

2017 CRYSTALLINE CLASSIC
36th ANNUAL
SHOWCASE COMPETITION
ENTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

APRIL 29, 2017

The Redwood Empire Ice Arena

Snoopy's Home Ice

1667 West Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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www.srfsc.org



Online Entries only will be processed through the Entry Eeze Program

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=177>

All entries must be submitted by midnight March 25, 2017

The Crystalline Classic Showcase 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 which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website. Decisions of the Chief Referee are final.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and is 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 (Rule 3060) for non-U.S. Citizens and skaters representing a foreign federation. A Skate Canada sanction has not been requested for this competition. All participants will be expected to abide by the Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and the Code of Conduct (GR 1.02), as set forth in the 2017 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline (March 25, 2017) in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. Skaters who placed in the top four in a final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.

Age restrictions/requirements: Age is as of the entry deadline date of March 25, 2017. The following events have age restrictions: Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Juvenile, Teen, Intermediate, Young Adult, and all Adult levels. Please see chart provided in this announcement for those restrictions.

ENTRIES: You may enter a category at only one level. The minimum number of entries needed to hold any event is two. At the discretion of the Chief Referee, events may be combined. Single entry events will be canceled and the entry fee refunded. However, with the Chief Referee's approval and if time permits, a single entry may be offered the opportunity to compete as a solo entrant. If the skater accepts the opportunity to participate, the entry fee will not be refunded. The skater will be judged, receive their award, and eligible for recall consideration. Note: The withdrawal of competitor(s) in an event within 48 hours of the event start will not change the status of an event as long as one skater remains; no event will be canceled with at least one competitor, and no refunds provided, within 48 hours of the competition event.

Events will not be divided by gender. If multiple groups are needed based on number of entries, Juvenile - Senior will be divided by draw and all other events will be divided according to age. Categories may be divided, or expanded, or combined depending on the number of entries, at the discretion of the local organizing and/or Chief Referee.

ONLINE ENTRY: Secure Online Registration and credit card payment (American Express, Visa, Mastercard or Discover) is available on the Entry Eeze site. A credit card processing fee of 3.5% is charged by SRFSC. Processing fees are **non-refundable**. Your credit card statement will show a charge to www.srfsc.org. **Only online registration will be accepted. Online entries accepted until midnight MARCH 25, 2017.** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the local organizing committee and/or Chief Referee. Late entries may be assessed up to a \$75.00 late fee. Each skater entry is a step by step process of adding club and coach information, skating level, events, and practice ice sessions to the shopping cart. When online entry is complete and payment is made via credit card. An email is automatically sent confirming the entry. Additionally, **an email is sent to the skater's primary coach and home club when a skater's entry is processed. These emails have a link embedded in them. The receiver must click that link to be taken to an "Approval" page in our system. If the receiver clicks the "I approve" button in that page, the system records the approval. Skaters who do not receive approvals from their club and coach will not be able to compete.** Therefore, it is vital that the club officer and primary coach follow this procedure to approve the skater entry!

ENTRY FEES:

FIRST SINGLES EVENT: \$85.00. SECOND SINGLES EVENT: \$45.00
DUETS: \$85.00
ENSEMBLES: \$85.00, PLUS \$5.00 PER PERSON
SYNCHRONIZED, Theatre on Ice: \$85.00, PLUS \$5.00 PER PERSON

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



QUESTIONS? santarosafsc@aol.com.

REFUND POLICY: Refund of entry fees will be made if a skater withdraws prior to the closing date of March 18, 2017. Otherwise, refunds will be made only if the failure to participate is due to a death in the immediate family.

FACILITIES: Crystalline Classic (A Showcase Competition) will be held at The Redwood Empire Ice Arena, 1667 West Steele Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, on April 29, 2017, sponsored by the Santa Rosa Figure Skating Club, and sanctioned by US Figure Skating.

ARENA ICE SURFACE: The Redwood Empire Ice Arena is 185 x 85 feet with slightly rounded corners. Performance area is reduced by curtain (see "warm up").

LIGHTS: Follow spots will be used. Skaters have the option of using house lights. It is the intention of the arena to use colored follow spots for all events, including duets and production ensembles, unless the backstage monitors are notified prior to the skater's event.

LOCKER ROOMS: The Santa Rosa Figure Skating Club locker room is for club members only. There will be a guest locker room for out of town competitors. Food is not permitted in any of the locker rooms.

WARM-UP: Warm up will be backstage, behind the curtain. This area is approximately the width of the ice surface by 35 feet. Double jumps or camel spins are not permitted on backstage ice. Novice and above, Duets, Ensembles and Adult Gold and Masters will receive full ice warm up before their specific event.

MUSIC: Music must be CD's (no CDRW's). CD's must be clearly marked with competitor's name and event. The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. A duplicate CD should be readily available rink-side. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Santa Rosa Figure Skating Club cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition. Please have separate CDs for practice and competition. **All CDs must be turned in in paper sleeves, no plastic cases.**

LIABILITY: I understand that ice skating can be a dangerous and injurious sport. I assume full responsibility for my own risk of injury. As a participant, I understand and accept the full risk and financial responsibility of my participation in the competition and waive all rights to assert or levy any and all claims, losses, liabilities, costs and/or liens against the organizations known as "Snoopy's Home Ice", "Redwood Empire Ice Operations, LLC", "Redwood Empire Ice Arena", "Redwood Empire Ice Arena, LLC", "Woodstock Ice Productions", "Jean F. Schulz", "Charles M. Schulz Museum & Research Center", Schulz Investment Limited Partnership", "US Figure Skating" and/or "Santa Rosa Figure Skating Club." Furthermore, I waive the rights of my heirs, executors and/or administrators of my estate to assert or levy any and all claims, losses, liabilities, costs and/or liens against the aforementioned corporations and organizations. I agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the organizations known as "Snoopy's Home Ice", "Redwood Empire Ice Operations, LLC", "Redwood Empire Ice Arena", "Redwood Empire Ice Arena, LLC", "Woodstock Ice Productions", "Jean F. Schulz", "Charles M. Schulz Museum & Research Center", Schulz Investment Limited Partnership", "US Figure Skating" and/or "Santa Rosa Figure Skating Club " and these corporations' and organizations' officers, management, agents and staff from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, costs and/or liens for accidents or injuries to myself, or any other person or property damage caused by me or arising out of my participation in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

REGISTRATION: A Registration Desk will be located in the lobby of the ice arena. All competitors are required to register and turn in their music. Skaters must be ready to skate 30 minutes before the scheduled time of their event.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice Ice will be available on the Entry Eeze site beginning April 21, 2017 at 9am.

PHOTOGRAPHY: The official photographer of the Crystalline Classic is Brian Myers Photography, 75 Executive Avenue #15. Rohnert Park, CA 94928. 707-586-1542

VIDEOGRAPHER: Video Services Provided by: Jeff Lancaster - Pro-Mix Sound & Video, 8815 Bowdoin Way, Edmonds, WA. 425-672-2627

ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY: Action photography will be provided by: Photos By Gino, 5975 Mission Street. Daly City, CA 94014

Spectators are reminded that flash photography is dangerous to skaters and will be strictly prohibited. Personal video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your skater's performance and for personal use only. It is strictly prohibited to film any other skater without their express written consent, a copy of which must be readily available to the host club. Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena. A professional photographer will be available in the awards area. Individual photos will be taken upon request regardless of placement. In addition, a digital photographer and videographer will be in attendance for professional quality action shots and/or videos.

AWARDS: 1st - 4th place medals will be awarded.

Marcia Kresge Award: This award will be presented to the Preliminary through Juvenile skater who receives the highest placement in the Recall event. The skater must be 12 years of age or younger. Previous winners are ineligible.

Michelle Van Dyke Award: This award will be presented to the skater deemed to have the most creative choreography and unique interpretation of the music during the Recall event.

THE SKIPPY BAXTER Crystalline Classic Award: This award will be presented to the recall skater with the highest placement in the Recall Event. All level skaters are eligible for this award. Groups, however, are not eligible for a recall award. Previous winners of this award may not compete again for the recall award in the same type of event. However, previous single winners may compete in duets, or a duet may compete as singles. In addition, runner up trophies will also be awarded for 2nd and 3rd place in the recall event.

RECALLS: In order to be recalled, a skater must place first in their event, or place immediately after a recalled skater. At no time will a skater be recalled if they have not placed first or second in their event. A skater is not eligible to skate in the recall event for more than one singles or more than one duet program. However, a skater may skate as a single and again as a duet.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official Bulletin Board will be maintained in the Warm Puppy Cafe. The most current schedule and skating order will be posted. This schedule supersedes all other schedules. 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. A tentative schedule of events will be posted through the Entry Eeze site prior to the competition.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

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.

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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>

SHOWCASE COMPETITION

Singles Competitors, Preliminary through Senior and Adult Bronze through Adult Masters, who place first, second, third or fourth in a contested Showcase skating event held from the close of entries to the preceding close of entries or in the immediately prior National Showcase are eligible to enter the National Showcase Competition held each August.

Judging & Marking:

- Performances will be judged from an entertainment standpoint, for theatrical and artistic qualities.
- Technical skating skills and difficulty will not be rewarded as such; however, skating must be the major element of the performance and be of sufficient quality to support the selected theatrical elements.
- Unintended falls, poorly executed skating elements and obvious losses of control will reduce the score.
- Jump difficulty is not rewarded in showcase; therefore jumps, if choreographed, should be performed with style, flow and confidence.
- Theatrical elements evaluated will include are but not limited to: Reflection of the musicality as it pertains to the concept of the program; Projection; Energy; Timing; Acting; Skating skills that relate to the music; Age appropriateness to skater. Note: Prolonged pauses to express lyrics are discouraged
- Use of props and scenery (if skater/team chooses to use them)
- Interaction (Duets and Ensembles only).
- One mark using the 6.0 judging system will be given by each judge for each performance. No technical skating mark will be used.
- Deductions will apply for negligence relating to: costumes, props, program times. If there is more than one infraction, each will be deducted from the single mark.

Costumes:

- Costuming and make-up for Showcase skating programs should enhance the feeling created by the performance, and reflect the meaning of the story or theme.
- Costumes rules for free skate do not apply for Showcase skating. Ornaments and hair accessories must be secure.
- 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.
- Figure skating blades must be used, no hockey or other blades. The blades must be sharpened to produce a flat to concave cross section without change to the width of the blade as measured between the two edges. However, a slight tapering or narrowing of the cross section of the blade is permitted.

Scenery/Props: The inclusion of scenery and/or props is not mandatory.

The following must be observed for all Scenery / Props:

- o Scenery may not exceed 7'6" in height; For insurance reasons, no propulsion devices will be permitted. This includes such items as cannons and trampolines. Apparatus such as these, which could be used to assist skaters with jumping into the air, are NOT permitted
- o The use of smoke, fire, dry ice, liquids, live animals, feathers, bubble machines or any substance that may harm the ice surface and/or skaters is not permitted
- o No projectiles
- o All props must be able to be controlled by the skater, for example, no remotely controlled images or objects are allowed
- o No mirrors or glass of any kind is allowed on the ice
- o People may not be used as props.

The Chief or Event Referee may deny the use of any prop.

A 1.0 deduction will be applied by each judge for any violations of Scenery/Prop size or type.

Props and scenery must be placed and removed:

- Unaided, by the singles and duets competitors within one minute total on and off.
- Unaided, by the ensemble teams within two minutes maximum for setup and two minutes maximum for removal. Anyone not skating is not allowed to step on the ice.

There is a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of the time allowed.

Showcase Events

- **Test references below refer to the U. S. Figure Skating tests and dance tests may be solo or partnered standard track (except Adult events may also be adult or masters).**
- **For duet events, test qualification of highest test skater applies.**
- **Showcase event level may be different than the level entered for Free Skate events.**
- **Skaters may skate up one level.**
- **SKATERS MUST COMPETE AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL FOR WHICH THEY QUALIFY.**

| Event | Must have passed(dance tests refer to solo or partnered standard track) | Must not have passed(dance tests refer to solo or partnered standard track) | Description | Duration |
|------------------------|---|--|--|----------|
| Basic Skating Showcase | No tests required | Skaters may not have passed any U.S. Figure Skating Moves in the Field, Dance or Free Skate tests. | Restrictions: Only upright spins (no laybacks) and jumps with the maximum of one-half (1/2) revolution are permitted | 1:10 max |
| Beginner Showcase | No tests required | Open to skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test. | Restrictions: Only upright spins (no laybacks) and jumps with the maximum of one-half (1/2) revolution are permitted | 1:30 max |
| High Beginner Showcase | No tests required | Open to skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test | Restrictions: Upright spins and sit spins are allowed. Only allowed jumps are all ½ jumps plus single Salchow and toe loop | 1:30 max |

| Event | Must have passed(dance tests refer to solo or partnered standard track) | Must not have passed(dance tests refer to solo or partnered standard track) | Description | Duration |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|-----------------|
| No Test Showcase | No tests required | Open to skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test. | Restrictions: No Axels or multi-revolution jumps are allowed | 1:30 max |
| Pre-Preliminary Showcase | No tests required | Open to skaters who have not passed the Preliminary Free Skate Test. | Restrictions: Axels allowed but no other multi-revolution jumps | 1:30 max |
| Preliminary Showcase | Preliminary FS | Pre Juvenile FS OR Juvenile FD | No restrictions Age: Max. 20 years | 1:40 max |
| Pre-Juvenile Showcase | Pre-Juvenile FS | Juvenile FS OR Juvenile FD | No restrictions Age: Max. 20 years | 1:40 max |
| Juvenile Showcase | Juvenile FS OR Juvenile FD | Intermediate FS OR Intermediate FD | No restrictions Age: 13 & under | 2:10 max |
| Teen Showcase | Juvenile FS OR Juvenile FD | Intermediate FS OR Intermediate FD | No restrictions Age: 14 & over | 2:10 max |
| Intermediate Showcase | Intermediate FS OR Intermediate FD | Novice FS OR Novice FD | No restrictions Age: 17 & under | 2:10 max |
| Novice Showcase | Novice FS OR Novice FD | Junior FS OR Junior FD | No restrictions | 2:10 max |
| Junior Showcase | Junior FS OR Junior FD | Senior FS OR Senior FD | No restrictions | 2:40 max |
| Senior Showcase | Senior FS OR Senior FD | | No restrictions | 2:40 max |
| Young Adult Showcase | Juvenile FS OR Intermediate FD | Novice FS OR Novice FD | No restrictions Age: 18 – 20 years | 2:10 max |
| Adult Pre-Bronze Showcase | No tests required | Adult Bronze FS OR any free dance | No Axels or multi-revolution jumps are allowed. Age: 21 years or older | 1:40 max |
| Adult Bronze Showcase | Adult Bronze FS, Preliminary FS, Juvenile FD, OR complete Pre-Bronze Dance | Adult Silver FS, Pre-Juvenile FS, Adult Silver FD, Intermediate FD, Preliminary FD (prior to 9/2/2000), 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/1977) OR any Pre-Silver Dance | No restrictions Age: 21 years or older | 1:40 maximum |

| Event | Must have passed(dance tests refer to solo or partnered standard track) | Must not have passed(dance tests refer to solo or partnered standard track) | Description | Duration |
|------------------------|---|--|---|----------|
| Adult Silver Showcase | Adult Silver FS, Juvenile FS (prior to 10/1/94), Pre-Juvenile FS, Adult Silver FD, Intermediate FD, Preliminary FD (prior to 9/2/2000), 3rd Figure (prior to 10/1/1977), OR any Pre-Silver Dance | Adult Gold FS, Juvenile FS (On/after 10/1/94), Adult Gold FD, Novice FD, Bronze FD (prior to 9/2/2000), 4 th Figure (prior to 10/1/77), OR any Pre-Gold Dance | No restrictions Age: 21 years or older | 1:40max |
| Adult Gold Showcase | Adult Gold FS, Juvenile FS, Adult Gold FD, Novice FD, 3 rd Figure (prior to 10/1/77), OR any Pre-Gold Dance | Intermediate FS (on/after 10/1/91), Junior FD, Silver FD (Prior to 9/2/2000), 5 th Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77), OR Complete Pre-Gold Dance | No restrictions Age: 21 years or older | 1:40 max |
| Masters Adult Showcase | Intermediate FS, Adult Gold FD, Junior FD, Silver FD (Prior to 9/2/2000), 3 rd Figure Test (prior to 10/1/77), 8 th Figure Test (10/1/77-9/30/79), OR Complete Pre-Gold Dance | | No restrictions Age: 21 years or older | 1:40 max |

Dramatic Entertainment: Showcase programs should express intense emotional connection and investment in the music, choreography and theme concept through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. Props and scenery are permitted.

Light Entertainment: Showcase programs should express a carefree concept or storyline designed to uplift and entertain the audience through related skating movements, gestures and physical actions. Props and scenery are permitted.

Duets: Theatrical/artistic performance by two skaters. Pair team may be of the same or different gender. Props and scenery are permitted. Levels offered for Duets are Pre-Preliminary through Senior and Adults. Level is based on tests of the highest level skater. Program duration is the same for what is shown above under the Singles Showcase events for that level. Levels may be combined at the Chief Referee's discretion if entries warrant.

Mini Production Ensembles: A theatrical performance by three to seven competitors. No test or age restriction. Props and Scenery ARE permitted. Duration: 3:10 maximum

Production Ensembles: Theatrical performance by eight or more competitors. NOTE: Props and Scenery ARE permitted. Theatre on Ice teams are eligible as production ensembles. Duration: 6:15 maximum

Interpretive Events: Interpretive is a performance choreographed by the competitor, unaccompanied and unassisted, to music supplied by the competition committee / LOC. Programs should incorporate various elements of expressive movement and skating moves, to enhance the skater's interpretation of the music, rather than technical elements.

The music will be played continuously during a 30-minute off ice session in a room. The room will be attended only by the adult monitor assigned to play the music, and the competing skaters. The music will be played twice during a warm-up on full ice. **Skaters after the warm up will go back to the room, with no music being played.** Skaters will be brought to the ice when the previous skater finishes. All competitors in an event will interpret the same music. Props are permitted but must be brought into the room prior to listening to the music, and be taken to the ice only when the skater is called to perform. Props may not be pre-positioned on the performance surface.

Current guidelines and procedures for nonqualifying showcase competitions can be found at www.usfigureskating.org, under "Programs" on the National Showcase page.

Levels are the same as those for Dramatic Entertainment/Light Entertainment/Duets.

Maximum Performance Times for Interpretive:

Pre-juvenile and below 1:10 maximum

Juvenile - Senior 1:30 maximum

Junior and senior 1:30 maximum

Teen, Young adult, All Adult Events: 1:30 maximum

Special Needs Event: This is a demonstration event open to skaters with special physical limitations. It is open to skaters of any level, and may have a coach on the ice with the skater. This event may have music if desired, but is not required. All skaters will receive an award. The skaters in this event are encouraged to demonstrate their skills.

Mandatory Deductions:

- There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of the maximum performance time.
 - There is no deduction for skating less than the allowed time.
- There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of the maximum prop placement.
- There will be a 0.1 deduction for each 10 seconds in excess of the maximum prop break down time.
- There will be a 1.0 deduction for prohibited size or type of props/scenery.
- There will be a 0.2 deduction for prohibited elements in restricted events.

Nearby HOTELS:

HILTON HOTEL:

3555 Round Barn Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 707.523.7555

Hilton Garden Inn Sonoma County Airport

417 Aviation Blvd. Santa Rosa, CA 95403 707.544.0444

Best Western Wine Country Inn & Suites:

870 Hopper Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 707.545.9000

Sandman Motel:

3421 Cleveland Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 707.544.8570