



Grand Rapids Open Figure Skating Competition Operations & Safety Plan

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Overall Event

- _ Waivers must be signed before participating in the Event.
- _ Masks must always be worn except for Skaters that are on the Ice.
- _ Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- _ There will be NO spectators allowed at this Event, other than the Chaperone(s).
- _ Two (2) chaperones per registered athlete will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition time (no access to practice rink). The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- _ Skate Orders and Results will only be posted Online.
- _ Medals will be given for 1st – 4th place. No official medal ceremony or podium will be available. Medals will be available for pick-up at the awards table following the online posting of results.
- _ Locker Rooms will NOT be available.
- _ Come dressed and ready to skate.
- _ Athletes will be allowed one Chaperone to accompany them into the facility for Practice Ice.
- _ Athletes ages 11 and under will be allowed one Chaperone to accompany them into the Warmup Zone at event time to help get skates on. Then the Chaperone must immediately exit the area and move to the designated arena seating.

Schedule

A Detailed Schedule for the competition will be made available online through EMS and www.ggrfsc.org. Athletes and coaches have designated times for arrival for both competition and practice ice.

Building Access and Layout

Pathways have been established within the building to minimize footprint and socialization between groups. You will not be permitted access to the building until 20 minutes before your scheduled practice ice session or 60 minutes before your scheduled event. Detailed layouts and pathways are shown for Athletes, Chaperones, Coaches and Officials below.

Athletes

- _ Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- _ Masks must always be worn except for Skaters that are on the Ice.
- _ Athletes may only bring what they can carry, as they must carry items with them as they move from station to station.
- _ Athletes may collect their credentials from Registration either 20 minutes before Practice Ice or 60 minutes before event.
- _ Chaperones will be diverted away from the athlete flow into designated seating areas in the arena.
- _ 40 minutes is allocated for off-Ice warmup and getting skates on. Athlete's will be informed of their warm-up location when checking-in at registration. (Locker Rooms 2-5 will be used)
- _ After prior group is finished the current event group will then enter the ice for their warmup.
- _ Athletes will enter and exit the ice through designated gates that will be clearly signed.
- _ There will be chairs available for them to sit on while the group is skating.
- _ Once an Athlete has completed their program for the event, they must remove their skates, gather their belongings, and exit the rink side to the concourse.
- _ Results will be posted online approximately 30 minutes after the event is complete.
- _ Awards will be available for pick-up directly following the posting of results online.
- _ Athletes and chaperones must leave the facility until online results are live and may only return to collect medals after the posting of results.

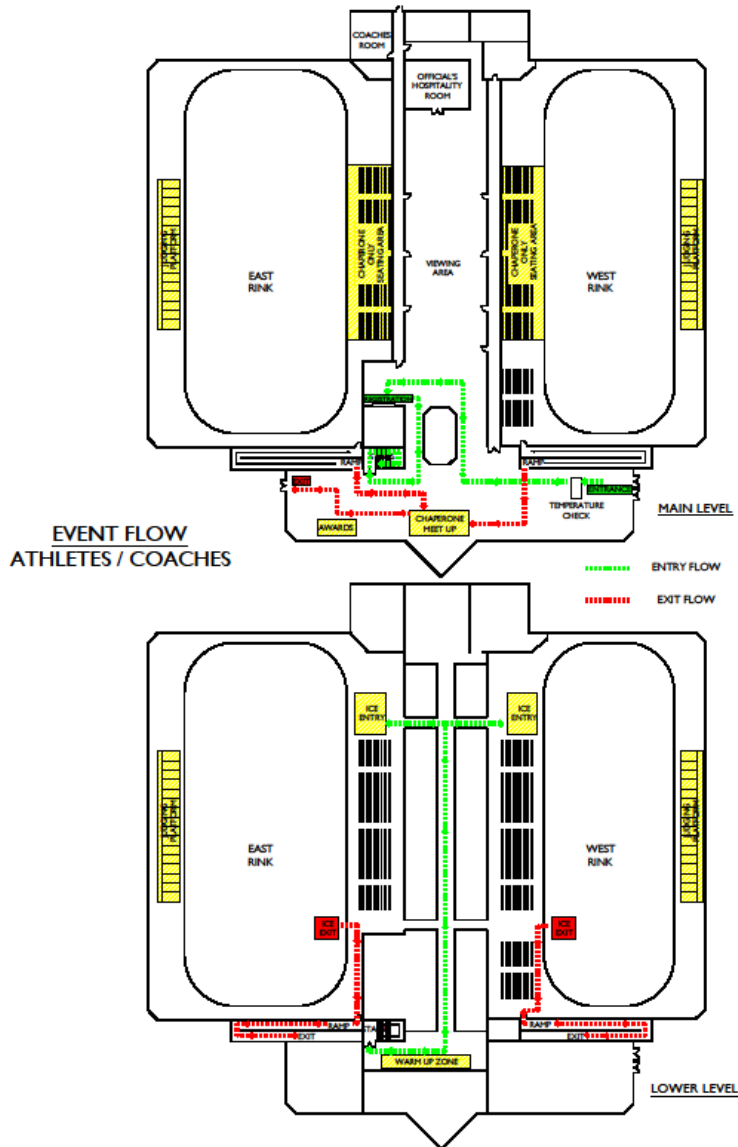
Coaches

- _ Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- _ Masks must always be worn while in the facility.
- _ Grab and Go snacks will be available from coach's hospitality, located on the south end of the East Rink.
- _ Hospitality items can only be consumed in the designated eating area in coach's hospitality.
- _ Coaches should not stay in the building between events unless they have another skater already in the building.
- _ Two (2) coaches will be allowed per skater in the building.
- _ Ice monitors will assign coaches a location to coach from during Practice Ice / Event warmup. Please honor that location. Glass panels will be removed to provide ample space for coaches.
- _ Remote coaching via a communication device: A coach may communicate with a skater during practice ice and events if all SafeSport criteria and competition policies are met, including:
 - The skater's personal phone may not be used for communications.
 - The phone may not be brought on the ice or propped up so that it could fall on the ice.
 - Two deep leadership must be adhered to while the communications are taking place. Event volunteers will not be able to fulfill the role.

- Parents and other skaters are not allowed rink side during practice ice or events. Two deep leadership for such times would need to be fulfilled by another credentialed PSA compliant coach with appropriate access.

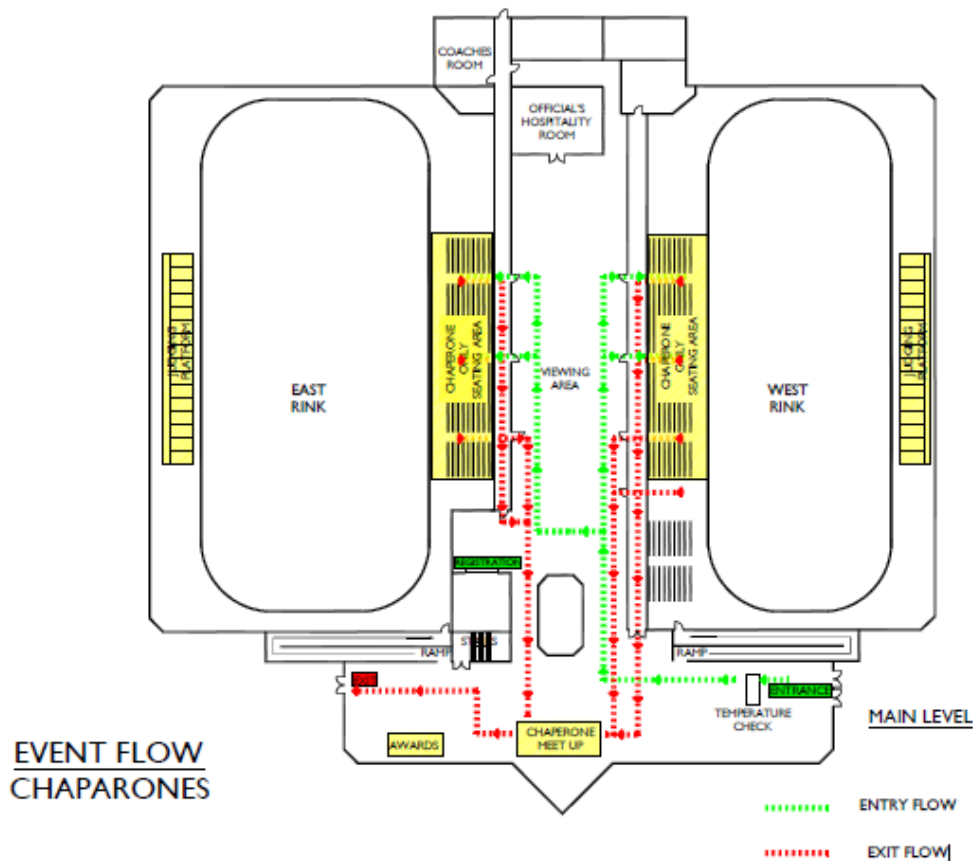
There are no exceptions to these policies, and violations may be reported to PSA and SafeSport.

- _ Results will be posted online approximately 30 minutes after the event is complete.
- _ Awards will be available for pick-up directly following the posting of results online.



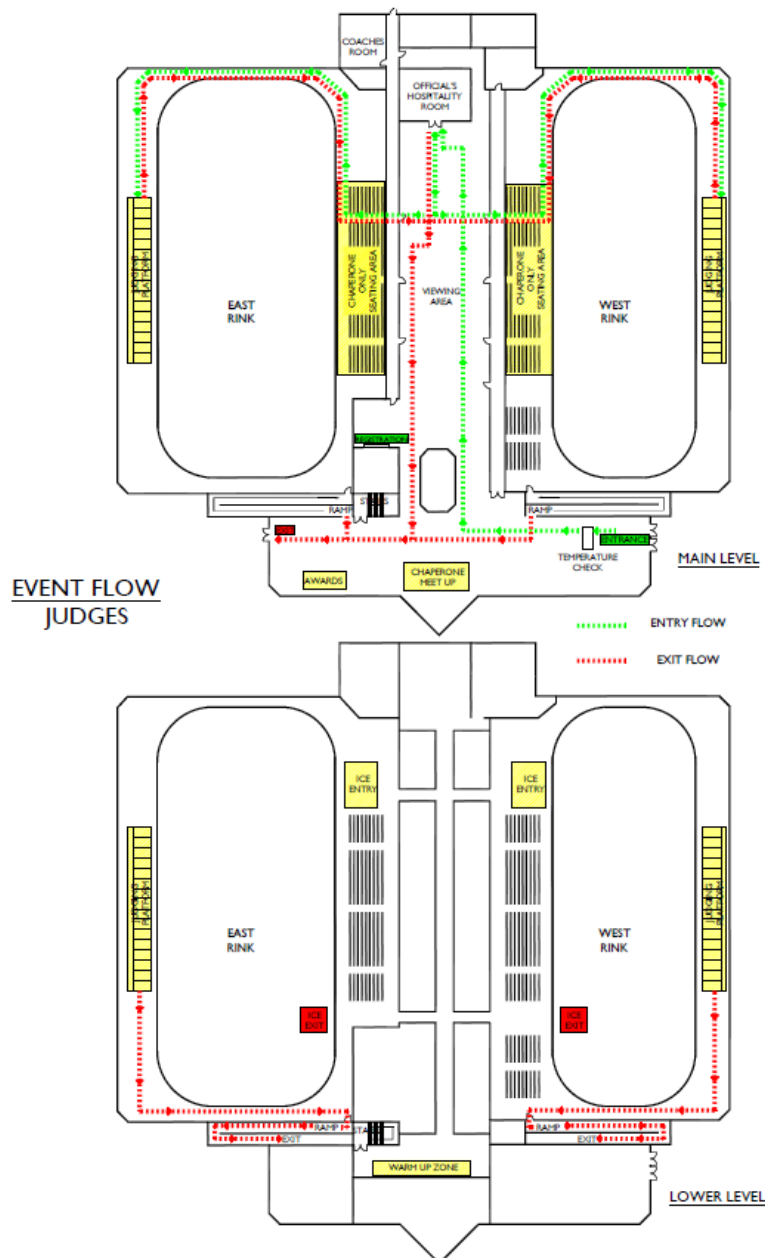
Chaperones

- _ Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- _ Masks must always be worn while in the facility.
- _ Two (2) chaperone per registered athlete will be admitted for the athlete's actual competition time (no access to practice rink). The chaperone must be over the age of 18 and an immediate family member as defined in U.S. Figure Skating's SafeSport Handbook.
- _ Chaperones will be diverted to arena seating immediately after entering the facility (special considerations will be made for young Athletes or Athletes requiring special assistance)
- _ Arena seating will be available in the designated sections only and rotated for sanitation purposes.
- _ Once the Athlete has skated their program, Chaperones must leave the seating area and meet their athletes in the concourse in the Chaperone Meet Up Zone and leave the facility. **ATHLETES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE STANDS/ARENA SEATING.**
- _ Results will be posted online approximately 30 minutes after the event is complete.
- _ Awards will be available for pick-up directly following the posting of results online.
- _ Athletes and chaperones must leave the facility until online results are live and may only return to collect medals after the posting of results.



Officials

- Temperature will be checked & screening will be administered daily.
- Masks must always be worn while in the facility.
- 2 separate judge's platforms will be used to provide on the IJS rink to provide social distancing.
- Only officials are allowed on the judge's platforms.
- Snacks and meals will be available from Official's hospitality, located in the south end of the concourse.
- Face shields will be provided for Officials to use.
- Hospitality items can only be consumed in the designated eating area.



Awards

- Medals will be awarded for 1st-4th place.
- Awards cannot be given until results are live online.
- Athletes may reenter the facility following the posting of results online to collect their award.
- No official awards ceremony or podium presentation will take place.
- Medals will be given to each athlete on a tray. The recipient must remove the medal from the tray and place it on themselves.
- Meijer State Games and USA Masters Games banners will be placed outside the building for those wishing to take pictures with their award.

Practice Ice Flow

- Masks are required in all buildings except while you are skating on the ice.
- One-way paths will be clearly marked, and ice monitors will provide directions to ensure the safest space for all participants. Always keep social distancing in mind.
- Locker rooms are NOT available. Athletes are encouraged to come in with skates & guards on. There is no guarantee seating will be available rink side for lacing skates.
- Athletes must follow the marked athlete path from the entrance to the stairs leading down to the practice ice rink.
- Indoor Off Ice Warmup area will NOT be available during practice sessions.
- Skaters and Coaches should arrive for temp check 20 min prior to session start time and will then be directed to ice monitor rink side.
- Music may not be played on practice ice sessions.
- Number of skaters allowed on each practice session is reduced/limited for safety.
- Each skater may have only one (1) Chaperone in the practice ice rink with them during practice sessions to limit indoor occupancy. Chaperones attending are not allowed in rink side coaching areas and will be directed to designated seating.
- Coaches will be directed by the ice monitor to separated individual door or window coaching locations to ensure social distancing. If you are coaching on consecutive Practice Ice Sessions, please notify the Ice Monitor.
- The Ice Monitor will direct the skaters to the door they will use to enter / exit the ice.
- All Skaters and Coaches will be required to exit the ice and leave the building promptly once the Practice Ice Session is complete unless you are on the next session.
- There is no pathway to cut through from rink to rink inside, you must exit and reenter from outside.

Disinfecting Process

- Warm up areas will be disinfected using handheld foggers per the rotation schedule.
- After each event Segment, Chairs and areas that have been touched by the skaters/coaches will be disinfected.
- The bleacher section the Chaperones used will be disinfected per rotation schedule.
- Practice Ice areas will be disinfected at scheduled times throughout the day, in line with ice cuts.
- Officials staging area will be disinfected at scheduled times throughout the day, in line with ice cuts.

COVID Considerations

- Must not be exposed to known positive covid19 individuals without proper droplet plus universal precautions (gloves, gown, mask, shield).
- Must not have a cluster of the CDC signs/symptoms of Covid19
- Temperature not to exceed 100.4 degrees
- Any individuals unable to pass temperature screen to not be permitted into the event.

In the event a temperature screen is failed:

ATHLETES & COACHES: will be informed to wait outside for Medical. The screener will put in a radio call for Medical to evaluate Athletes and Coaches. Medical will make the final call and they will notify Registration and James Achtenberg (Accounting) the Athlete or Coach has been withdrawn.

VOLUNTEERS & CHAPERONES: Will be informed to leave the facility. Medical re-check is NOT required. Screeners will notify Registration if a Volunteer has been denied access so they can begin to find cover.

OFFICIALS: will be informed to wait outside for Medical. The screener will put in a radio call for Medical to evaluate. Medical will make the final call and notify Barry Doren (Chief Referee) the Official has been withdrawn.

- Social distancing of all persons in the building encouraged and to be demonstrated by social distancing of registration tables, social distancing of officials panels, designated ready areas that are clearly marked for individual skaters, designated coaching slots for coaches/coaching team's rink side on the boards during warmups.
- Easy access/ Availability of hand sanitizer throughout the facility.

Highlights from the Michigan Dept of Health and Human Services ... Sports Update May 4, 2021.

[https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/2021.02.07 Interim Guidance for Contact Sports updated FINAL 715541 7.pdf](https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/2021.02.07_Interim_Guidance_for_Contact_Sports_updated_FINAL_715541_7.pdf)

Testing Requirements for Unvaccinated Participants

- Unvaccinated participants ages 13 – 19 participating in contact and non-contact organized sports must test for SARSCoV-2 on at least a weekly basis. These requirements apply to both school and non-school sponsored sports.
- Unvaccinated participants ages 13 – 19 can only participate in organized sports with proof of a negative diagnostic test (antigen or RT-PCR) on at least a weekly basis.
- Participants who have recovered from confirmed COVID-19 in the past three months and remain symptom-free may gather for purposes of sports practice or competition without testing if:
 - they can provide a letter from their doctor attesting that they fall into this category, or
 - they have proof of a positive antigen or RT-PCR diagnostic test within three months. **An antibody test is not sufficient.**
- Fully vaccinated persons are not subject to the sports testing requirements set forth in Section 6(f) of the Gatherings and Face Masks Order unless they have COVID-19-like symptoms.

Utilize Additional Testing

- Even where it is not required, sports organizers are encouraged to administer a testing program as specified in the Testing Requirements section above.
- Testing of unvaccinated individuals is recommended before any inter-team competition, especially before participants come into close contact with other participants from outside the local community.

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