

2009 GOLDEN WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

For Freeskating, Singles and Pairs

Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
Culver Ice Arena

September 3 – 6, 2009
4545 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA



Sanctioned by US Figure Skating

ENTRY DEADLINE: Wednesday, August 5, 2009
GENERAL RULES

The 2009 Golden West Championships shall be held in accordance with the rules of the United States Figure Skating Association per the 2009-2010 Competition Rules for Qualifying Competitions as published in the 2009 Official US Figure Skating rulebook and as amended at the 2009 Governing Council Meeting, ISU Communications for Juniors and Seniors and as otherwise stated herein. These championships are open to all eligible skaters. The championships will consist of events in Freeskating, Singles and Pairs. Any change in the championships' rules or schedules will be posted at the Culver Ice Arena and on the web at www.allyearfsc.com and shall be considered sufficient notice to all competitors and officials.

QUALIFICATIONS

All competitors must be eligible persons as of close of entries. Qualifying tests must be passed by August 5, 2009 for Open Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile levels and below. Skaters entered in Juvenile and above may skate one level higher than that for which they are qualified as of August 5, 2009. Changes of level due to outcome of a test will not be allowed after August 15, 2009.

Age restrictions apply for Pre-Preliminary through Intermediate events as identified in the "Events" section. ALL ages are as of September 1, 2009.

ENTRIES

Completed entry forms and entry fees payable to AYFSC **must be received by the registrar (NOT POSTMARKED) by the close of entries**, Wednesday, August 5, 2009. **NOTE:** Express and Priority Mail are accepted **ONLY without signature requirements**. Entries received after the close of entries will be subject to a \$35.00 late fee and may not be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Committee. In no case will late entries be accepted after the draw. All returned checks will be subject to a \$35.00 processing fee. The entry fee plus the processing fee must be paid in cash, by money order or by cashier's check to the registrar prior to the skater's first event in order for the skater to compete. Submit entry forms and required fees to:

Registrar:

Helene Krasner
635 30th St.

Hermosa Beach, CA 90254

Phone: home: 424-247-9217/ E-mail: hjkrasner@aol.com

NO CALLS AFTER 9pm, Please.

REFUNDS

Refunds will be given if skater withdraws before close of entries. **THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON AFTER CLOSE OF ENTRIES, except as provided by Rule 3235.**

AWARDS

Awards will be presented for the first four placed skaters for initial and final freeskating rounds. All competitors in Final Round events will be eligible for the 2009 Golden West Achievement Award to be presented at the completion of the competition. The Ronald O. Nichols Memorial Trophy will be presented to the Golden West Juvenile Girls Champion. The Les Seale Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the Golden West Intermediate Ladies Champion.

REGISTRATION AND MUSIC

A registration desk will be set up in the entrance area of Culver Ice Arena during the Championships. All skaters are required to register, with CD (only), a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled time for their event. CDs must be clearly marked with the name of the skater and event. Only one music program per CD will be allowed. The skater should have an extra CD in the ice arena. Note: CD-RW will not be accepted.

ARENA FACILITIES

All events of the competition will be held at the Culver Ice Arena, 4545 Sepulveda Blvd., Culver City, CA. The ice surface is approximately 85' x 200', slightly rounded at the corners.

ADMISSION

Adults - \$12.00/day Seniors (62+) - \$6.00/day
Competitors, Professionals, Children under 12 (if accompanied by an adult) - no charge
One chaperone per skater under age 18 - no charge (if badge requested on entry form)
One Additional Chaperone Badge may be purchased for \$20.00

ENTRY FEES

LEVEL	EVENT		LEVEL	EVENT	
	FS	Pair		FS	Pair
Pre-Preliminary	\$80		Intermediate	\$100	\$110 per Team
Preliminary	\$80		Novice	\$100	\$130 per Team
Pre-Juvenile	\$80		Junior	\$100	\$130 per Team
Juvenile	\$90	\$100 per Team	Senior	\$100	\$130 per Team
Open Juvenile	\$90		Adult Bronze	\$80	
			Adult Silver	\$90	
			Adult Gold	\$100	
			Adult Masters	\$100	

QUALIFYING ROUNDS

Qualifying Rounds will be held for each Freeskating event where the number of entrants exceeds 18 for Pre-Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile events. Not more than 28 entries will be permitted in the Final Rounds for Open Juvenile and Juvenile through Senior events. Seeding and Groups will be split per Rule 3270 except as stated

above and at the discretion of the Chief Referee. The Qualifying Round for Freeskating events will be Freeskating (Long Program) only. Championship (Final) Rounds for Freeskating events will consist of Freeskating for Intermediate Pairs, Open Juvenile/Juvenile Singles and Pairs and below; Short Program and Freeskating (Long Program) – Intermediate Singles through Senior Singles and Pairs

DRAW FOR SKATING ORDER

The skating order will be determined by closed draw.

EVENTS & SYSTEM OF SCORING

An event must have a minimum of three entries to be scheduled and a minimum of two competitors to be held. The 6.0 system of judging will be used for Pre-Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile and Open Juvenile. The ISU Judging System (IJS) will be used for Juvenile and Intermediate Final Rounds in addition to all Novice, Junior and Senior Singles and Pairs events. The ISU Judging System (IJS) may be used for Juvenile and Intermediate Qualifying Rounds (if time permits). Otherwise, the 6.0 system of judging will be used for Qualifying Rounds. All efforts will be made to use IJS for Juvenile and Intermediate Qualifying rounds

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The tentative schedule and notices will be posted at Culver Ice Arena and at All Year FSC website.
www.allyearfsc.com

LEVELS AND EVENTS TO BE SKATED

LEVEL	EVENT	COMMENTS
		All Competition rules, where applicable, are those for the 2009 – 2010 qualifying competitions. Note is made here of age restrictions and test requirements. For all levels, “well balanced program requirements” will be per rules (existing and amended) per 2009 Governing Council Report of Action and ISU Communications. Tests must be passed August 5, 2009 where necessary.
PRE-PRELIMINARY	Freeskating Duration: 1:30	<u>Freeskating</u> : Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Freeskating but no higher. Age: 10 years or younger as of 09/01/2009. Allowable content : Rule 3711
PRELIMINARY	Freeskating Duration: 1:30	<u>Freeskating</u> : Must have passed the Preliminary Freeskating Test but no higher. Age: 11 years of age or younger as of 09/01/2009. Allowable content : In accordance with Rule 3701 and to clarify Double Axel is restricted as well.
PRE-JUVENILE	Freeskating Duration: 2:00	<u>Freeskating</u> : Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Freeskating Test but no higher. Age: 11 years of age or younger as of 09/01/2009. Allowable content : Per Rule 3691 with the following exception. Exception: No Double Axel

JUVENILE	Singles Freeskating Duration: 2:15. Pairs Duration: 2:30	<u>Freeskating</u> : Must have passed the Pre-Juvenile Freeskating Test but no higher than Juvenile. Age for Freeskating : 12 or younger as of 09/01/2009 <u>Pairs</u> : Preliminary Pair Test but no higher than Juvenile Pair Test . * Age for Pair : Must be under 16 years of age as of 09/01/2009. Allowable content : Singles per Rule 3681, Pairs per Rule 4081
OPEN-JUVENILE	Freeskating Duration: 2:15.	<u>Freeskating</u> : Must have passed the Juvenile Freeskating Test but no higher. Allowable content : In accordance with Rule 3681 Age 13yrs through 15yrs. as of 09/01/2009
INTERMEDIATE	Short Program Duration: 2:00 (max.) Singles Freeskating Duration: 2:30 Pair Freeskating Duration: 3:00	<u>Freeskating & Pairs</u> : Must have passed Juvenile Freeskating or Pair Test but no higher than Intermediate. * Age for Freeskating & Pairs : Under 18 years of age as of 09/01/2009. Allowable Content : Singles-Rule 3671,2; Pairs-Rule 4071
NOVICE	Short Program Duration: 2:30 (max.) Ladies & Men; 2:50 (max) Pairs Freeskating Duration:3:00 - Ladies; 3:30 – Men & Pairs	<u>Freeskating & Pairs</u> : Must have passed Intermediate Freeskating or Pair Test but no higher than Novice Freeskating or Pair Test. * Allowable Content : Singles-Rule 3660; Pairs-Rule 4060
JUNIOR	Short Program Duration:2:50 (max.) Freeskating Duration:3:30 - Ladies; 4:00 – Men & Pairs	<u>Freeskating , Pairs</u> : Must have passed the Novice Freeskating or Pair Test but no higher than Junior.* No age restrictions. Allowable Content : Singles-Rule 3650; Pairs-Rule 4050 & ISU Communications
SENIOR	Short Program Duration: 2:50(max.) Freeskating Duration: 4:00-Ladies; 4:30 – Men & Pairs	<u>Freeskating & Pairs</u> : Must have passed the Junior Freeskating or Pair Test. * Allowable Content : Singles-Rule 3640; Pairs-Rule 4040 & ISU Communications
ADULT BRONZE	Freeskating Duration not to exceed 1:50 (no minimum)	Must have passed the Adult Pre-Bronze and no higher than Adult Bronze Freeskating test, the USFSA Preliminary Freeskating test, or the ISI Freestyle 4 test or, prior to 10/1/1977, the 2nd figure test. No axels or double jumps allowed. Age: 21 years of age or older as of 09/01/2009 Allowable Content : Per Rule 3801
ADULT SILVER	Freeskating Duration not to exceed 2:10 (no minimum)	Must have passed the Adult Bronze Freeskating test and no higher than the Adult Silver Freeskating test. Restrictions apply as per Test requirements per Rule 3790. No double jumps allowed. Age: 21 years of age or older as of 09/01/2009 Allowable Content : Per Rule 3791
ADULT GOLD	Freeskating Duration not to exceed 2:40 (no minimum)	Must have passed the Adult Silver Freeskating test. Restrictions apply as per Test requirements Rule 3780. Age: 21 years of age or older as of 09/01/2009 Allowable Content : Per Rule 3781
ADULT MASTERS (Combined)	Freeskating Duration not to exceed 3:40 (no minimum)	Must have passed at least the USFSA Adult Gold Freeskating test, Intermediate Freeskating test or, prior to October 1, 1977, the 3 rd Figure test. Age: 21 years of age or older as of 09/01/2009 Allowable Content : Per Masters Rules 3751, 3761, 3771& 3776

*Note: It is permissible for one or both of the partners to have passed the next higher pair test and still remain eligible to compete at the lower level, provided that neither skater has competed at the higher level in qualifying competition. Further, if the skater chooses to compete at the lower level, they must do so with a partner other than the one with whom they passed the higher test.

ISU JUDGING SYSTEM (IJS)

All Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior competitors will be required to complete a PLANNED PROGRAM ELEMENTS FORM, by the application deadline, August 5, 2009. Adjustments and changes to the submitted "planned program" may be made without any penalty. Competitors will need to enter www.usfsaonline.org to register their programs. Non-U.S. skaters can mail the form along with their entry. On-line Planned Program Sheets are preferred. Personal Protocols will be available, to individual skaters, at the registration desk at the end of each event. Total Points and results will be available on the All Year FSC website (www.allyearfsc.com) as soon as possible after the competition. Entries are not considered complete until Planned Program forms are registered or received.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation from Los Angeles International Airport to the Official Hotel is available from the Hotel. Competitors will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the hotels and the Culver Ice Arena.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Housing accommodations are available at the Radisson Hotel, which is, approximately, fifteen minutes by car from the Culver Ice Arena. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. Special room rate of \$95 single or double, per night (plus taxes; no charge for children under 18). The Official Hotel is:

Radisson Hotel (Los Angeles Westside)
6161 West Centinela Ave.
Culver City, CA 90230

Toll Free Reservations direct with hotel: 800-333-3333 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) or via
Fax at 310-649-6566

To obtain special rates, reservations must be made no later than August 10, 2009 and mention the Golden West Championships. Once an individual reservation has been made, any changes should be made directly with the Group Reservations Department at 310.348.4569 (ask for Sergio).

VIDEOTAPING AND/OR PHOTOGRAPHY

A professional video company and photographer for award photographs will be at the rink. All other videotaping and photography is restricted to hand-held battery operated equipment, without tripod. No photography or videotaping, except by the official photographer, without the express permission of the person being photographed or videotaped is allowed.

Solicitation by any photographer or agent of anyone to be the subject of still or video photography is not permitted. NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY DURING THE EVENTS IS ALLOWED.

PRACTICE ICE

Official Practice will be scheduled ONLY on Wednesday, September 2, 2009. Please complete the "OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE REQUEST" form and mail to Heather Davis, 3611 Stewart Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90066 (e-mail – we4davis@ca.rr.com). All requests for practice ice are due by August 5, 2009. For ice prior to the start of the competition, contact the Culver Ice Arena - 310-398-5719. The arena will hold short warm-up sessions each morning. No Reservations, No Music, first come first served.

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