



2026 Bay State Games Figure Skating Competition

Presented by

The Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation

Christmas Brook Figure Skating Club

February 14 & 15, 2026

Lansing Chapman Ice Rink, Williams College, Williamstown, MA

REGISTRATION OPENS: Friday, December 5, 2025

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, December 19, 2025

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, January 9 at 11:59 EST**

****or when all ice time has been filled. Whichever comes first.**

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The 2026 Bay State Winter Games Figure Skating Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [Current Rulebook](#), 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, and who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

DATE

Saturday, February 14, 2026 & Sunday, February 15, 2026. The specific schedule of events cannot be determined until after the registration deadline on January 9.

LOCATION

Lansing Chapman Skating Rink, Williams College, Williamstown, MA

ELIGIBILITY

An athlete must meet at least **ONE** of the following guidelines:

- A full-time resident of Massachusetts by February 14, 2026.
- A full-time student at an academic institution in Massachusetts.
- A registered member of a figure skating club in Massachusetts. The club must be the athlete's exclusive "contact" in the sport.
- Any athlete that meets any of the above criteria would be classified in the competition as a participant from MASSACHUSETTS for the purpose of distribution of invitations for the 2026 State Games of America.
- Any athlete that does not meet any of the above criteria can also participant in the Bay State Games if:
 - Eligibility Rule 4: They are a resident of Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Vermont which do not have their own State Games organization or host a State Games Figure Skating competition.
 - Any athlete that participates under eligibility rule 4 would be classified in the competition as a participant from their state of residence for the purpose of distribution of invitations for the 2026 State Games of America.

AGE RESTRICTIONS & REQUIREMENTS

- All competitors must be a minimum of age **5 (Five)** by February 14, 2026 to be eligible.
- Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:
 - Juvenile Girls-12 years or younger, Boys- 13 years or younger
 - Open Juvenile: Girls-13 years or older, Boys-14 years or older
 - Intermediate must be under the age of 18
 - Adults must be 21 years or older

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.

Age classes for Adult Free Skate

- Young Adult – 18 years through 20 years
- Class I – 21 years through 35 years
- Class II – 36 years through 45 years
- Class III – 46 years through 55
- Class IV-56 years through 65 years
- Class V-60 years and older

All adult age classes may be combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee. Men & ladies will be combined in Adult 1 through Adult Bronze free skate events. Men's and Ladies will not be combined in adult silver and higher free skate events. Athletes in adult silver and higher free skate events with no competitor of the same gender in another age class will be offered the opportunity to skate an exhibition for first place, skate up to the next higher level or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

TEST LEVELS

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.

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).

REGISTRATION

Registration for all USFS events will be through the EMS platform by credit card only. For athletes also competing in ISI events, registration for those events is through a second platform using EntryEeze.

Registration opens: December 5, 2025

Registration closes: when all ice time has been filled OR no later than January 9, 2026

WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. Late entries will not be accepted.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or if Compete USA events are offered, your Learn to Skate USA member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "COMPETITION NAME" from the list of non qualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

REFUNDS

Entry fees will not be refunded after **January 9, 2026** unless the 2026 Bay State Winter Games figure skating competition is cancelled. Online processing fees are non-refundable at any time. **There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals after January 9, 2026.**

EVENTS

All events are **SINGLES ONLY**. No pairs or team events.

The competition will follow element and time requirements in effect as of JANUARY 1, 2026 which can be found in the current USFS Rulebook [HERE](#)

ALL EVENTS IN THE 2026 BAY STATE WINTER GAMES FIGURE SKATING COMPETITION WILL BE JUDGED BY THE TRADITIONAL 6.0 SYSTEM THAT REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE 25-26 SKATING SEASON. STARTING IN 2027, BAY STATE WINTER GAMES FIGURE SKATING EVENTS WILL BE JUDGED USING THE CJS SYSTEM. There are no IJS judged events in this competition.

Athletes can enter events as noted below:

Bay State Games will offer the Excel (Restricted) free skate program and the Well Balanced (Unrestricted) free skate program per USFS offerings. Event options, by division, are as follows:

- **Pre-Preliminary** can compete in Free Skate only. Athletes at this level can choose to compete in either Excel Preliminary or Well Balanced preliminary but NOT both.
- **Preliminary** can compete in Free Skate only. Athletes can choose Excel Preliminary Plus or Preliminary Well Balanced but may only compete in ONE.
- **Pre-Juvenile** can compete in Free Skate only. Athletes at this level can choose to compete in Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus or Pre-Juvenile Well Balanced but may only compete in ONE.
- **Juvenile** can compete in Free Skate AND/OR Short Program**. For Free Skate, athletes at this level can choose to compete in Excel Juvenile, Excel Juvenile Plus or Juvenile Well Balanced but, may only compete in ONE. Short Program** is well balanced only.
- **Intermediate** can compete in Free Skate AND/OR Short Program**. For Free Skate, athletes can choose Excel Intermediate, Excel Intermediate Plus or Intermediate Well Balanced but, may only compete in ONE. Short program** is Well Balanced only.
- **Novice** can compete in Free Skate AND/OR Short Program**. For Free Skate, athletes can choose Excel Novice or Novice Well Balanced but, may only compete in ONE. There is no Plus level for Novice. Short Program** is Well Balanced only.
- **Junior** can compete in Free Skate AND/OR Short Program**. For Free Skate, athletes can choose Excel or Well Balanced but may only compete in ONE. Short Program** is well Balanced only.
- **Senior** can compete in Free Skate AND/OR Short Program**. For Free Skate, Senior level skaters can compete in Excel of Well Balanced but may only compete in ONE. Short Program** is Well Balanced only.

****All events in the 2026 Bay State Winter Games Figure Skating competition will be judged using the 6.0 system. The EMS registration platform does not have a 6.0 option for short program. When athletes sign up for short program it will be listed under IJS but be aware the event will be judged 6.0. Short program participants will not be required to submit a PPC.**

- **Adult Gold, Adult Silver, Adult Bronze** can compete in Free Skate only.
- **Master Senior, Master Junior, Master Novice, Master Intermediate** compete in Free Skate only.

COMPETE USA EVENTS INCLUDING LEVELS FOR SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES

Click [HERE](#) for a link to rules, eligibility and element requirements for all events. Bay State Games will follow the Compete USA / Learn To Skate event requirements in effect starting **January 1, 2026**.

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition



SINGLE SKATER FLIGHT POLICY FOR USFS EVENTS

- USFS skaters will be allowed to have a judged exhibition in flights with less than two skaters.
- If there are less than two skaters in any event by January 9, then the skater will be contacted with the option of a full refund or a judged exhibition.
- After January 9, if a scratch occurs which reduces a division to less than 2 skaters, then the skater will be contacted with the option of a full refund or a judged exhibition.
- If an athlete does not notify the Games of a scratch and does not show up for the competition which reduces the flight to a single skater, then the remaining athlete will be offered a judged exhibition. Under this scenario, there will be no refund of any travel expenses or entry fee.

SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled at any time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedules will be available no earlier than 3-2 weeks prior to the competition. All participants will be notified by email when the schedule is posted on the Bay State Games Figure Skating website.

EMS MUSIC UPLOADS

DEADLINE: February 6, 2026

ANY MUSIC RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL INCUR A \$20 LATE FEE

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **FEBRUARY 6, 2026**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature 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.

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria below.

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on a phone or memory stick as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be available rink side during the competition.

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COACHES NAME & ADDRESS ON APPLICATION

Athletes must list their coaches name and email address on their application. YOU MUST LIST THE COACHES NAME AS HE OR SHE IS REGISTERED WITH ISI or USFSA. Please check for maiden or married names and verify the correct name with your coach before submitting your application.

PRACTICE ICE

Practice ice will be available for separate purchase through the EntryEeze (ISI) or EMS (USFS) registration systems. There will be three practice sessions on Saturday, February 14. at 6:30am, 6:50am and 7:10am. There will be two practice sessions on Sunday, February 15 at 6:30am and 6:50am. On Sunday, February 15 at 7:10am there will be an additional practice session reserved only for Snowplow Sam, Basic 1-6 and Freestyle 1-2 skaters. Skaters in these divisions cannot practice in any other session other than February 15 at 7:10am. There will not be any practice ice available on Friday evening due to a Williams College Women's Ice Hockey game.

Each session will be 20 minutes. The cost per skater, per session is \$25. Each session will be limited to 22 skaters. No music will be played at practice ice.

Skaters can purchase practice ice credits when they register for their events until the January 9 registration deadline. Skaters who pre-purchase practice ice credits will have a three-day window from January 27 - 29 until 12pm to select their specific times before remaining sessions go on sale to all other skaters on January 29 after 12pm. Practice Ice details will be included in the final packet.

Practice Ice Timeline

Pre-Purchase Begins: 12/5/2025 10:00 AM ET

Pre-Purchase Deadline: 1/9/2026 11:59 PM ET

Pre Purchased Selection Begins: 1/27/2026 10:00 AM ET

Pre Purchased Selection Ends: 1/29/2026 11:59 AM ET

Open Sales Begin: 1/29/2026 12:00PM ET

Open Sales Deadline: 02/12/2026 05:00 PM ET

PHOTO, VIDEO, LIVE STREAM

[Cinematic Images](#) will be the official photo & video provider for this year's event. There are options to purchase photo, video, or BOTH.

SAVE \$40.00 by pre-ordering your photos and video by 5pm on 2/12/26

*Must Order by 5pm Thursday 2/12/26 to receive this offer.

Photos & Video* 1 Event = \$100 + tax \$106.35

Photo & Video* 2 Events = \$200 + tax \$212.70

Photos OR Video* 1 Event = \$59 + tax \$62.75

Photos OR Video* 2 events = \$118 + tax \$125.49

[To PRE-ORDER click here](#)

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Order after 5pm 2/12/26

Photos only \$69.00 (plus tax one event \$73.38)

Video* only \$69.00 (plus tax) one event \$73.38

Photos & Video* \$138.00 one event \$146.76

Photos & Video* \$276 two events \$293.53

Family members/coaches can take videos of their own skater. Photographing and/or recording of any participant other than their own skater is prohibited.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non qualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements below. Each participant will be allowed ONE coach. Coaches will be issued a venue credential when they arrive at the competition and their compliance with USFS coaching requirements is verified. Athletes MUST list their coach in the EMS registration system.

COACH/CHOREOGRAPHER

- Must be a current member of US Figure Skating through a member club or individual member.
- If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport training. The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- Must complete the professional Coach / Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement
- Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per / 5 million agg.
- Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics.
- Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release of Indemnification Agreement 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement.

LEARN TO SKATE USA COACH

- Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership.
- If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport training. The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR USFS Compliance Coach.

COMPETITION CHECK IN

Registration will be open one hour before the first event of the day and will remain open until 30 minutes prior to the last scheduled event.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Bay State Games, Christmas Brook Figure Skating Club, the National Congress of State Games, and Williams College accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition in accordance with Rule 1600 of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

LOCKER ROOMS

Locker rooms and changing areas are available for use by athletes only. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SafeSport Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport](#) page).

AWARDS

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three athletes in each division and event/flight, regardless of the state in which the athlete resides. Any athlete that wins a gold, silver or bronze medal will receive a Bay State Games award gift. Athletes that win more than one medal will receive only one gift.

Per Compete USA regulations, all competitors in Compete USA flights with more than 3 skaters will receive a BSG Ribbon. These skaters will NOT receive a BSG athlete award gift or an invitation to the State Games of America

2026 STATE GAMES OF AMERICA – STATE COLLEGE, PA (Penn State University)

Athletes who win a gold, silver or bronze medal in each division/event/flight will receive an invitation to compete in 2026 State Games of America to be held in State College, Pennsylvania at Penn State University on July 28-August 2, 2026. Athletes will receive an information card on the 2026 SGA when they qualify. For athletes that have already qualified at a previous Bay State Games figure skating event, registration is now open at [StateGames.org](https://www.statgames.org)

ATHLETE PIZZA PARTY

All registered athletes will receive complimentary admission to an athlete pizza party on Saturday, February 14. Pizza, drinks and cookies will be included for all competitors. The party will also include the skating club banner contest, a raffle and other surprises.

To RSVP please visit <https://app.racereach.com/form/71530>

FIGURE SKATING SHOW

The Bay State Skate Figure Skating Show will be held Saturday evening, February 14 at 7:30pm. All registered athletes will receive complimentary admission to the skating show with their athlete credential. Gold medal winning skaters in select divisions from the US and IS competition will be invited to skate in the show. Additional details on the show will be included in the finalist packet.

BANNER CONTEST

With the 2026 Bay State Winter Games taking place during the 2026 Winter Olympics in Italy, the theme for this year's banner contest will be **"Celebrating the Winter Olympics"**.

Each skating club is encouraged to bring a banner to the competition. Banners will be on display throughout the duration of Saturday's competition and will be judged during the evening. The clubs with the top-three banners will receive awards during the Skating Show. All banners must be limited to no more than 3 ft. high by 10 ft. wide.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions, please contact the Bay State Games at info@baystategames.org or call 781-932-6555. Additional details can be found at www.baystategames.org.

Bay State Games reserves the right to change any elements of the competition, including cancellation of the event, if circumstances related to COVID-19 and Federal, State, Local Board of Health, Venue and Sport Governing Bodies require us to do so.

EVENTS OFFERED AND ENTRY FEES

There will be a \$10 early bird discount for registrations received on or before December 19, 2025

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS				
SINGLES	6.0	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	3 rd EVENT
Excel Free Skate (Pre-Preliminary – Senior & all Plus Events).	6.0	\$150	\$85	\$75
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile- Senior)	6.0	\$150	\$85	\$75
Well Balanced Free Skate (Pre Preliminary - Senior)	6.0	\$150	\$85	\$75
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$150	\$85	\$75
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$150	\$85	\$75
Special Olympics Singles Free Skate (1-4)	6.0	\$90	\$35	\$35
COMPETE USA				
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$35	\$25
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ music	6.0	\$90	\$35	\$25
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	6.0	\$90	\$35	\$25
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	\$90	\$35	\$25
Compulsory Moves- Level 1-8	6.0	\$90	\$35	\$25
Special Olympics Badge 2-12	6.0	\$90	\$35	\$25