"/> Novice		<input type="checkbox"/> Senior	
<input type="checkbox"/> Junior			
<input type="checkbox"/> Senior			

ARTISTIC
 Introductory
 PrePreliminary
 Preliminary
 PreJuvenile
 Juvenile
 Open Juvenile
 Intermediate
 Novice
 Junior/Senior

MOVES IN THE FIELD
 Preliminary
 PreJuvenile
 Juvenile
 Intermediate
 Novice
 Junior
 Senior

SOLO DANCE
 Preliminary
 PreBronze
 Bronze
 PreSilver
 Silver
 PreGold
 Gold
 International

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT: I am an amateur, eligible to enter the events checked under the rules of USFS/CFSA.

Signature of Applicant

WAIVER OF CLAIM FOR INJURY: I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue US Figure Skating, its Member Club and the Red River Valley Figure Skating Club, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, and any sponsors and advertisers of any USFS sanctioned event in which I participate (each considered one of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the Releasees. If I, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim which does not indemnify, defend, save, and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost which may incur as the result of such a claim. This waiver is for any and all activities before or after the Red River Valley International Classic competition and practice ice held February 9th through February 12th, 2017 and relating to said competition.

I acknowledge that I have read this waiver of liability and fully understand it.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(if participant is under age 18)

CERTIFICATION OF CLUB OFFICER: To the best of my knowledge, the above skater is a member in good standing in the aforementioned club.

Signature and Title of Club Officer

CERTIFICATION OF PRIMARY COACH: I have read this entry form and certify that it is complete and that the information on this form is true and correct. If you wish to coach, stand, and be present at the barrier during practices and competition, you MUST be registered and CER compliant with USFS in order to accompany your athlete during this competition. Coaches not in compliance are in violation of Ethics Rules. Coaches must present their registration card to be credentialed for this competition.

Printed Name & Signature of Primary Coach

Telephone or email address

ENTRY FEES DUE:	First Event	\$105.00	\$ _____
	Artistic Event	\$25.00	\$ _____
	Additional Events each	\$20.00	\$ _____
	Total		\$ _____

On-line entry with secure credit card payment is the preferred method of registration. Please go to www.rrvfsc.org for the entry link.

Mailed applications should be sent to: RRVFSC, Jean Paseka, 2110 5th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560.

Practice ice sessions, skater and coach competition schedules will be available only at www.rrvfsc.org when the schedule is complete. There will be NO notifications of practice ice sessions or competition schedule by mail, phone or e-mail.

ONLINE DEADLINE DATE IS DECEMBER 28TH, 2016.

WAIVER OF CLAIM FOR INJURY: I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue US Figure Skating, its Member Clubs, the Red River Valley Figure Skating Club, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, and any sponsors and advertisers of any USFS sanctioned event in which I participate (each considered one of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the negligence of the Releasees. This release, waiver of liability and express assumption or risk agreement does not apply to any liability, claims, demands, losses or damages arising out of the gross negligence of, or intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct of Releasees. If I, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim which does not arise from the gross negligence of, or intentional, willful or wanton misconduct of Releasees against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost which may incur as a result of such a claim. This waiver is for any and all activities before or after the Red River Valley International Classic competition and practice ice held February 9th through February 12th, 2017, and relating to said competition.

I acknowledge that I have read this waiver of liability and fully understand it.

A signed waiver from each team member (including alternates) must accompany the team application.

Signature of Applicant	Signature or Parent/Guardian (if skater under age 18)
1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
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17. _____	17. _____
18. _____	18. _____
19. _____	19. _____
20. _____	20. _____

Synchronized team entry fee is \$80.00 per team (\$50.00 for Synchro Skills teams) plus \$8.00 per skater (including alternates). Online registration is the preferred method of registration for your team. Please go to www.rvfsc.org for the entry link. You will need to register each team separately and pay for that team (all members together) in the online system. The following information will be needed: team contact, team name (as it will appear in the program and skating order), # of team members (include alternates), and the team roster: skater first and last name, skater date of birth, skater USFS number, email address of skater if over 18 or the email address of legal guardian if under 18 so they can accept the liability waiver for that skater.

RED RIVER VALLEY INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC
SHIRT ORDER FORM

The 2017 Red River Valley International Classic competition souvenir shirts are available for pre-competition orders only. Our souvenir shirts are black with bright color lettering, competition performance, light weight, 100% polyester, moisture wicking with a front skating logo are available for ordering online. These shirts run true to size but when in doubt order larger.

To insure that you get this item, we are offering you the opportunity to order now. You may pick up your shirt when you register for the competition.

Sizes available:

Youth: M,L \$19.00

Adult: S,M,L, XL \$21.00

Send this form and payment (US funds; payable to RRVFSC) along with your competition application. The paper form is due December 28, 2016

Skater's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State/Province, ZIP: _____

Home Club: _____ Phone # _____

Indicate the size and number of shirts:

Youth:

Medium _____ \$19.00

Large _____ \$19.00

Adult:

Small _____ \$21.00

Medium _____ \$21.00

Large _____ \$21.00

XL _____ \$21.00

Total number of shirts _____ x \$19.00= _____

Total number of shirts _____ x \$21.00= _____

Total payment enclosed \$ _____