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**2021 Grand Rapids Open-June 25-27, 2021**  
**Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club**  
**Patterson Ice Arena, 2550 Patterson Ave. Grand Rapids, MI 49546**  
[www.ggrfsc.org](http://www.ggrfsc.org)

The 2021 Grand Rapids 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 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: IF approved by facility, 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).
- **Pre-Event Communication Plan:** A pre-event meeting outlining event logistics and Covid-19 procedures will be held for all attendees prior to the start of the competition. This will be held the week of June 13<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be sent via email after the close of entries.
- **Chaperones/Spectators:** Two Chaperones per registered competitor will be permitted in Patterson Ice Arena and must be credentialed. Chaperones will only be allowed in the facility immediately prior to and during their respective competitive events.

**U.S. Figure Skating Waivers are a requirement for ALL athletes.** The online waivers must be completed via [Members Only](#) prior to the competition, instruction [here](#).

**Meijer State Games and USA Master's Games:** The Grand Rapids Open is a participant in the Meijer State Game of Michigan, as well as the USA Master's Games. For more information, about the State Games and the opening ceremonies, please visit [www.stategamesofmichigan.org](http://www.stategamesofmichigan.org)

## **ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:**

**Test Level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Skaters may skate up no more than two levels. Skaters may not skate down from their current test level.

**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  
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.

## **ADULT EVENTS:**

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment, and light entertainment events:

- 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 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee. Men and ladies will be combined in Adult beginner through adult bronze free skate events (based on the [Adult Competition Series rules](#)), and all levels of compulsory moves, jumps, spins and dramatic/light entertainment events. Men 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 (if this provides a competitor) or be issued a refund. The chief referee reserves the right to request proof of age.

## **EMS REGISTRATION:**

Entries will be accepted via [EMS](#) with credit card only.

Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee.

**Registration Deadline: 05/28/2021 at 11:59 PM ET**

**Late Registration Deadline: 06/04/2021 at 11:59 PM ET + \$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](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration".
4. Choose "COMPETITION NAME" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).

### **FOREIGN SKATERS:**

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition 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 "Create Account (Non-Member)" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

### **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](mailto:safesport@usfigureskating.org) for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

**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.

**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 Patterson Ice Center, which is located at **2550 Patterson Avenue, SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546**. The rink phone number is: 616.940.1423. Patterson Ice Center is a two-rink indoor facility with ice surfaces of 200' x 85'. There are numerous restaurants and stores located within a mile of the rink.

### **EMS MUSIC UPLOAD:**

**DEADLINE: 06/11/2021 at 11:59pm**

Competitors participating in events with music are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **06/11/2021 11:59 PM ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$15 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who does not 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. A duplicate CD must be readily available rink side.

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

***If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto: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)**

**DEADLINE: June 11, 2021 at 11:59pm ET \*\$15 late fee for missing PPC**

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **June 11, 2021 at 11:59pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$15 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who does not 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](#)**

***If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)***

**LIABILITY:** U.S. Figure Skating, (Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club) and (Patterson 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:** The registration desk will be open one hour before the start of the competition each day. Skaters must check in at least one hour prior to their event keeping in

mind that we will have specific entry/exit requirements due to COVID-19. Further information will be shared via email and in our pre-event meeting.

**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 put skaters on but will not be permitted to change in public restrooms.

**PRACTICE ICE:** Practice ice sessions will be available for pre-purchase when registering online via EMS. All sessions are 20 minutes in duration and will be limited to 12 skaters. There are no refunds for prepaid sessions, even if not used. No music is played on practice ice. A maximum of 2 practice ice sessions may be pre-purchased per skater per eligible event. The practice ice selection window dates will be emailed out to all registered skaters once the event schedule has been finalized. Practice ice sessions will also be available on-site at the practice ice desk at a cost of \$20 per session. Please contact Renee Peirce at [rgpeirce@gmail.com](mailto:rgpeirce@gmail.com) with any questions.

**PHOTO/VIDEO:** Photography and videotaping must be done from the spectator's stands. Electrical outlets in the arena may not be used. Absolutely no flash photography is allowed during the competition, as it is a hazard to skaters.

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

**AWARDS:** Medals are awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> place. Skating order and results will be posted online. Awards can be picked up at the awards table as you exit the building

**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 that meet the requirements for test credit may request a their test credit form at the registration desk. These forms must be submitted 24 hours prior to the event by either sending them to our accountant via email at [jacht@umich.edu](mailto:jacht@umich.edu) or returning them to the registration desk. For skaters receiving a qualifying score, forms must be picked up at the registration 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 for test credit.

**TEST SESSION:** We will be offering testing in conjunction with the competition. Testing details will be updated on our website at [www.ggrfsc.org](http://www.ggrfsc.org). Information may also be obtained by emailing our test chair at [jennakt@comcast.net](mailto:jennakt@comcast.net)

## **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 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 \(PSA\)](#).

### EMS Resources for Coaches

- ✓ <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/w79NH9tSWWwJ17EjeUhdpy1V>
- ✓ <https://public.3.basecamp.com/p/3UXnPmqVfktsb1qEwg6AHR2h>

### 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.usfsonline.org](http://www.usfsonline.org) → Person Icon  or Account → Member Profile → Compliance

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

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

**CONTACT INFO:** If you have questions, please contact Kelsey Cooper at [grandrapidsopen@gmail.com](mailto:grandrapidsopen@gmail.com) or 616-818-9323.

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

<b>U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS</b>				
<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>IJS/6.0</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a> (Beginner-Pre-Juvenile)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Excel Free Skate</a> (all plus events, Juvenile-Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$65	\$65
<a href="#">Well Balanced Short Program (21/22)</a>	IJS	\$135	\$65	\$65
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate (21/22)</a> (No-Test, Pre-Preliminary)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Well Balanced Free Skate (21/22)</a> (Preliminary-Senior)	IJS	\$135	\$65	\$65
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate</a> (Adult Gold & Master Jr/Sr)	IJS	\$135	\$65	\$65
<a href="#">Adult Free Skate</a> (Adult Pre-Bronze- Silver)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
<a href="#">Excel Compulsory Moves</a> (Excel Beginner-Excel Preliminary)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Compulsory Moves</a> (No Test-Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Adult Compulsory Moves</a> (Adult Beginner-Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Jumps Challenge</a> (Beginner-Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Adult Jumps Challenge</a> (Adult Beginner-Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Spins Challenge</a> (Beginner-Senior)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Adult Spins Challenge</a> (Adult Beginner-Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<b>SHOWCASE – NEW EVENT IMPLEMENTATION**</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> EVENT</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> + EVENT</b>
<a href="#">Individual Entertainment (No Test – Senior, Adult)</a>	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<a href="#">Duets (No Test – Senior, Adult)</a>	6.0	\$125	\$55	\$55
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>				
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0	\$85	\$35	\$35
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music</a>	6.0	\$85	\$35	\$35
<a href="#">Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements</a>	6.0	\$85	\$35	\$35
<a href="#">Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves</a>	6.0	\$85	\$35	\$35
<a href="#">Compete USA Manual</a>				

