



TRAVERSE CITY CHERRY CLASSIC
Hosted by: Traverse City Figure Skating Club
June 4th & 5th 2021
Centre Ice Arena – Traverse City Michigan
WEBSITE: www.gofiguretc.com

Sanction #29918

The Cherry Classic 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 member 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.

COVID-19 INFORMATION:

- **All attendees are always required to properly wear face coverings** over their nose and mouth and secured under their chin while in a facility (exception: skaters may remove when on the ice). This is not only for your protection, but for the protection of others and is applied to all attendees.
- **Social distancing must be maintained at all times.** The CDC recommends a distance of 6 feet and separate pathways will be established within the venue (minimizing crossover and contamination).
- **Chaperones/Spectators/Coaches:** Due to COVID restrictions each skater will be allowed two adult chaperones and one coach at this time. Please be aware that the COVID restrictions are always changing and to check our website for the most up to date event restrictions: www.gofiguretc.com
- **COVID-19 Safety Plan:** We will be working with Centre Ice Facility staff and local health department to create a final safety plan. Upon completion this will be shared with all registered skaters and will be available on our website two weeks prior to Cherry Classic to ensure the most up to date COVID protocols are being met.

CHANGING TO A VIRTUAL COMPETITION: The Traverse City Figure Skating Club is very hopeful that we will be able to provide an in-person competition. In the event that this is not possible, we will switch to a virtual competition. Should we need to do this, we will inform everyone no later than May 14th, 2021. All competitors will have the opportunity to receive a refund, or move directly into the virtual format. If going to a virtual format, videos will be required no later than May 21, 2021.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test Level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. For the 2021-2022 competition season, athletes may skate up two levels above that for which they qualify but they are not eligible for IJS Test Credit. Note, athletes may not skate down in any event.

Age restrictions/requirements: 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

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.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION:

EMS REGISTRATION:

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.
Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

Registration Deadline: MAY 7th, 2021

Late Registration Deadline: MAY 14st, 2021 + \$25 Late Fee

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 "Traverse City Cherry Classic" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

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 mid-season 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 SafeSport compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email safesport@usfigureskating.org for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

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.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at the Centre Ice Arena, 1600 Chartwell Dr. Traverse City, MI. The Centre Ice Arena has seating for spectators that will be subject to the most current COVID protocols. Concession will NOT be open during the competition. Both the ice surfaces measure 200 X 85 feet with rounded corners.

EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to [EMS](#) no later than **May 17th, 2021 at 11:59pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 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 SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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 listed below.

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- 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. We prefer that there be NO leaders or trailers at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Competitors must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD or digital copy (if you are accepting digital back up such as on a phone or memory stick) as a backup in case of technical difficulties and must be

available rink side during the competition. Only CDs (standard CD-R format only) will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitor's name, event, and running time.

EMS PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC): Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in [EMS](#) no later than **MAY 17th, 2021 at 11:59pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 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](#)
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LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Traverse City Figure Skating Club and the Centre Ice Arena 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.

ONSITE CHECK-IN: Check-in will open on the evening of June 3rd, 2021 and will take place just inside the front entrance of the ice arena. Participants will receive a detailed schedule via email that designates the time in which you can come to the doors to check in. You will have your temperature checked and be asked a series of health questions regarding Covid-19 prior to your being able to enter the rink.

LOCKER ROOMS: Locker rooms and changing areas will **not** be available this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive to the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with an area to warm up and an area to put skates on but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms. We will be sure to communicate our final safety plan with these areas closer to the competition.

EMS PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice may be pre-purchased as credits on [EMS](#) for \$20 per 20-minute session up until May 28th at midnight. Pre-purchased session selection will open May 28th at midnight and close June 2nd at midnight. Open sales will begin for purchase on June 2nd at midnight and close at the end of the competition. All practice sessions will be limited to 18 skaters. There will be no practice ice sold at the event.

EMS (SKATER) PRACTICE ICE RESOURCES:

- [Skater: Pre-Purchase and Selection | Open Sales](#)

PHOTO/VIDEO: Videography for all events will be provided. You will receive an email with your skater's events about one week following the completion of the competition. **For the safety of the skaters, *flash photography is not allowed.***

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded through fourth place in all events. Award Ceremonies and pictures will not take place this year due to COVID. You may pick up your medals near the registration area following your

event's results. We encourage participants to move outside to take pictures with their medals and not linger in the lobby area.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained at www.gofiguretc.com. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. With Covid procedures, entry into the rink will be timed per event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at the registration/check-in desk at the rink. These forms must be submitted 24 hours prior to the event by either sending them to our Accountant via email at jacht@umich.edu or returning them to the registration desk. For skaters receiving a qualifying score, forms must be picked up at the registration/check-in desk prior to the end of the competition at which time you must pay the \$10 test credit fee. Additionally, If athletes are skating up TWO levels, they are not eligible to receive test credit.

Note that due to incompatibility in program components, Excel free skate IJS protocols are not eligible for test credit.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating. There will be a limit of ONE coach credential per registered athlete.

With EMS, a coach must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included on the skater's 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 (*include links in your announcement):

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an 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 (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. *
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. *
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either 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 U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only Website:

www.usfsaonline.org  Person Icon  or Account  Member Profile  Compliance

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches via EMS, verified through the U.S. Figure Skating database who are approved to receive 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. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

SEE CURRENT [RULEBOOK](#) OR [U.S. FIGURE SKATING WEBSITE](#) FOR RULES/REQUIREMENTS.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS

SINGLES	IJS/6.0	1 st EVENT	2 nd EVENT	
Excel Free Skate (Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile, Juvenile Plus, Intermediate, Intermediate Plus Novice-Senior.)	IJS	\$130	\$65	
Excel Free Skate (Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$110	\$55	
Well Balanced Short Program (Juvenile/Open Juv.-Senior)	IJS	\$130	\$65	
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test & Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$110	\$55	
Well Balanced Free Skate (Preliminary thru Senior)	IJS	\$130	\$65	
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Compulsory Moves (No test - Open Juvenile)	6.0	\$105	\$55	
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$105	\$55	
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$105	\$55	
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$105	\$55	
Showcase (Lyrical Pop, Character, Dramatic, Duets) (Beginner-Senior)	6.0	\$110	\$55	
Compete USA - *Elements, Programs with Music (Snowplow Sam - Basic 6, Pre-Free Skate)	6.0	\$55	\$55	
Elements will be performed one at a time as directed by an official				

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL HOTEL – Bayshore Resort (231)935-4400 Mention the Traverse City Cherry Classic for the competition rate. Room rate block is limited!

CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact to LOC at cherryclassictc@gmail.com