

# Non-Qualifying Events September 30 - October 4, 2025

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## **Well Balanced Singles Events**

PrePreliminary, Preliminary, PreJuvenile, Open Juvenile

## **Excel Singles Events**

Aspire 1-4, PrePreliminary, Preliminary, Prelim Plus, PreJuv Plus, Juvenile, Juv Plus, Intermediate, Int Plus, Novice, Junior, Senior

## **Adult Singles Events**

PreBronze, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Masters Int/Nov & Masters Jr/Sr

## Award Trophies for 1st thru 4th place in each event!

Registration Due via <u>EMS</u> no later than August 29, 2025. Entries may close at any date when capacity is reached - early registration recommended. Competition Website: <u>DallasFSC.org</u>

# Hosted by The Dallas Figure Skating Club Children's Health StarCenter Plano

4020 West Plano Parkway, Plano, TX 75093



## NQS Singles Events available thru Separate EMS phased entry only see "NQS Texas Trophy" in EMS

Juvenile - Girls & Boy - FS only Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior Combined FS/SP - Women & Men



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## I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2025 Texas Trophy competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the <u>current rulebook</u>, as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating <u>website</u>.

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

#### **COVID-19 EVENT POLICIES:**

For the most recent U.S. Figure Skating COVID-19 policy requirements, CLICK HERE.

**SERIES INFORMATION:** Texas Trophy is a qualifying singles event for the National Qualifying Series (NQS).

Skaters in Juvenile through Senior NQS must register for their designated NQS events separately in EMS - see listing NQS - 2025 Texas Trophy

Refer to NQS handbook for more information.

#### 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.

• Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.

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:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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 the information sheet <u>HERE</u> or email <u>events@usfigureskating.org</u>.

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

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

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

## Non-Qual Events Offered and Fees

<u>usfigureskating.org - Skate - Compete - Program Requirements</u>

Referee may combine Showcase event levels & categories if number of competitors warrant. Showcase & Specialty events may be limited or cancelled due to time constraints as these events are secondary priority.

SINGLES	Judging System	1 <sub>st</sub>	2 <sup>nd</sup> + EVENT
Well Balanced Free Skate Preliminary, PreJuvenile, Open Juvenile	IJS	\$220	N/A
Well Balanced Free Skate PrePreliminary	6.0	\$185	N/A
Well Balanced Short Program Juvenile, Open Juvenile	IJS	\$220	\$90
<u>Excel Free Skate</u> Prelim+, PreJuv+, Juvenile, Juvenile+, Intermediate, Intermediate+, Novice, Junior and Senior	IJS	\$220	N/A
Excel Free Skate Aspire 1-4, PrePreliminary, Preliminary	6.0	\$185	N/A
Adult Free Skate Silver, Gold, Master Int/Nov, Master Jr/Sr	IJS	\$220	N/A
Adult Free Skate Pre-Bronze, Bronze	6.0	\$185	N/A
SHOWCASE	Judging	1st	2 <sup>nd</sup> +
	System	EVENT	EVENT
Emotional Performance Aspire — Senior & Adult	CJS	\$170	\$90
Choreographic Artistry Juv thru Sr Elite/ProAm & Adult Masters	CJS	\$170	\$90
<u>Lyrical Pop</u> Aspire — Senior & Adult	CJS	\$170	\$90
Character Performance Aspire - Senior & Adult	CJS	\$170	\$90
Comedic Impressions Aspire - Senior & Adult	CJS	\$170	\$90
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT EVENTS (See new 2025 combined levels)	Judging System	1st EVENT	2 <sup>nd</sup> + EVENT
Compulsory Moves Challenge - Levels 1 thru 8	6.0	\$100	\$70
Spin Challenge - Levels 1 thru 6	6.0	\$100	\$70
Jump Challenge - Levels 1 thru 9	6.0	\$100	\$70

#### **SKATESAFE® COMPLIANCE:**

For full details about SkateSafe® compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe

#### **Mandatory Athletes:**

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one minor athlete must complete SafeSport™ training. \*

Minor Athletes who turn 18 midseason 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 SkateSafe® 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.

#### **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 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.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be an eligible coach at a non-qualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Coaches must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal. All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on 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**

- My Competitions
- My Skaters
- Coach Schedule

#### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

#### **COMPETITION ENTRY - EMS REGISTRATION:**

Registration Deadline: 08/29/2025 at 11:59pm CT

Late Registration Deadline: 08/31/2025 at 11:59pm CT + \$50 Late Fee

Entries will be limited, so register early as LOC reserves the right to close entries early if max capacity is reached. Entries are accepted via <a href="EMS">EMS</a> with <a href="Cereative-cerea

- 1. Go to https://m.usfigureskating.org/ems
- 2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
  - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at <a href="memberservices@usfigureskating.org">memberservices@usfigureskating.org</a>.
- 3. Click the blue EMS button then "Competition Registration"
- 4. Choose "Texas Trophy" or "Texas Trophy NQS" from the list of competitions.
  - If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

See event site at <a href="www.DallasFSC.org">www.DallasFSC.org</a> for more information. Entries must be paid with a successful credit card transaction to be considered valid and **must be completed by August 29, 2025 11:59pm CT.** Late entries can be considered for acceptance at the discretion of the competition committee only if accompanied by a \$50 late fee.

#### **FOREIGN SKATERS:**

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition (<u>click here for HOW TO</u>). This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the <u>Members Only</u> login page.

#### **TEST CREDIT:**

Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request preparation of a test credit form at registration. Delay in printing of forms may occur if not requested a few hours 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**

Due to USFS series rules NO CRITIQUES will be offered at this Event. Click here for USFS info about allowed feedback.

#### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

Competitors participating in events utilizing music are required to upload their music to <u>EMS</u> no later than **September 16**, **2025 11:59pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a \$35 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.

MUSIC UPLOAD DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, 11:59PM ET; LATE FEE \$35

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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).

#### **Planned Program Content (PPC):**

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 <u>EMS</u> no later than **September 16**, **2025 11:59pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a \$20 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 PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: CLICK HERE

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

#### **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. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$35 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice 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 prior to the entry deadline.

#### LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Dallas Figure Skating Club, and Children's Health StarCenter Plano 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**: Children's Health StartCenter Plano is located at 4020 West Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093. Both ice surfaces are 200' x 85' with rounded corners.

#### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

Locker rooms and changing areas will not be accessible during 2025 Texas Trophy. Skaters should be prepared to dress off-site and arrive/depart from the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up, etc.) in competition attire. Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these areas.

#### **OFFICIAL NOTICES:**

Notices will be posted online in EMS and on <u>DallasFSC.org</u>. 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.

#### 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 via email once available.

#### PRACTICE ICE:

Practice Ice will be divided by level and skaters will be able to select/purchase those sessions appropriate for their entered events. Practice ice credit may be pre-purchased in EMS online at the discounted price of \$22 for each 20 (twenty) minute session per person. Pre-paid practice ice is non-refundable and may not be sold to other skaters. Practice ice can only be purchased through EMS online or in person at the competition registration/PI desk. After the schedule is released online sessions will be sold for \$25 each session per person. During the event all remaining practices will be sold on-site for \$25 each session per person.

<u>Premium event day warmup ice (middle of the day)</u> may be offered at discretion of referee if schedule allows and will be sold after schedule is complete if available. NO MUSIC WILL BE PLAYED ON PREMIUM WARM UP ICE.

**OFFICIAL PRACTICES** (sessions where music is played on competition surface) **OPI must be pre-purchased in EMS to ensure you will have a music play time scheduled.** OPI will be assigned beginning early Tuesday September 30<sup>rd</sup> or possibly late Monday September 29<sup>nd</sup> if necessary. Skaters are encouraged to attend OPI to confirm sound of your uploaded music on your competition surface. Please plan your arrival time to attend official practices.

**Only uploaded** music will be played on practice sessions. No CDs, phones, etc., will be accepted even if there is a problem with the uploaded music. Please verify all uploaded music BEFORE the Music upload deadline.

#### **Summary**

\$22 = Pre-purchased 20-minute solo practice session credit (before schedule) \$25 = 20-minute solo practice session online or at event (after schedule release)

Links for EMS Practice Ice purchase help: Pre-Purchase & Selection & Open Sales

#### **ON-SITE REGISTRATION DESK:**

See the event site located at <a href="www.DallasFSC.org">www.DallasFSC.org</a> for registration desk open hours. Registration will be open from one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration desk is located upstairs near top of ramp in the center of the rink concourse and will open 30 minutes before the first practice ice session. Please register promptly upon arrival. Please note that Registration will <a href="mailto:no longer accept any music">no longer accept any music</a>. If the skater's music was not uploaded or the uploaded version is not correct, the skater will provide their CD or USB to the Music person <a href="mailto:after their name">after</a> their name has been called to skate and <a href="mailto:before">before</a> they get into their starting position, and then collect the music <a href="mailto:before">before</a> exiting the ice. <a href="mailto:after their name">Electronic devices</a>, <a href="mailto:such as phones">such as phones</a>, for playing music will NOT be accepted.

#### **AWARDS:**

Trophies will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place winners in all events. Ribbons will be awarded to fifth and sixth place winners. Large Trophies will be awarded for each final round winner if number of entries warrant and time permits for final rounds to be held. Additionally, NQS Competitor Medals will be awarded to first, second, third and fourth place scores in each NQS event level. All awards will be presented off-ice at the photographer's stand following each event.

#### **VOLUNTEERS:**

DSFC members volunteering receive discount 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, Health Screening, Cleaning, Food donations, and more. Please consider how you can help us make 2025 Texas Trophy a great event, and contact <a href="mailto:DFSCVolunteers@gmail.com">DFSCVolunteers@gmail.com</a> 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. 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. Cost for each Digital Ad is \$25.

Ad Request 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 9/16/2025. All slides must be <u>both purchased and all uploaded data provided</u> by no later than 9/16/2025 to be shown during the event.

Complete the Skater Recognition Digital Ad request by clicking HERE.

#### **MERCHANDISE, GARMENTS AND SOUVENIRS:**

Official 2025 Texas Trophy merchandise, garments and souvenirs will be available for purchase at the competition.

#### TRANSPORTATION:

There are two airports nearby - Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and Love Field Dallas. Both are approximately 24 miles away taking about 30 minutes travel time in normal traffic conditions.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

Courtyard by Marriott Dallas Plano Parkway@ Preston Road

4901 West Plano Parkway Plano, Texas 75093 reserve Courtyard by Marriott

Residence Inn Plano by Marriott

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