

2010 New England Challenge Cup

February 27, 2010

Synchronized Skating Competition

Hosted by: Hayden Recreation Centre, FSC

This event is proud to participate in the Eastern Sectional Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Participation in this series is open to all Beginner 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, open juvenile, open collegiate or open adult teams. Visit www.usfigureskating.org for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

Location, Arena and Date: **Walter Brown Arena**
Boston University
285 Babcock Street
Boston, MA 02215

Saturday February 27, 2010

Rink Size: 200' X 85'

Entries: All applications must be postmarked by: **EXTENDED to February 3, 2010.**
Applications should be sent to:

Gail Hanson-Mayer
26 Eastern Ave
Lexington, MA 02421

The entry fee for Collegiate is \$ 10 per competitor, including alternates.
The entry fee for all other levels is \$100 per team, plus \$15 per skater.
Please make checks payable to: **New England Challenge Cup.**

No fees will be refunded for teams cancelling after the deadline date of January 23, 2010.

Practice Ice is mandatory for teams competing under IJS. (Intermediate and Collegiate)

If you have questions, please contact:

Gail Hanson-Mayer: gailhmayer@aol.com
Sarahjayne Howland: sarahjayne_howland@hotmail.com

General Rules: The New England Challenge Cup is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and will be conducted under the rules set forth in the 2010 edition of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and this announcement. Particular note should be taken of these sections:

- Rule 3080: Eligibility to compete
- Rule 1450: Events to be skated
- Rules 4660-4791: Requirements for each level
- Rule 3530: Duration and Warm-up Periods of Synchronized Team Skating

Liability: U.S. Figure Skating, Hayden Recreation Centre FSC, Hayden Synchronized Skating Teams and Walter Brown Arena accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships. This is in accordance with Rule 3222 of the 2009 edition of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Judging System: The ISU judging system (IJS) will be used for collegiate and intermediate divisions.

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be turned in with the team's music at registration, or team coaches / contact people can complete it via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org



SECTION 1: BASIC SKILLS / BEGINNER EVENTS

For all events: No skaters may have passed higher than the preliminary test in any discipline, and the majority of the team must be "no test."

"The purpose for the competition is to promote a FUN, introductory competitive experience for the beginning skater."

A. Basic Skills Beginner 1

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 on the preceding July 1.

Program duration: 1 ½ - 2minutes +/- 10 sec.

Required elements:

- a. **Circle:** 1 circle, include a 2-foot turn and a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide
- b. **Line:** Cover the ice and include only forward skating skills.
- c. **Block:** Cover the ice and include only one configuration.
- d. **Wheel:** A 4-spoke wheel with backward pumps.
- e. **Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 2-foot glide at the point of intersection.

RESTRICTIONS:

- No additional elements allowed.
- Holds may only include shoulder-to-shoulder and hand-to-hand.
- No changes or direction and traveling within elements.
- No steps or moves in Basic 6 or higher.

B. Basic Skills Beginner 2

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be 9 – 11 years old on the preceding July 1.

Program duration: 1 ½ - 2minutes +/- 10 sec.

Required elements:

- a. **Circle:** 1 circle, include the combination move* from Basic 8
- b. **Line:** Cover the ice may include both forward and backward skating skills.
- c. **Block:** Cover the ice and include 1 or 2 configurations.
- d. **Wheel:** Wheel of choice with backward pumps.
- e. **Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 2-foot or 1-foot glide at the point of intersection.

RESTRICTIONS:

- *No additional elements allowed.*
- *Holds may only include shoulder-to-shoulder and hand-to-hand*
- *No changes or direction and traveling within elements.*
- *No steps or moves in Free Skate 2 or higher.*

C. Basic Skills Beginner 3

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old on the preceding July 1

Program duration: 2–2 ½ minutes +/- 10 sec.

Required elements:

- a. **Circle:** 1 circle, include the combination move* from Basic 8
- b. **Line:** Cover the ice must include both forward and backward skating skills.
- c. **Block:** Cover the ice and include 2 or 3 configurations.
- d. **Wheel:** Wheel of choice.
- e. **Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 1-foot glide or forward lunge at the point of intersection.

RESTRICTIONS:

- *No changes or direction and traveling within elements.*

** The combination move is element C in Basic 8: Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down or cross behind, step into a backward crossover, step forward onto a forward inside edge glide. It does not need to be repeated, and does not need to be done in both directions. These levels are part of the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills program. Basic Skills competition guidelines will be used. There will be no more than 6 teams in each group, and judges must only be members of U.S. Figure Skating at least 16 years old. If there are not enough entries, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 can be combined, at the discretion of the chief referee.*



SECTION 2: U.S. FIGURE SKATING STANDARD COMPETITIVE EVENTS

** New rules adopted at the 2009 Governing Council are underlined. Please note that the Open Junior level has been eliminated from U.S. Figure Skating competition.*

- A. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4710
- A. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4760
- B. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4770
- C. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4700
- D. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4690
- E. Open Collegiate** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4790
- F. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4720

Minimum moves in the field test levels are not being required at this competition.

Crossover Rules: The chart below illustrates where crossover skaters are allowed. The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An “X” indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined Rules 4660 – 4791.

Level Athlete is Skating In	Preliminary	Pre -Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Masters	Adult
Preliminary													
Pre - Juvenile													
Open Juvenile													
Juvenile						X							
Intermediate													
Novice				X			X	X					
Junior						X		X		X			
Senior						X	X			X			X
Open Collegiate													
Collegiate							X	X					X
Open Adult													
Masters													X
Adult								X		X		X	

Awards: Awards ceremonies will be scheduled off ice throughout the event. Medals are given for 1st – 4th place.

Practice Ice: All practice ice will be held at Walter Brown Arena. Practice Ice fee is \$80/session and is non-refundable. Once mandatory practice ice has been scheduled, non-IJS teams will be notified of additional, available practice ice. The practice will be held on 02/27/2010 starting at 12 pm. Please see attached practice ice request form. Practice ice request form is due with the competition application.

Music: Rules governing music selection can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, rules 2660-4791.

Only or CDs (standard Compact Disk format) or cassette tapes (no cases, please) will be accepted.

- CDs: Must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length and contained in a hard sided “jewel” case.
- Cassettes: Must be clearly marked with name, event entered, length of music and side to be played.

Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable “CDRW” discs.

Competition music must be turned in at the registration desk and must be submitted no later than two hours prior to the event in which the team is skating. All music must be picked up at the completion of the competition. CDs and cassettes will not be mailed back to competitors.

All teams must have an additional copy of their music available for practice sessions. Teams must also have an extra copy available quickly during the actual competition event. The organizing committee will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of music but will take every precaution to ensure their safety.

Registration:

The Registration desk in the rink lobby will be open at the start of practice ice. One team designate will sign for the team information package. All coaches will sign for the coach package. Teams should register and submit their music two hours before the start of their event.

Videotaping: Will be allowed at this event.

Admission:

Competitor, coach, and two chaperone passes will be provided for each team entered. Admission for all others will be \$10 with tickets sold at the door. There will be plenty of seating.

Food:

There will be a snack bar available at the arena and many restaurants are within walking distance of the Arena.

Transportation:

There is parking adjacent to the arena. If you need assistance in arranging transportation, please contact us.

Competition Schedule:

The competition schedule will be emailed to the team contact and posted on our website: www.haydensynchroteams.com when made available by the referee.

Contact Information: For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Co- Chairs:	Gail Hanson-Mayer gailmayer@aol.com	617.448.9924
	Sarahjayne Howland sarahjayne_howland@hotmail.com	603.303.9768
Chief Referee:	William Beharrel wrbharrel@aol.com	978.855.1444
Practice Ice:	Dorothy Hughes dosco1960@aol.com	508.314.4025

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ENTRY FORM 1: Team Information

Team name:		U.S. Figure Skating #:	
Club: (if applicable)			
Team contact person:			
Daytime phone number:		E-mail:	
Address:		City	State / ZIP
Primary coach:		U.S. Figure Skating #	
Daytime phone number:		E-mail:	
Number of skaters:		Number of alternates:	

Please check the level and/or event (s) entered:

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BS Beginner 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Open collegiate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BS Beginner 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate | <input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BS Beginner 3 | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Juvenile | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Juvenile | | |

Entry Fee: Enclosed is

\$ _____ for ____ competitors \$ 10 per skater / Collegiate event

\$ _____ for ____ all other events \$ 100 per team /event

\$ _____ for ____ competitors \$ 15 per skater /event

Checks should be made payable to:

New England Challenge Cup

Please send all forms and fees to:

**Gail Hanson-Mayer
26 Eastern Ave
Lexington, MA 02421**

All fees and entry forms must be
Received by:

23 January 2010

Note: Team managers, please carry proof of age and birth date for all competitors.

Note for collegiate / open collegiate teams: Please bring with you a copy of the collegiate certification page, or alternate proof of your athletes' student status, as of the entry deadline

Note for beginner teams: Beginner teams may choose to represent either a full member club or a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills school / program.

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ENTRY FORM 2: Team Entry Form

Team Name:	Level:
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SKATER NAMES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER Last name first	Birth date	U.S. Figure Skating #**	Highest MITF test passed *
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Alt. 1.***			
Alt. 2.***			
Alt. 3.***			
Alt. 4.***			

* Required for teams entering open juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, collegiate. Also required for beginner teams. **Skaters on beginner teams are not permitted to have passed higher than preliminary, and the majority of the team must be no-test.**

** Skaters on beginner teams may be either full U.S. Figure Skating members or Basic Skills members.

***Teams are permitted to have a maximum for four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.

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ENTRY FORM 3: Liability Waiver / Certification by Club Officer

Team Name:	Level:
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U.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

Skater's name in alphabetical order	Skater signature or parent / guardian (if skater is under 18)
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Alt. 1	
Alt. 2	
Alt. 3	
Alt. 4	

Club officer or skating school director: *All of the skaters listed on the team entry form are to the best of my knowledge, eligible members in good standing and eligible to compete under U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada rules.*

Print Name:	Signature
Title:	
Club or Basic Skills program name:	

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ENTRY FORM 4: Collegiate Certification page – for collegiate and open collegiate teams **ONLY**.

Collegiate and open collegiate teams must comply with Rule 4720 (collegiate) or Rule 4790 (open collegiate). Athletes must be considered full-time students by the college or university they attend, as of the entry deadline for this event. Use a separate form for each institution the members attend, collect all of the forms and send them together. Students may also choose another method to prove their student status, such as a print out of an unofficial transcript or a letter from the registrar.

Team Name:	U.S. Figure Skating Number:
Level:	

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STUDENT ID NUMBER
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REGISTRAR:

I certify that the students listed above are considered full-time students by the following institution:

Name of Registrar: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____