

2019 Atlanta Open

Non-Qualifying Competition



Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

Hosted by The Atlanta Figure Skating Club



June 12 - 15, 2019

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 8, 2019
11:59PM Eastern Standard Time

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CHIEF ACCOUNTANT - Kimberley Moore
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COMPETITION REGISTRAR – Lori Malthaner
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The **2019 ATLANTA OPEN** 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.

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 for non-U.S. Citizens.

SERIES INFORMATION

The 2019 Atlanta Open has been approved by U.S. Figure Skating as an official **NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS)** event for singles and pairs. Athletes are required to read the NQS handbook [found here](#) and register for the series through EMS by **May 28th** (separate from competition registration). Registration opens **on April 1**. This competition is also a participating competition in the **2019 SOLO DANCE COMPETITION SERIES**.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline 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.

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 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 if the number of entries warrants more than one group.

NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS) INFORMATION

If you wish to compete in the National Qualifying Series you must first register with U.S. Figure Skating by **MAY 28, 2019**. **If you do not wish to compete in the NQS, you may still participate in this competition.**

SINGLES

All NQS Singles events are combined short program and free skate events for Intermediate- Senior. If there are more than 24 entries per event, qualifying rounds will be held in accordance with Rule 2460. Athletes may register for the NQS in two levels; however, they may compete in only one level at an individual competition. Athletes entering two levels will complete two entries and pay two entry fees.

Conduct of events:

The final results of all NQS Singles events will be a “championship round,” consisting of a combined short program and free skate score for Intermediate – Senior and a free skate for Juvenile. If there are 24 or fewer competitors entered, all competitors will proceed directly to this championship round. Generally, NQS events will follow the same competitive format as Regional Singles Challenges.

Qualifying rounds will consist of the free skate program only and, if necessary, will be seeded in accordance with rule 2463. If there are NOT enough competitors for qualifying and championship rounds, then the combined short program and free skate Total Score will qualify for the NQS ranking. If there ARE enough competitors for qualifying and championship rounds, skaters not qualifying for the championship round will not have a Total Score entered in the NQS for that competition. They may, however, compete their short program in a consolation round.

Consolation Rounds:

If this NQS competition has enough competitors in an event to hold qualifying and championship rounds, a consolation round short program competition will be held for Intermediate and higher levels for any competitors that do not qualify for the championships round. Consolation round short program scores do not count towards official NQS standings.

PAIRS

All National Qualifying Series competitions for Pairs will offer the following events: Juvenile Pairs, Intermediate Pairs, Novice Pairs, Junior Pairs, and Senior Pairs.

Conduct of events:

All NQS Pairs events will be held in accordance with Rule 7060/Composition of Pair Events. The event will consist of a short program and free skate, with a combined result for Novice, Junior and Senior, and a free skate for Juvenile and Intermediate. Teams are not required to officially enter the NQS to compete in this competition.

ENTRIES

Entries will be accepted only online via EMS at www.usfsaonline.org. Online registration opens on **APRIL 1 AT 8:00 AM** and closes on **MAY 8 AT 11:59PM EST**. Skaters wishing to register for the competition will need their U.S. Figure Skating member number and password.

ENTRY FEES

Combined Singles Events	\$200.00
Combined Pairs Events (per team)	\$200.00
First IJS Event	\$130.00
Second IJS Event	\$ 60.00
First 6.0 Event	\$100.00
Subsequent 6.0 Events	\$ 50.00
National Solo Dance (IJS):	
Pattern Dance	\$125.00
Combined Dance	\$150.00
Shadow Dance(per team)	\$150.00

All EMS registration fees are credit card only and include a 3% processing fee paid by the skater.

FOREIGN SKATERS AND COACHES

Non-U.S. skaters must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Non-Member Create Account” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

PARTNERED EVENTS

Only one partner needs to complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify his/her test information. The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/planned program content uploads and practice ice purchases.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
 - For best experience, the Google Chrome browser is recommended
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating or Learn to Skate Member number and password
 - If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click the blue EMS button
4. Click “Competition Registration”
5. Choose 2019 ATLANTA OPEN from the list of competitions.
 - If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

EMS SKATER PORTAL

Once online registration has been completed, skaters will gain access to the EMS Skater Portal for this competition. This is where you will manage music and PPC uploads as well as purchase practice ice, view the competition schedule (once available) and update coach information. To access your skater portal, click the **BLUE** Event Management System button on the [Members Only](#) landing page, then select the competition name from options at the bottom of the screen.

REFUND POLICY

No refunds will be granted under any circumstances after the entry deadline, including medical, unless the competition or an event is canceled. Online processing fees are non-refundable. Payment of any fees will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events. The Atlanta FSC reserves the right to divide an event, limit the number of entries, hold an event with only one entry, and cancel an event with only one entry.

SCHEDULE

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available via EMS as soon as possible after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

FACILITIES

The competition will be held at The Cooler, which is located at 10800 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004. The two ice surfaces measure 200' x 85' with rounded corners and hockey barriers. The Cooler has locker rooms and an on-site restaurant/bar and snack bar.

MUSIC UPLOAD

DEADLINE: MAY 29 A \$25.00 LATE FEE WILL APPLY.

All competition music must be electronically submitted via the EMS Skater Portal through the Music & Program Content tab no later than **MAY 29**. All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and secure a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

[CLICK HERE FOR MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

MUSIC CRITERIA:

- File Format: MP3 (only format EMS will accept)
- 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 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.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

DEADLINE: MAY 29 A \$25.00 LATE FEE WILL APPLY.

Competitors participating in IJS events must submit their PPC via the EMS Skater Portal no later than **MAY 29**. Program content must be entered under the Music & Program Content tab of your EMS for this competition.

[CLICK HERE FOR PPC SUBMISSION HOW TO](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, the Atlanta FSC, and The Cooler 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.

JUDGING SYSTEMS

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events: No Test – Senior and Adult Pre-Bronze – Masters Free Skate, Juvenile – Senior Short Programs, Pairs Free Skate and Short Programs, Solo Dance Series events, all Excel Juvenile Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, and Preliminary Plus Free Skates and Excel Intermediate – Senior Free Skates. Please note that this competition is **NOT** part of the Excel SERIES.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for: Beginner - High Beginner and Adult Beginner and High Beginner Free Skates, and Excel Pre-Preliminary thru Excel Juvenile Free Skates, all Compulsory Moves, all Spins, all Jumps, all Step Sequences, and all Showcase events.

We will implement requirement changes approved at the May, 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council (even if not effective until July 1, 2019). Please check our website and the U.S. Figure Skating website for updates.

REGISTRATION

Registration will open one (1) hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. Registration will be located adjacent to the entrance of the rink. Please register promptly upon arrival.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS

Please click here to review the [Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy](#). More detailed information can be found in the [SafeSport Handbook](#). Only athletes competing at this event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Areas. An exception may be allowed for an athlete age 11 years or younger to be accompanied by one parent of the same gender to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s).

PRACTICE ICE

All practice ice will be available for purchase online through the EMS Skater Portal. A timeline for practice ice sales periods will be available for viewing on the main page of your skater portal. All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice through EMS on their mobile devices!

PHOTO/VIDEOGRAPHY

Gabriele Photography professional video and photography services will be provided during the competition.

For the safety and welfare of the skater, photography and videography will be permitted in the stands only and is restricted to hand-held/battery operated equipment (no tripods.) Flash photography is strictly prohibited while the competitors are skating. No one will be permitted to obstruct the view of other seated spectators by standing in front of or hanging over the Plexiglas barriers or to film at alternative ice entrances. In order to comply with local fire safety codes, all aisles within the stands must also remain clear. Non-compliance with this policy or refusal to comply

immediately with requests from event officials will result in the violator being escorted out of the rink.

AWARDS

Medals will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place winners in each competition event. The **Susan Johnson Trophy** will be awarded to the Intermediate level skater who achieves the highest free skate qualifying round program component score.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

An official bulletin board will be maintained at Registration. 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 prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT

Skaters who meet the requirements for test credit must request their test credit forms at registration **within one hour of their event's end**. **THIS MUST BE REQUESTED ON-SITE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE LAST IJS EVENT ENDS.** A nominal fee will be charged.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned non-qualifying competition, coaches must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal. All coach compliance is verified via EMS and is connected to the U.S. Figure Skating database.

U.S. Figure Skating athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2019-20 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Compete USA athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through <http://www.usfsaonline.org> for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training, and certification is valid for 2 seasons.

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 must 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, (s)he will not be allowed a credential. There can be no exceptions to this policy.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit: <http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

CONTACT INFO

If you have questions, please contact:

Lori Malthaner	Registrar	lorijbrown@hotmail.com	405-205-3917
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Official Hotel

The official hotel is Homewood Suites, 10775 Davis Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30004, 770-998-1622. A block of rooms with has been reserved. Please use the code ATLANTAOPEN. . https://homewoodsuites3.hilton.com/en/hotels/georgia/homewood-suites-by-hilton-atlanta-alpharetta-ATLAPHW/index.html?SEO_id=GMB-HW-ATLAPHW

Air Travel

Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is approximately 36 miles from The Cooler and local hotels. Travel time during non-peak rush hour is 50 minutes by car.

Club Website

The Atlanta FSC website is <https://www.atlantafsc.com>.

EVENTS OFFERED

SEE CURRENT RULEBOOK OR CLICK [HERE](#) FOR CURRENT RULES AND REQUIREMENTS.

2019-2020 RULES WILL APPLY.

OFFICIAL NQS SINGLES EVENTS (IJS)

[Intermediate – Senior Combined Short Program + Free Skate](#)
[Juvenile Free Skate](#)

**These events will be conducted in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating Rule 2466 with regard to qualifying and final rounds if more than 24 competitors register.*

Consolation Rounds:

If this NQS competition has enough competitors in an event to hold qualifying and championship rounds, a consolation round short program competition will be held for Intermediate and higher levels for any competitors that do not qualify for the championships round. Consolation round short program scores do not count towards official NQS standing.

ADDITIONAL SINGLES EVENTS (IJS and 6.0)

[Excel Free Skate](#) (Beginner – Juvenile: 6.0: Juvenile Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Preliminary Plus and Intermediate – Senior: IJS)

[Singles Well Balanced Free Skate](#) (Beginner – High Beginner:6.0 No Test - Open Juvenile: IJS)

[Juvenile Short Program](#) (IJS)

OFFICIAL NQS PAIRS EVENTS (IJS)

[Juvenile + Intermediate Pairs Free Skate](#)

[Novice – Senior Combined Short Program + Free Skate](#)

SPECIALTY EVENTS – SINGLES (6.0)

[Excel Compulsory](#) (Excel Beginner – Excel Preliminary)

[Compulsory Moves](#) (No Test – Senior)

[Jumps Challenge](#) (Beginner – Senior)

[Spin Challenge](#) (Beginner – Senior)

[Step Sequences](#) (Pre-Preliminary – Senior)

[Showcase](#) (Light Entertainment, Dramatic Entertainment, Duets only; No Test – Senior))

ADULT EVENTS

[Adult Singles Free Skate](#) (Adult Beginner – Masters)

[Adult Compulsory Moves](#) (Beginner – Masters)

[Adult Jumps Challenge](#) (Beginner – Masters)

[Adult Spins Challenge](#) (Beginner – Masters)

[Showcase](#) (Light Entertainment, Dramatic Entertainment, Duets only; Pre-Bronze – Masters)



The 2019 Atlanta Open is a participating competition within the 2019 Solo Dance Series.

The solo pattern dance event, combined event, and shadow dance events are being offered as part of the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series and will be conducted in accordance with the 2019 Solo Dance Series Handbook found at https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/2019_Skater_Handbook.pdf. **Please refer to the handbook for the current series rules, levels, and event requirements that will be effective for this competition. The deadline to register is April 1.**

You may still compete in these events if you don't wish to be part of the Series.

Eligibility: Each skater who registers with U.S. Figure Skating as a participant in the 2019 Solo Dance Series will receive a Solo Dance Series participant number which is required to enter your competition as a Series participant and accrue points.

The section in which the skater competes and can qualify from will be based on the location of the skater's home club at the close of registration. Skaters may not switch sections during the season even if their home club changes. All participants are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics (GR 1.01) and the Code of Conduct (GR 1.02) as set forth in the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

All skaters must compete at their test level or one level above of their highest completed dance test. For pattern dance, the test level is determined by the skater completing all dance tests within that level. **Test qualifications are as of April 1, 2018.** Participants may test during the Series season without penalty, but skaters may not change or move up levels in the 2019 Series after April 1, 2019.

Event Group

Size: Each event will have only one group per competition.

Start Orders: Starting order for all portions of each event will be by random draw and posted.

Warm-Up Group Size:

Pattern Dance:

Preliminary – Bronze/Juvenile – 10 skaters/warm-up

Pre-Silver – International/Intermediate/Novice - 8 skaters/warm-up

Rhythm Dance - 6 skaters/warm-up

Free Dance - 6 skaters/warm-up

Shadow Dance:

- Preliminary – Bronze – 6 teams

- Pre-Silver – Gold/International – 5 teams

Warm-up

Times: Pattern Dance with standard music (including shadow dance)
One (1) minute without music, one (1) selection of dance music
Pattern Dance with skater's choice music – four (4) minutes without music
Rhythm Dance and Free Dance – five (5) minutes without music

Solo Pattern Dance

Event Music: Music for the Solo Pattern Dance events will be chosen from the standardized music of the International Skating Union (Rule 6030) and provided by the Atlanta FSC.

Combined

Dance Music: Juvenile, Intermediate and Novice Combined event participants' pattern dance music is "skater's choice." **You must upload both potential dances; the dance chosen at the competition will be played. The upload deadline is [May 29, 2019](#). A \$25.00 late fee will apply.**

Pattern Dance Starts: All pattern dances should start on the judges' side unless directed otherwise by the referee.

Judging: The modified ISJ judging system will be used for all events and levels.

Ties: In the event of a tie, for medal purposes only, the second dance will be the tiebreaker, and the medal will be awarded to the skater scoring highest on the second dance.

PPC: The PPC upload deadline is [May 29, 2019](#). A \$25.00 late fee will apply.

SOLO PATTERN DANCE EVENT (IJS)

The solo pattern dance event is comprised of two pattern dances at each level. The results from both dances will be combined to create **a final score and overall result**. Points will be awarded to each skater based on the skaters' combined placement of the two pattern dances.

The following levels will be offered:

Level	Test Requirements	Dances (number of sequences to be skated)
Preliminary	No test or passed Preliminary	Dutch Waltz (3 sequences) Rhythm Blues (3 sequences)
Pre-Bronze	Passed Preliminary or Pre-Bronze	Cha Cha (3 sequences) Fiesta Tango (3 sequences)
Bronze	Passed Pre-Bronze or Bronze	Hickory Hoedown (3 sequences) Ten Fox (3 sequences)
Pre-Silver	Passed Bronze or Pre-Silver)	Fourteenstep (4 sequences) Foxtrot (3 sequences)
Silver	Passed Pre-Silver or Silver	American Waltz (2 sequences) Tango (2 sequences)
Pre-Gold	Passed Silver or Pre-Gold	Blues (3 sequences) Paso Doble (3 sequences)
Gold	Passed Pre-Gold or Gold	Quickstep (3 Sequences) Viennese Waltz (2 sequences)
International	Passed Gold or International	Rhumba (3 sequences) Tango Romantica (2 sequences)

COMBINED DANCE EVENT (IJS)

The combined dance event is comprised of the following two events (as applicable by level):

- For **Juvenile, Intermediate, and Novice**: one of two solo pattern dances posted at the competition from the two designated solo pattern dances selected by U.S. Figure Skating. The chosen dance will be posted on the starting order. It will not be published prior to the posting of the start order.
 - Pattern Dance selection for Juvenile: Willow Waltz and Ten Fox
 - Pattern Dance selection for Intermediate: Fourteenstep and European Waltz
 - Pattern Dance selection for Novice: American Waltz and Rocker Foxtrot
- For **Junior and Senior**: one solo rhythm dance
- For **Juvenile through Senior**: one solo free dance

The pattern dances competed in the combined dance event are separate from those in the solo pattern dance event, and the results will not count toward the solo pattern dance event or results. This event is offered at the Juvenile through Senior levels.

The points awarded in the combined event will be based upon the skaters' combined overall point total from the pattern or rhythm dance (depending on level entered) and the free dance.

SHADOW DANCE EVENT (IJS)

Non-Qualifying Competition

The shadow pattern dance event is comprised of one pattern dance at each level. A team may be comprised of two females, two males or one female and one male. In any case, the steps skated shall be the lady's steps as specified in the 2019 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Points will be awarded to each team based on the team's final placement of the pattern dance.

The following levels will be offered:

Level	Requirements	Dance (number of sequences to be skated)
Preliminary	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Pre-Bronze test.	Dutch Waltz (3 sequences)
Pre-Bronze	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Bronze test.	Cha Cha (3 sequences)
Bronze	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Pre-Silver test.	Ten Fox (3 sequences)
Pre-Silver	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Silver test.	Fourteenstep (4 sequences)
Silver	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Pre-Gold test.	Rocker Foxtrot (3 sequences)
Pre-Gold	One partner must not have passed higher than the complete Gold test.	Killian (4 sequences)
Gold/International	Open	Westminster Waltz (2 sequences)