



THANKSGIVING CLASSIC
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Competition
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John Armstrong Arena
103 Long Pond Road
Plymouth, Massachusetts

This event is proud to participate in the Eastern 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.

Entries: All applications must be postmarked by September 30, 2009 (no postage meter marks accepted). Use of certified mail with return receipt/FEDEX/UPS is suggested. Please mail completed entry form to:

**Wendy Jones
C/O Pilgrim Skating Club
P.O. Box 668
Pembroke, MA 02359**

Entry Fees: The entry fee for IJS teams (intermediate, novice, junior, open junior, senior, collegiate, adult) is \$275 per team plus \$20 per competitor, including alternates.

The entry fee for teams skating **both** a long and short program is \$400 plus \$20 per competitor, including alternates.

The entry fee for non-IJS teams (pre-juvenile, open juvenile, juvenile, open adult, open collegiate, masters) is \$200 per team plus \$20 per competitor, including alternates.

The entry fee for Basic Skills beginner is \$50 per team plus \$5 per skater.

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the referee with a \$100 per team charge. We reserve the right to combine, separate or eliminate categories.

THE ENTRY FEE FOR ALL TEAMS INCLUDES A PHOTOGRAPHY FEE (see photography section).

THE ENTRY FEE FOR IJS TEAMS INCLUDES MANDATORY OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE (see practice ice section).

Please make checks payable to: Pilgrim Skating Club.

No fees will be refunded for teams canceling after the deadline date (9/30/09).

Rink: Rink measures 185' x 85' with rounded corners.

General Rules: The Thanksgiving Classic 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. **Minimum moves in the field test levels are not being required at this competition.** 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, Pilgrim Skating Club, Facilities Management Corporation and the John Armstrong 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, adult, intermediate, novice, junior and senior events. For all other events, the 6.0 system will be used. However, testing of the ISU judging system may be performed for some of these levels.

Planned Program Content Sheets for IJS teams ONLY: All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. Team coaches/contact people must complete the PPC sheets online through the Members Only Profile at www.usfsaonline.org. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed no later than October 31, 2009. If changes are made after that date, teams must bring 4 signed copies to the registration desk before practice ice.



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:

- Circle:** 1 circle, include a 2-foot turn and a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide
- Line:** Cover the ice and include only forward skating skills.
- Block:** Cover the ice and include only one configuration.
- Wheel:** A 4-spoke wheel with backward pumps.
- 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:

- Circle:** 1 circle, include the combination move* from Basic 8
- Line:** Cover the ice may include both forward and backward skating skills.
- Block:** Cover the ice and include 1 or 2 configurations.
- Wheel:** Wheel of choice with backward pumps.
- 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:

- Circle:** 1 circle, include the combination move* from Basic 8
- Line:** Cover the ice must include both forward and backward skating skills.
- Block:** Cover the ice and include 2 or 3 configurations.
- Wheel:** Wheel of choice.
- 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
- B. 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
- C. 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
- 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 4700
- 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 4690
- 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 4680
- 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 4670
- 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 4660
- 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 4790
- 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 4720
- K. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 12 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 4780

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 4740

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 4730

Note to teams regarding moves in the field test requirements:

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: Award ceremonies will be scheduled throughout the day. Medals are given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. Junior and senior short program/free skates are separate events. **No medals are given for teams skating for critique only, with the exception of beginner level teams.**

Schedules: Schedules will be mailed and e-mailed when available and may be posted at www.neicc.org, and www.pilgrimskatingclub.com.

Practice ice: Practice ice is **mandatory** for teams competing under the IJS – intermediate, novice, junior, open junior, senior, collegiate, and adult and will be held on 11/14/09 starting at 6 am. Practice ice fees are included in the IJS level entry fee and are **nonrefundable**. Assignment of practice ice time is at the discretion of the technical officials. We cannot honor requests for specific times. Once mandatory practice ice has been scheduled, non-IJS teams will be notified of additional available practice ice. If available, additional practice ice will be \$80/12 minutes. Practice ice may be available after the Monitoring Session on 11/13/09.

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 packet. All coaches will need to sign for the coach packet and pass. Teams should register and submit their music 2 hours before the start of their event.

Admission: Competitor and two chaperone passes will be provided for each team entered. Coach passes will be available at the registration desk. Admission of all others will be 15.00 per adult and \$10.00 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Tickets, pins and programs may be preordered for a discounted price (Form attached).

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

Only 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.*

The program length must be noted in the space provided on entry form.

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.

Critique: Critiques will be available for all teams following each flight.

Unofficial Trial Judging: Unofficial trial judging is available. Application attached.

Photography: Action Photos is the official photographer for the Thanksgiving Classic. A photography fee has been added to the entry fee. This fee allows all team members to access online all photographs taken without additional charge. Images may be downloaded for personal printing or at a retailer of your choice. No one will be allowed in the hockey boxes to take photographs or videotape (this includes family, friends, team photographers etc.)

Souvenirs: Vendors selling skating merchandise, including competition logo wear will be available in the tent and rink.

Food: A snack bar will be open inside the rink. Other local restaurants are located along Long Pond Road and at the Shops at 5.

Accommodations: Plymouth is a popular vacation destination during November. Teams are encouraged to make arrangements as soon as possible.

Plymouth: Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (508) 830-1620, Destination Plymouth – (508) 747-7533 www.visit-plymouth.com.

Host Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn (508) 830-0020

Hampton Inn Plymouth (508) 747-5000

Radisson Plymouth (508) 747-4900

Rockland: Comfort Inn (781) 982-1000, Best Western (781) 871-5660, Radisson Hotel (781) 871-0545

Transportation: Parking in the rink lot is available for buses and those with handicap credentials (plate/hangtag). All others must park in the school lot just beyond the rink.

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

Competition chair: Terri Schreiber 781 293-6158 thanksgivingclassic@yahoo.com

Practice Ice: Donna Donovan 781 293-4426 thanksgivingclassic@yahoo.com

Chief referee: Tom Sobell tsobell@comcast.net

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ENTRY FORM 1: Team Information

Team name:		U.S. Figure Skating #:	
Club: (if applicable)			
Team contact person:			
Team Contact daytime phone number:		Team Contact E-mail:	
Address:		City	State / ZIP
Primary coach:		U.S. Figure Skating #	
Coach daytime phone number:		Coach 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"/> 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 | | |

Music/theme _____ _____ _____ _____
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Entry Fee: Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ team events. \$275 per IJS team/\$400 combined short/long
 \$ _____ for _____ team events. \$200 per non IJS team
 \$ _____ for _____ competitors. \$20 per skater/event (all events except beginner)
 \$ _____ for beginner teams \$50 per team
 \$ _____ for _____ competitors \$5 per skater/beginner event
 \$ _____ **TOTAL**

_____ Team will skate for critique if no other competitors in that level (no medals given)

Checks should be made payable to:

PILGRIM SKATING CLUB

Please send all forms and fees to:

Wendy Jones C/O Pilgrim Skating Club P.O. Box 668 Pembroke, MA 02359

All fees and entry forms must be
 Postmarked by:

September 30, 2009

Note: Team managers; please carry proof of age and birth date for all competitors.
Note for collegiate/open collegiate teams: Please bring a copy of the collegiate certification page or alternate proof of your athletes' student status as of the application 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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* Required for teams entering open juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, collegiate and adult. Also required for beginner teams. No skaters on a beginner team may 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.

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

**** It is not necessary to identify alternates on this application.

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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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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 / Basic Skills program name:	

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Advance Purchase Form
must be received by 10/16/09

Team Name _____ Contact Person _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Tickets (\$15/\$10 at door)

Admission reduced by \$1 at door with the donation of a nonperishable food item

_____ @ \$12.00 _____

_____ @ \$8.00 (seniors/children under 12) _____

Pins (\$7 at door)

_____ @ \$5.00 _____

Programs (\$7 at door)

_____ @ \$5.00 _____

COMBO (ticket/pin/program) (only available in advance)

_____ @ \$20.00 _____

Program Ads (must be copy ready)

_____ 1/4 page @ \$50 _____

_____ 1/2 page @ \$75 _____

_____ full page @ \$100 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to: Pilgrim Skating Club

Mail to: Wendy Jones c/o Pilgrim Skating Club P.O. Box 668 Pembroke, MA 02359

Must be received by 10/16/09

****Tickets will be mailed***

****Programs and pins will be held at the team registration desk***

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UNOFFICIAL TRIAL JUDGING FORM

Wondering what it's like from the other side of the ice? Are you at least 16, preferably with synchro experience, and have a desire to learn about judging? Try your hand at judging during the Thanksgiving Classic. Those not skating in the Thanksgiving Classic are also welcome to unofficial trial judge. Complete this form and submit by October 14th.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ E-Mail _____

Current team and level _____

Synchro and/or skating experience:

Why do you want to judge?

Mail to: Wendy Jones c/o Pilgrim Skating Club P.O. Box 668 Pembroke, MA 02359

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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: _____