

WELCOME
to the
'30th Annual Great Minnesota State Skate Together'
2009 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships
All Seasons Arena
1251 Monks Ave, Mankato MN 56001
August 22, 23 and 24 2008

Overview

The Twin City Figure Skating Association invites you to participate in the 2009 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships, August 22-24, 2008. This competition is sponsored by the Twin City Figure Skating Association, hosted by the Mankato Figure Skating Club (www.mankatofsc.org) and conducted in the same manner as the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating Upper Great Lakes Regional Competition including the use of the IJS for Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior events. This competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating. Pat St. Peter will be the Chief Referee. Lexie Kastner will be the Chief Accountant for this event.

Entry Fee

SINGLES: Fees are \$95 for the first event (Intermediate through Senior include the Short Program) and \$25 for any additional events.

PAIRS/DANCE: The entry fee for each pair team is \$120. If a member of a pair or dance team is also skating singles, the additional fee for the skater is \$25. As an example, if each member of a pair/dance team wishes to skate both as a single and as a pair/dance team, each member of the team would owe \$85 (\$60 as half of the team fee and \$25 for the second event).

Entry Deadline

Entries must be postmarked by July 7, 2008.

There will be **NO LATE ENTRIES accepted after the postmark date of July 7, 2008**, and there will be **NO REFUNDS after the closing date (July 7, 2008)**. All entry forms must be completely filled out with all required signatures to be processed. U.S. Postal Service meters and postmarks are the only acceptable proof of entry date.

PLEASE NOTE: A \$20.00 Service Fee will be imposed on all returned checks and additional civil penalties may be imposed for Non-Payment (Amendment to MN Statue 332.50)

Rules

The rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating as set forth in the 2009 Official Rulebook, with changes and clarifications as posted on the USFS web site, will govern this competition with the following exceptions:

- *Preliminary events are included.
- *Both the Short and Freeskate programs are used to qualify for final rounds (when applicable).
- *Please refer to the USFS web site often for technical notification up dates.

Eligibility

The competition is open to all registered U.S. Figure Skating members in good standing who are residents of the state of Minnesota, **OR** home club members of a Minnesota U.S. Figure Skating club as of July 1, 2008.

1. Skaters may compete at either their current freestyle test level, or one level higher.
2. Elimination rounds will be conducted if necessary.

Facilities

The competition will be held at: All Seasons Arena
1251 Monks Ave
Mankato, MN 56001
Phone: (507) 387-6552

All Seasons Arena has two ice surfaces. It is anticipated that competition events will take place in the South Rink and the North Rink will be used for practice ice and competition, if necessary. The competition surfaces are:

South Rink	85 by 200 feet	North Rink	200 by 100 feet
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The concession stand will be available during the competition. There will be vendors.

Registration

The registration desk will be open Thursday, August 21, 2008, with the first practice session and will remain open during all scheduled events and practice sessions. All notices will be posted on an official bulletin board located by the registration desk. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check this board. Competitors should arrive at the All Seasons Arena 45 minutes before the scheduled time of their event. No events will begin ahead of schedule.

Music

Music will be played from cassette tapes (no case and must be rewound) or CDs (standard format only in a hard-sided "jewel case") and must be clearly labeled with competitor's name and competition event. Music must be turned in at the time of registration and may be picked up at the registration desk after the event. A duplicate tape or CD should be readily available. Proper care will be taken, but the TCFSA cannot accept responsibility for cassette tapes or CDs.

Official Practice Ice/ Additional Practice Ice

Official practice ice is included in the entry fee. Sessions will be 30 minutes in length. Skaters are assigned to specific sessions and will not be allowed to exchange. Each competitor will be notified of their OFFICIAL practice time. It is anticipated that all competition events will take place in the South Rink. Every effort will be made to schedule your official practice ice on the South Rink. However, depending on the size of the competition, this may not be possible. Music will not be played at practice ice.

NOTE: The additional practice ice schedule will be sent out with your registration notice.

Awards

Awards will be presented during the course of the competition. Please check the bulletin board.

Individual Awards:

- *Awards will be presented to the top four (4) skaters in all final round events.
- *All champions (and one guest) will be invited to the 2009 Officials Appreciation dinner on September 14, 2008. Details will be given at the competition.
- *The Bette Snuggerud Scholastic and Skating Award will be awarded to a senior lady competitor displaying excellence both in the classroom and on the ice.
- *The James Disbrow Scholastic and Skating Award will be awarded to a male competitor displaying excellence both in the classroom and on the ice.
- *Event champions will be invited to skate in the 2009 Celebration of Champions. The location and time will be announced at a later date.

Competitors eligible for the Bette Snuggerud Award and the James Disbrow Award will be notified about the application procedure following the close of entries.

Team Awards:

- *A team trophy will be awarded to the club earning the most points.

Pictures and Videotaping

An official photographer will be at the competition. They will also be available upon request for taking professional pictures of any skater. An official videotaping service will be at the competition. You will be able to sign up at the photo/video desks for these services.

Area Hospitality

- *Hotel information is included with this package of information.
- *Directions to the All Seasons Arena will be sent out with the registration confirmation.
- *Area hospitality information will be available at the competition.

Test Requirements

Refer to the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for all events.

Pairs Events

Pair events are planned for the following levels:

- *Juvenile
- *Open Juvenile
- *Intermediate
- *Open Intermediate
- *Novice
- *Junior
- *Senior
- *Adults (See Below)

and will be conducted according to the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

Dance Events

Dance events are planned for the following levels:

- *Juvenile
- *Open Juvenile
- *Intermediate
- *Open Intermediate
- *Novice
- *Junior
- *Senior

and will be conducted according to the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

Adult Events

Adult single and pair events are planned for the following levels:

- *Bronze Singles
- *Silver Singles
- *Gold Singles
- *Masters Singles
- *Adult Pairs and Masters Pairs

and will be conducted according to the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

Singles Men/Ladies Freestyle Events

*Skaters may compete at either their current freestyle test level, or one level higher.

*For Intermediate, Novice, Junior, and Senior events: These events are combined and will be conducted and judged exactly the same as in a qualifying competition according to the 2009 U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, with changes and clarifications as posted on the USFS web site.

*All events are skated with music on a full ice surface.

*Qualifying rounds (if necessary) are based on combined Short and Freeskating programs (Intermediate through Senior)

*Men's and Ladies' Adult Events may be combined at the discretion of the referee.

	Test Level	Age Requirements	Short Program Time Requirements	Free Skating Time Requirements
Preliminary	Passed Preliminary Freeskating Test	Under 13 years of age as of September 1, 2008.	Not Applicable	1 minute 30 seconds
Pre-Juvenile	Passed Pre-Juvenile Freeskating Test	Under 13 years of age as of September 1, 2008.	Not Applicable	2 minutes
Open Pre-Juvenile	Passed Preliminary but not passed Juvenile Freeskating Test	13 years of age or older as of September 1, 2008.	Not Applicable	2 minutes
Juvenile	Passed Juvenile Freeskating Test	Under 13 years of age as of September 1, 2008.	Not Applicable	2 minutes 15 seconds
Open Juvenile	Passed Juvenile Freeskating Test but not passed Intermediate Freeskating Test	13 years of age or older as of September 1, 2008.	Not Applicable	2 minutes 15 seconds
Intermediate	Passed Intermediate Freeskating Test	Under 18 years of age as of September 1, 2008.	Not to exceed 2 minutes.	2 minutes 30 seconds
Novice	Passed Novice Freeskating Test	None	Not to exceed 2 minutes 30 seconds	Ladies: 3 minutes Men: 3 minutes 30 seconds
Junior	Passed Junior Freeskating Test	None	Not to exceed 2 minutes 50 seconds	Ladies: 3 minutes 30 seconds Men: 4 minutes
Senior	Passed Senior Freeskating Test	None	Not to exceed 2 minutes 50 seconds	Ladies: 4 minutes Men: 4 minutes 30 seconds

**The 2009 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships
ENTRY FORM (Singles/Pairs/Dance)**

August 22, 23, 24, 2008

This form must be postmarked (not metered) by **July 7, 2008**. **No late entries accepted. No refunds after deadline.**

Name of Skater _____, _____ / / _____ M F
(last name) (first name) date of birth age as of 09/01/08 gender

Address _____, _____ _____
(street) (city) (state) (ZIP Code)

E-Mail _____ Phone No. () _____ - _____

Home Club _____ U.S. Figure Skating No. _____
(do not abbreviate) (required)

Highest test passed as of 07/07/08:
 Freestyle _____ Moves in the Field _____ Dance _____

Skating Events Entered

<u>Freeskating</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Dance**</u>	<u>Pairs**</u>
Preliminary	Bronze	Juvenile	Juvenile
Pre-Juvenile	Silver	Open Juvenile	Open Juvenile
Open Pre-Juvenile	Gold	Intermediate	Intermediate
Juvenile	Masters	Novice	Novice
Intermediate	Adult Pairs**	Junior	Junior
Novice	Adult Masters Pairs**	Senior	Senior
Junior	Partner's Name: (List below)	Partner's Name: (List Below)	Partner's Name: List Below)
Senior			

	Entry Fee	
Freeskating and Adult Freestyle Event*	@\$95.00	\$ _____ .00
Pairs and Dance Event**	@ \$60.00 per person	\$ _____ .00
Additional Event	@\$25.00	\$ _____ .00
Total Amount Enclosed		\$ _____ .00

* Event fee for Intermediate through Senior Freeskating includes short program

** For Pairs and Dance, the total fee is \$120.00 per pair. – please indicate if you will be paying for the pair, or the individual

Registration Checklist

- _____ Completed entry form (be sure to complete the reverse side)
 _____ **Self-addressed business-size (10#) envelope with current postage**

Payment Method: Check (made payable to TCFSA) \$ _____

Visa _____ MasterCard _____ (please fill out information completely):

Name on credit card _____

Account # _____ Exp Date _____

Please mail completed registration packets to: 2009 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championship
 Pages: 5, 6, & 7 c/o Nancy Kaufmann
 430 Peavey Lane
 Wayzata, MN 55391

Questions? Please call Kelli Glaubitz at (507) 382-9878 or e-mail at kellig@hickorytech.net

Official Use Only: Postmarked Date _____ Check No. _____ Amount _____ Rcvd. _____

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I have verified that all the information and entered events are correct.

Coach's Signature _____

Coach's Name _____ Telephone No. () _____

Address _____

Email Address _____

Skater/Parent/Guardian Verification and Release

I do hereby agree to assume all risk of injury resulting from, caused by, or in connection with the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any claims against U.S. Figure Skating, Twin City Figure Skating Association, Mankato Figure Skating Club, All Seasons Arena, and the City of Mankato. I do hereby agree that I am an amateur and eligible under the rules of U.S. Figure Skating to enter the events checked on this form. (If the competitor is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must grant permission to compete.)

Signature of Skater
(Parent or guardian if under 18 years of age)

Date

Skater/Parent/Guardian Photo Release

Photographs taken by the official Minnesota State competition photographer during the Minnesota State Competition and practice sessions may be used for the TCFSA website, brochures, posters, or Minnesota Skating Scholarship information. Photographs, that are used, will not contain individual skater identification of any kind. Please indicate below, your authorization to use the photographs. (If the competitor is under 18 years of age, a parent, or guardian, must grant permission.)

Signature of Skater
(Parent or guardian if under 18 years of age)

Date

Certification of Home Club Officer

I hereby certify that the skater named on this entry form is a member in good standing with our club.

Authorized Signature
Club Position: () President () Vice President () Secretary () Treasurer

Date

Hotel Accommodations

The following hotels are conveniently located near the rink:

Americinn Hotel & Suites @ MSU
 240 Stadium Road
 Mankato, MN 56001
 507-345-8011
 Mention MN State for \$99.00 room rate
 Includes continental breakfast, pool, whirlpool, high speed internet access

Microtel Inns & Suites
 200 St Andrews Dr
 Mankato, MN 56001
 507388-2818
 Mention MN State for \$45, \$50 or \$55 room rates

2009 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships Pants & Sweatshirt Order Form

This year a hooded sweatshirt and capri sweatpants decorated with the 2009 Minnesota State logo are available to preorder for all skaters. We are offering this quality sweatshirt and capri sweatpants at a great price of \$30 for the hooded sweatshirt and \$20 for the capri sweatpants. You **MUST** preorder these items. We will have only a very limited number of items available for purchase at the competition. Check the Mankato Figure Skating Club website at www.mankatofsc.org to see the logo design.

Minnesota State 2009 Competition clothing Preorder Form – Due July 7, 2008
 (okay to mail with registration)

Skater's Name _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ Home Club _____

Please circle the size and gender of the items

Item	Size	Quantity	Amount
Sweatshirt \$30	CHILDRENS XS (2-4) / S (6-8) / M (10-12) / L (12-14) / XL (16-18)		
	ADULTS MENS/WOMENS S / M / L / XL / XXL		
Pants \$20	CHILDRENS XS (2-4) / S (6-8) / M (10-12) / L (12-14) / XL (16-18)		
	ADULTS MENS/WOMENS S / M / L / XL / XXL		
		Total Enclosed	\$

Make check payable to Mankato FSC