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Hayden Synchronized Skating
is proud to announce the

**3rd Annual New England Challenge Cup
Synchronized Skating Competition**
(Hosted by: Hayden Recreation Centre FSC)

Saturday, January 21, 2012

**Final opportunity for IJS critiques before
Eastern Sectional Championships**

*This event is proud to participate in the
Eastern Sectional Synchronized Skating Challenge Series.*

**Location:
Ned O'Brien Ice Rink
55 Locust St.
Woburn, MA 01801**

If you have questions, please contact:
Dorothy Hughes: necc@haydensynchro.org

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Sanctioned By U.S. Figure Skating

Rink Size: 200' X 85'

Entries: All applications must be postmarked by: **December 4, 2011**

Applications should be sent to:

**Dorothy Hughes
61 Indian Hill Rd.
Medfield, MA 02052**

The entry fee for **Collegiate/Open Collegiate** is \$100 per team, plus \$15 per skater, including alternates.

The entry fee for **Basic Skills Beginner** team is \$55 per event plus \$5 per skater.

The entry fee for **all other levels** is \$150 per team, plus \$20 per skater, including alternates.

Please make checks payable to: **New England Challenge Cup**

No fees will be refunded for teams cancelling after the deadline date of December 4, 2011. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the referee.

Practice ice is mandatory for all teams competing under IJS.

Critiques will be offered for teams at the Intermediate level and above, competing under IJS.

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 2012 edition of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and this announcement. Particular note should be taken of these sections:

- Rule 3070: Eligibility to compete
- Rule 2056: Events to be skated
- Rules 7200-7290: Requirements for each level
- Rule 2910: Duration and Warm-up Periods of Synchronized Team Skating
- Rule 7020: Clothing - Synchronized Team Skating
- Rule 7021: The costume of the competitors must be modest, dignified, and appropriate for athletic competition, not garish or theatrical in design. The costume may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.
 - A. Ladies may wear a skirt or body suits or full-length trousers. Ladies skirts must not be below the top of the calf of the legs for safety reasons.
 - B. Men must wear full-length trousers; no tights are permitted.
 - C. The costume must not give the effect of excessive nudity for an athletic sport. The costume and make-up must not be theatrical and must not highlight any skater.
 - D. Headdresses must be kept to a minimum. Any ornamentation attached to clothing or head must be firmly fastened so as not to fall off while skating under normal competitive conditions. There can be no props on the ice and hand props such as banners, canes, or pompoms are not permitted.
- Rule 7022: Sequins, rhinestones or jeweled trim may be used in moderation on the clothing of senior, junior, and collegiate synchronized skating teams only. This adornment is allowed on the bodice only. Sleeves and skirts are to be void of adornment. Feathers or other materials that could be dislodged upon contact are not allowed. The use of adornments at all other levels is prohibited.
- Rule 7024: The use of hair pins and bobby pins is prohibited while skating in any synchronized skating competition.
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Liability: U.S. Figure Skating, Hayden Recreation Centre FSC, and Ned O'Brien Arena accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships. This is in accordance with Rule 2300 of the 2012 edition of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Judging System: The ISU judging system (IJS) will be used for collegiate, adult, intermediate, novice, junior and senior events. All other events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.

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 completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org **at least 3 days** before the start of the event.



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 2012 Governing Council are underlined.*

- 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 7270.
- B. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- C. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 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 7250
- D. 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 7240
- E. 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 7230
- F. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17, on the preceding July 1 and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- G. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 12 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210
- H. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 14 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200

I. 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 7290

J. 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 7280

K. Open Adult:

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be 19 years or older on the preceding July 1.

Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.

Well balanced program: Rule 7520

L. Masters:

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 35 on the preceding July 1.

Program duration: 3 minutes.

Well balanced program: Rule 7510

M. Adult:

A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.

Program duration: 3 ½ minutes

Well balanced program: Rule 7500

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

Crossover Rules:

No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes that are skating on the ice at any given competition.

The chart below illustrates the levels 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 7200-7290, in addition to the statement above.

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	X							
Intermediate				X	X	X	X						
Novice				X	X	X	X						
Junior					X	X	X			X			
Senior					X	X	X			X			X
Open Collegiate													
Collegiate							X	X					X
Open Adult													
Masters													X
Adult								X		X		X	

Awards: Award ceremonies will take place off ice periodically throughout the event. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place. The Challenge Cup for the Collegiate/Open Collegiate divisions will be awarded on ice.

Practice Ice: All practice ice will be held at Ned O’Brien Ice Rink. Mandatory (IJS) practice Ice fee is \$80 per 10 minute segment / \$85 per 12 minute segment, 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 01/21/2012 starting at 8:30 a.m. Please see attached practice ice request form. Practice ice request form is due with the competition application.

Registration: The Registration desk at the Team Entrance 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 packet and pass. Teams should register and submit their music two hours before the start of their event.

Videotaping: Will not be allowed at this event. Information regarding professional videotaping may be posted on the competition website, when it becomes available.

Music: Rules governing music selection can be found in the 2012 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, including but not limited to rules 7030, 7912, 7913, and 7200-7290.

Only CDs (standard Compact Disk format) will be accepted.

- *CDs: Must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length and contained in a hard sided "jewel" case.*

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 at rink side 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 its safety.

Admission: Competitors, coach, and two chaperone passes will be provided for each team entered.

Tickets will be sold at the door as follows:

Adults - \$12 Senior citizens, Children under 12, and College students with a valid college ID - \$8

Plenty of seating will be available.

Food: There will be a snack bar available at the arena.

Accommodations: There are several hotels within 5-15 minutes drive of the rink.

Under 2 miles: **Summerfield Suites** (www.hyatt.com/hyatt/summerfield)

2 Van De Graaff
Burlington, MA 01803
(781) 270-0800

Boston Marriott Burlington (www.marriott.com)

1 Burlington Mall Rd.
Burlington, MA 01803
(781) 229-6565

Under 4 miles : **Staybridge Suites** (www.ichotelsgroup.com)

11 Old Concord Rd.
Burlington, MA 01803
(877) 410-6681

Four Points by Sheraton (www.starwoodhotels.com/fourpoints)

30 Wheeler Rd.
Burlington, MA 01803
(781) 272-8800

Hotels located in Woburn also include Hilton, Hampton Inn, Comfort Inn, Fairfield Inn, Courtyard, and others, which can be found at www.mapquest.com or www.hotels.com.

Transportation: There will be ample free parking at the arena

Competition Schedule: Schedules will be emailed to the team contact and posted on the competition website (www.nechallengecup.com) when they become available.

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

Competition Co-Chairs:	Dorothy Hughes necc@haydensynchro.org	508-359-1816 / 508-314-4025
	Diane Antonellis necc@haydensynchro.org	508-528-1456
Chief Referee:	William Beharrell wrbeharrel@aol.com	978-855-1444
Practice Ice:	Diane Antonellis necc@haydensynchro.org	508-528-1456

NEW ENGLAND CHALLENGE CUP SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMPETITION JANUARY 21, 2012

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/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"/> Novice | <input type="checkbox"/> Open adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior short program | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior free skate | <input type="checkbox"/> Masters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior short program | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior free skate | |

Entry Fee: Enclosed is \$ ____ for ____ team events. \$ 150 per team / event (\$100 Collegiate)
 \$ ____ for ____ competitors. \$ 20 per skater / event (\$15 Collegiate)
 \$ ____ for ____ beginner events \$ 55 per team / beginner event
 \$ ____ for ____ competitors \$ 5 per skater / beginner event

Checks should be made payable to:

New England Challenge Cup

Please send all forms and fees to:

**Dorothy Hughes
61 Indian Hill Rd.
Medfield, MA 02052**

All fees and entry forms must be
Postmarked by:

December 4, 2011

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, novice, junior, senior, collegiate and adult. 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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I.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 7280 (collegiate) or Rule 7290 (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: _____

**NEW ENGLAND CHALLENGE CUP
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING COMPETITION
JANUARY 21, 2012**

PRACTICE ICE FORM

***Practice ice will be available on Saturday, January 21st, beginning at 8:30 A.M.
Practice times will run in 10 / 12 minute segments at the rate of
\$80 / \$85 per segment on the competition surface.***

***Please make your travel arrival plans accordingly as arrival time will not be a **primary**
consideration for IJS scheduling***

Team: _____ ***Division:*** _____

Contact Person: _____ ***Phone:*** _____

Email: _____

Please Fill Out A Separate Practice Ice Form for Each Team.

**Fee: \$80 per 10 minute segment
\$85 per 12 minute segment**

Enclosed is \$_____ for _____ segments.

Please make checks payable to New England Challenge Cup and send along with the completed application to:

**Dorothy Hughes
61 Indian Hill Rd.
Medfield, MA 02052**

There will be no refunds unless there is no ice available for us to schedule your team.

Deadline is December 4, 2011