



GRAND RAPIDS OPEN

Hosted by the Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club
June 24, 25, & 26, 2004



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Location:

Standard Federal Ice Center (*two-rink indoor facility with ice surfaces 200 ft. by 100 ft. and 200 ft. x 85 ft.*) 2550 Patterson SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Sanctioning:

This **Future Champion Series** non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by the USFSA and will be conducted in accordance with the rules of the USFSA as set forth in the 2004 rulebook, except as modified in this announcement. Chief Referee: Barry Doren

Eligibility and Entries:

Eligible competitors are current members in good standing of the USFSA and shall be eligible to enter events based on their test status as of April 17, 2004 *Low-level flights will be divided in age groups of approximately 8 whenever possible. All Juvenile and above events may be divided into larger groups based on random draws.*

A minimum of two entries will be required for all flights to be scheduled. Entrants may "skate up" a level but may not skate more than one level in any one event except dance (up to 4 dances). Artistic Showcase is a ladies/men (combined) event. Compulsory, jumps, and spins events may be ladies and men combined.

Closing Date:

Entries must be postmarked by **April 17, 2004**. Late entries may be accepted, when space is available, at the discretion of the Competition Committee and will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

No refunds after closing date unless the event is cancelled for lack of participation. Any change to skating level or event after the deadline is subject to a \$20 change of event fee.

Competition Events:

Single Free Skating (Basic Beginner through Adult Masters), Pairs Free Skating (Juvenile, Intermediate, and Adult), Compulsory (Basic Beginner through Pre-Juvenile), Short Program (Juvenile through Senior), Jumps Only (Pre-Preliminary through Senior), Spins Only (Pre-Preliminary through Senior), Solo Dance (Preliminary through Silver), and Artistic Showcase (Beginner through Intermediate). Critiques will be available for Intermediate through Senior Short Programs.

Entry Fees:

\$65. First event

\$30. Each additional event

\$70. Pairs event (\$35.00 per person)

Other Fees:

\$25. NSF fee for all returned checks.

\$25. Late fee for all registrations received after 4/17/04

\$20. Change of Event Fee

You must include a SELF-ADDRESSED (SKATER'S NAME), STAMPED, BUSINESS-SIZED #10 ENVELOPE in order to receive a competition and practice ice schedule. Make checks payable to GGRFSC, and mail to: *Becky Somsel, 6484 Ridgemont Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.*

Registration:

The Registration Desk (located on the Main Level) will be open concurrent with the first practice ice session through the end of the day's competition. Skaters must check in at least one (1) hour prior to their first event. Registration will be your final confirmation of competition time.

Scheduling of Events and Practice Ice:

A tentative schedule of competition events will be *mailed* to each competitor as soon as provided by the referee. The schedule will be posted on our web site (www.ggrfsc.org) as soon as it is known. All times are *approximate*. Please check with Registration for changes and exact times.

Practice ice will be available at various times on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Practice ice will be sold on a first come first served basis. A practice ice schedule will accompany each competitor's confirmation letter. Reservations can be mailed in, with appropriate fees, at that time. If you do not get the ice you want, you will be notified.

Music:

Music must be left at the registration desk on the day of the event. Competitors must have extra copies of their music available. Cassettes are preferred and *must* be rewound and marked clearly.

Awards:

Awards will be given in each group as follows: 1) Medals for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places; 2) ribbons for 5th through 9th place.

Competition Events

Free Skating: All events will be skated on full ice surface to the music of the skater's selection. Judging will be based upon technical merit and presentation. There will be a ten second leeway in the specified time limit. Skaters may skate up one level but may not skate at more than one level. All Free Skating events will be judged according to Skating Standards Regulations (SSR) in the 2004 Official USFSA Rulebook.

Single Free Skating

Basic Beginner: **1½ minutes**
Open to skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test or its equivalent. May only include half revolution jumps. May include scratch or two foot spins.

Low Beginner: **1½ minutes**
Open to skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus salchow, toe-loops, and half-loops. May not include flying spins, combination spins or backspins.

High Beginner: **1½ minutes**
Open to skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test or its equivalent. May include any half revolution jumps plus salchow, toe-loops, half-loops, and loops. May not include flying spins.

Pre-Preliminary Limited: **1½ minutes**
Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skating Test and no higher. May not include axels, double jumps, or flying spins.

Preliminary Limited: **1½ minutes**
Open to skaters who have passed the Preliminary Free Skating Test and no higher. May include axels. May not include double jumps or flying spins.

Preliminary: **1½ minutes**
Open to skaters who have passed the Preliminary Free Skating Test and no higher. (SSR 4.11)

Pre-Juvenile: **2 minutes**
Open to skaters who have passed the Pre-Juvenile Free Skating Test and no higher. (SSR 4.10)

Juvenile: **2 minutes 15 seconds**
Must be **12** years old or younger as of closing date. Open to skaters who have passed the Juvenile Free Skating Test and no higher. (SSR 4.09)

Open Juvenile: **2 minutes 15 seconds**
Must be **13** years old or older as of closing date. Open to skaters who have passed the Juvenile Free Skating Test and no higher.

Intermediate: **2½ minutes**
Open to skaters who have passed the Intermediate Free Skating Test and no higher. (SSR 4.08)

Novice: **Ladies - 3 minutes**
Men - 3½ minutes
Open to skaters who have passed the Novice Free Skating Test and no higher. (SSR 4.07)

Junior: **Ladies - 3½ minutes**
Men - 4 minutes
Open to skaters who have passed the Junior Free Skating Test and no higher. (SSR 4.06)

Senior: **Ladies - 4 minutes**
Men - 4½ minutes
Open to skaters who have passed the Senior Free Skating and no higher. (SSR 4.05)

Adult:
Open to skaters who are **25** years old or older. Categories and tests passed as follows:

Bronze: 1 minute 40 seconds
Open to skaters who have passed Adult Bronze Free Skating Test and no higher than Preliminary Free Skating Test.

Silver: 2 minutes 10 seconds
Open to skaters who have passed Adult Silver Free Skating Test and no higher than Juvenile Free Skating Test.

Gold: 2 minutes 40 seconds
Open to skaters who have passed Adult Gold Free Skating Test and no higher than Intermediate Free Skating Test.

Masters Championships: 3 minutes 40 seconds
Open to skaters who have passed at least Intermediate Free Skating and/or Adult Gold Free Skating.

Pairs Free Skating

Juvenile: 2 minutes 15 seconds

Must have passed USFSA Juvenile Pair test and no higher.

Intermediate: 3 minutes

Must have passed USFSA Intermediate Pair test and no higher.

Adult: 2 minutes 10 seconds

No test requirements.

Compulsory and Short Program

NOTE: Test requirements are the same as listed under Single Free Skating Events

Beginner through Pre-Juvenile Compulsory events will be skated on one-half (½) of the ice surface. Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Short Programs will be skated on full ice and set to non-vocal music of the skater's choice. Moves must be skated exactly as stated and may be skated in any order. There must be no change of foot between jumps in a combination jump. An axel is considered a single jump. If a program exceeds the time limit, that portion of the program will not be judged. *All times listed are maximum.* All moves in all levels are to be connected in a free flowing presentation. Excessive footwork and added elements will be penalized. Spin revolutions must be in position to be counted.

Compulsory Events (no music)

Basic Beginner: 1 minute

Open to skaters who have passed no higher than Basic Skills Badge 8 or its equivalent. Skating groups will be divided by age.

1. Bunny hop
2. 3-turn sequence
3. Forward or backward crossovers (minimum 4 each foot)
4. Any stop

Low Beginner: 1 minute

1. 1/2 revolution jump
2. Toe-loop
3. Two-foot spin (min. 3 revolutions)
4. Lunge

High Beginner: 1 minute

1. Waltz jump/toe-loop combination
2. Loop or salchow jump
3. Forward scratch spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
4. Forward spiral

Pre-Preliminary Limited: 1 minute, 15 seconds

1. Single jump (no axel, may not be repeated in combination)
2. Single-single jump combination (no axel)
3. Forward spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
4. Forward spiral sequence

Preliminary Limited & Preliminary: 1½ minutes

1. Single jump (may be an axel)
2. Single/single jump combination (no axel)
3. 1-foot backspin (position optional, may not commence with a jump, minimum 3 revs)
4. Edge spiral, Spread Eagle or Bauer
5. Step sequence

Pre-Juvenile: 1½ minutes

1. Single jump (may not be repeated in combination)
2. Double/single jump combination (must include loop)
3. Combination spin with 1 change of foot, no change of position (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions each foot)
4. Solo spin (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions)
5. Step sequence

Short Programs (with music)

Juvenile/Open Juvenile Short Program: 1 minute 40 seconds

1. Double jump
2. Axel jump
3. One jump combination consisting of one double and one single or two doubles. No steps or turns between jumps.
4. Solo spin - minimum 4 revolutions in position. May not be commenced with a jump.
5. Spin combination with only one change of foot and one change of position (4 revs each foot)
6. Step sequence (straight line, circular, or serpentine)

Intermediate Short Program: 2 minutes

As stated by the 2004 USFSA Official Rulebook (SSR 3.08 & 3.09)

Novice Short Program: 2 minutes 15 seconds

As stated by the 2004 USFSA Official Rulebook (SSR 3.06 & 3.07) **Elements to be skated will be for the 2003-2004 competitive season**

Junior Short Program: 2 minutes 40 seconds

As stated by the 2004 USFSA Official Rulebook (SSR 3.04 & 3.05) **Elements to be skated will be for the 2003-2004 competitive season**

Senior Short Program: 2 minutes 40 seconds

As stated by the 2004 USFSA Official Rulebook (SSR 3.02 & 3.03) **Elements to be skated will be for the 2004 competitive season**

Jumps Only Event (no music)

Entrants will qualify according to their Free Skating level. Pre-Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile will be skated on half-ice. All other levels will be skated on full ice. Jumps should be performed **exactly** as stated. Skaters will be given two opportunities to perform each jump and will be judged on the best one. The following format will be used for this event: **Each skater will perform all of her/his jumps in sequence.** If the two jumps to be performed are the double flip and the double loop, Skater #1 will take the ice individually and be given two attempts at the double flip. Skater #1 will then be given two attempts for the double loop. The best flip and the best loop of the two performed by Skater #1 will then be judged. The process will then be repeated for Skater #2, and the rest of the skaters. An axel will be considered a single jump. In situations where the skater is given the choice of the jumps to be performed, the first attempt will determine the jumps to be judged and the skater will not be allowed to change jumps on the second attempt.

Pre-Preliminary:

Toe loop; combination of any two single jumps (no axels)

Preliminary:

Loop; combination of any two single jumps

Pre-Juvenile & Open Pre-Juvenile:

Axel; double toe loop

Juvenile & Open Juvenile:

Axel; combination of any double jump with a loop jump

Intermediate:

Axel; Double flip; combination of any two double jumps

Novice:

Double loop; Double flip; combination of any two double jumps

Junior:

Double loop; Double lutz; combination of any two double jumps or a triple jump with a double jump

Senior:

Double lutz; Double axel; combination of any two double jumps or a triple jump with a double jump

Spins Only Event (no music)

Entrants will qualify according to their Free Skating level. Spins may be joined with appropriate connecting moves and will be skated on one-half ice. There will be a one and a half minute time limit, and no music. Spins must be skated exactly as stated, but may be performed in any order.

Pre-Preliminary:

One-foot spin, optional free leg (3 revs); two foot spin (3revs); sit spin (3 revs)

Preliminary:

Scratch spin (5 revs); sit spin (3 revs); camel spin (3 revs)

Spins Only Event (continued)

Pre-Juvenile:

Camel spin (4 revs); change foot sit spin (4 revs each foot); front to back scratch spin (4 revs each spin)

Open Pre-Juvenile:

Same as Pre-Juvenile

Juvenile:

Spin combination with 1 change of foot and 1 change of position (4 revs each foot); flying camel spin (5 revs); change foot sit spin (5 revs each foot)

Open Juvenile:

Same as Juvenile

Intermediate:

Spin combination with 1 change of foot and 2 changes of position (5 revs each foot); camel spin to back camel spin (4 revs each foot); layback spin (ladies-5 revs) or camel spin (men-5 revs)

Novice:

Flying camel (6 revs); spin combination with 1 change of foot and 2 changes of position (15 revs total); layback spin (ladies-6 revs) or cross-foot spin (men-6 revs)

Junior:

Flying sit spin; spin combination with 3 changes of position and 1 change of foot (5 revs each foot); layback spin (ladies-6 revs) or cross-foot spin (men-6 revs)

Senior:

Flying spin of choice (6 revs); spin combination with at least 2 changes of position and 2 changes of foot (15 revs total); solo spin of skater's choice (8 revs)

Solo Dance

Each dance is a separate event. Solo dance will be one round only and is open to men and ladies. The dance you wish to enter may be selected from those listed, in your present level, and/or from one level higher. Awards will be presented for each individual dance event.

Preliminary: Skater may have passed all Preliminary Dances but not all Pre-Bronze Dances.

Dance events: Dutch Waltz, Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango

Pre-Bronze: Skater may have passed all Pre-Bronze Dances but not all Bronze Dances.

Dance events: Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango, Swing Dance

Bronze: Skater may have passed all Bronze but not all Pre-Silver Dances.

Dance events: Willow Waltz, Ten Fox, Hickory Hoedown.

Pre-Silver: Skater may have passed all Pre-Silver Dances but not all Silver Dances.

Dance events: Fourteen Step, European Waltz, Foxtrot.

Silver: Skater may have passed all Silver Dances but not all Pre-Gold Dances.

Dance events: American Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot, Harris Tango.

Artistic Showcase

Showcase events are to be skated to music. Programs should be designed specifically to entertain and/or emotionally move the audience. Costumes are encouraged. Props will be allowed and the skater will have 30 seconds to place and remove the prop (no props are allowed on the ice during the warm-up). Test requirements for each showcase group are the same as the freestyle levels indicated. The program cannot exceed the indicated time.

Group I: 1¼ minutes

Beginner – No axels, no double jumps

Group III:

1½ minutes

Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile – No double jumps

Group II: 1¼ minutes

Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary – No axels, no double jumps

Group IV:

1½ minutes

Intermediate/Above – May include one double jump

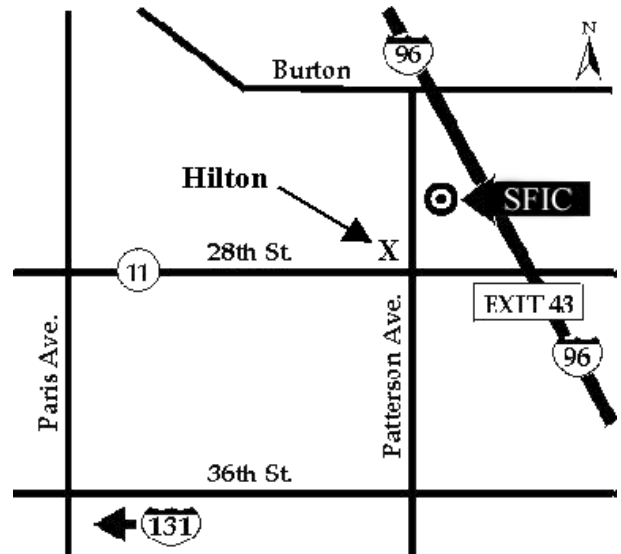
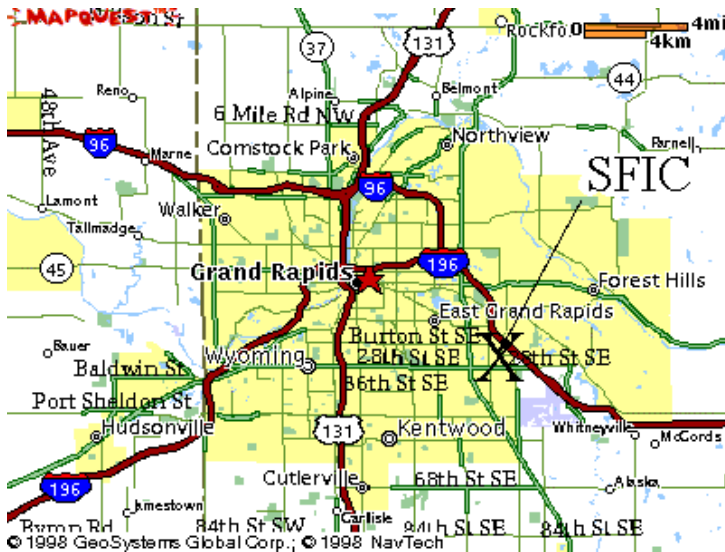
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The Standard Federal Ice Center (616-940-1423) is conveniently located to I-96 and a wide array of hotels, restaurants, shopping, and local attractions. The shores of beautiful Lake Michigan are a pleasant drive away.

HOST HOTEL
Grand Rapids Airport Hilton
4747 28th St SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49512
(616) 957-0100
(616) 957-2977 FAX
Toll free: 1-800-HILTONS

The Airport Hilton welcomes competitors with a special room rate of \$79 per night (plus taxes). Be sure to mention the competition when making reservations. The Hilton features fine dining at the Spinnaker Restaurant, indoor pool, room service, and fitness facilities. It is only a short walk to the Standard Federal Ice Center.

DIRECTIONS



From the east: Take I-96 to 28th St. (exit 43a). West on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

From the north: Take US 131 south to I-96. Go east on I-96 to 28th St. (exit 43a). West on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

From the west: Take I-96 to 28th St. (exit 43a). West on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

From the southwest: Take I-196 north. I-196 will merge with I-96. Take I-96 to 28th St. (exit 43a). West on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

From the south: Take US 131 north to 28th St. Go east on 28th St. to Patterson Ave. North on Patterson. Standard Federal Ice Center is on the east side of the road.

Entry Form

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Form must be completely filled in before it can be processed

Read all information carefully and talk to your coach first before calling us with questions.

Changes will be subject to a \$20 change fee.

First Name:		Last Name:		USFSA #:
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Date of Birth:	Sex: Female Male	Partner's Name (Pairs only)		
Day Phone #:	Night Phone #:	Email Address:		
Home Club: (do not abbreviate)		(Please	Coach's Name:	

Highest Test Passed _____

MARK YOUR SELECTIONS CLEARLY AND CAREFULLY!

Please check off event(s) entered. One entry form may be used for all events entered. Each member of a pair team must fill out a separate entry form.

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|--|--|--|--|--|
| Senior
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | Intermediate
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | Pre-Juvenile
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory Moves
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | Pre-Preliminary Limited
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory Moves
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | Basic Beginner
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory Moves |
| Junior
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | Juvenile
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | Preliminary
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory Moves
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | High Beginner
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory Moves | Adult Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold
<input type="checkbox"/> Masters |
| Novice
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | Open Juvenile(13+)
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Short Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | Preliminary Limited
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory Moves
<input type="checkbox"/> Jumps Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Spins Only | Low Beginner
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Skating
<input type="checkbox"/> Compulsory Moves | Pairs
<input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile
<input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate
<input type="checkbox"/> Adult |

Solo Dance: Write in dances to be skated (maximum of 4). EACH DANCE ENTERED IS A SEPARATE EVENT.

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Artistic Showcase:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group I (Beginner) | <input type="checkbox"/> Group III (Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group II (Pre-Preliminary & Preliminary) | <input type="checkbox"/> Group IV (Intermediate/Above) |

Check List:

- Entry Form
- Check
- Certificate of Competitor Form
- Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment
- Self-addressed, stamped, *BUSINESS #10* envelope

Entry Fees:

\$65 First event
 \$30 each additional event
 \$70 pairs event (\$35.00 per skater)
After April 17, include a late fee of \$25.00

DEADLINE FOR POSTMARK IS: April 17, 2004

MAIL TO: Becky Somsel, 6484 Ridgmont Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Certificate of Competitor by Club Officer

I hereby approve the entry of _____ (the competitor) into the 2004 Grand Rapids Open Figure Skating Competition. I further certify that he/she is a full member in good standing of our club, is an eligible skater as defined in the official Rules of the USFSA, and has passed the appropriate tests to skate the events entered. If you are an individual member, you will certify your own form.

Club Officer:	
Signature:	
Title:	Telephone #:
Club:	

Certification by Athlete and Parent/Guardian

Athlete: I agree to conduct myself, both on and off the ice, in a manner that will reflect favorable upon this competition and upon the sport of figure skating, and that is consistent with the high standards of the sport. I agree to respect the person and property of others, and in the event I cause injury, damage, or loss to another or to the property of another, I hereby indemnify the USFSA, the local Competition Committee, the Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club, and their officers, directors, members, committees, representatives, employees and agents, and agree to hold them harmless against any and all claims that another person may have or which may arise out of such injury, damage or loss, together with any reasonable costs and attorney's fees that may be incurred as result of any such claims, whether valid or not.

Athlete/Parent/Guardian: I understand that the USFSA and the Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club or organizers of this competition undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries, or loss of property 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, the USFSA, organizers of the competition, the Greater Grand Rapids Figure Skating Club and its Officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition (CR 10.12).

Athlete's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature: (If Athlete is under age 18)

Date

Coach's Information

Coach's Name: (print clearly)			
Coach's Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Day Phone #:	Evening Phone #:	E-Mail:	

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Authorization for Emergency Medical Treatment

Note: Must be completed and returned with official entry form.

Athlete's Name:		USFSA #:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Date of Birth:	Sex: Male Female	Telephone #:	
Home Club:			

Emergency medical information (allergies, pre-existing conditions, etc.) _____

Physician Information

Physician's Name:	Telephone #:
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Insurance Company Information

Insurance Company:
Policy Number:
Named of Insured:

In the event I am unavailable, I hereby give permission for any emergency medical treatment and further authorize and consent to the release of any pertinent medical information and records regarding the treatment, diagnosis, and/or examination of (myself) (my son/daughter) to authorized medical personnel.

Athlete's Signature _____ **Date**

Parent/Guardian's Signature (If athlete is under 18 years of age) _____ **Date**

Print Relationship (If skater is under 18 years of age – must be parent or legal guardian)

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