

FALLING LEAVES CLASSIC

Hosted by the Skating Club of Novi

OCTOBER 28-29, 2006



**Sanctioned by U.S.F.S.
NOVI ICE ARENA
42400 ARENA DRIVE
NOVI, MI 48375**

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ENTRY DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

****Sanctioned by US Figure Skating**
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**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
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The Falling Leaves Classic will be held at the Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive, Novi, MI, 48375 on October 28-29, 2006. The competition has been sanctioned by the U.S.F.S. and will be conducted in accordance with the rules set forth in the 2006 edition of the U.S.F.S. rulebook. Juvenile and Open-Juvenile Short Programs are as stated in the announcement. Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Short Programs will be those announced by U.S.F.S. for 2006-2007 and/or at the May 2006 Governing Council meeting. Freestyle events will follow the 2006-2007 Singles Free Skating Guidelines for the 6.0 System.

ELIGIBILITY: The competition is open to all eligible and re-instated skaters who are U.S.F.S. members and shall be qualified to enter events based on their test status as of September 1, 2006. Limited Beginner, Beginner, High Beginner, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary and Pre-Juvenile skaters will be grouped by birth date.

EVENTS: All Freestyle events will be final rounds.

Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior Short Program and Freestyle events will not be combined events.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded for first, second, third and fourth places.

ENTRIES AND FEES: All entries must be postmarked no later than September 15, 2006. **Space may be limited.** Applications will be processed on a first-come first-served basis. Late entries will be accepted by the discretion of the committee and will include an additional late fee of \$25.00. Entry fees are per person, per event and payable in U.S. Dollars only. **There will be a \$25.00 service fee assessed if the skater enters the wrong event and has to be changed.** There will also be a \$25.00 service fee assessed for returned/NSF checks. Fees are as follows:

**\$65.00 First Event
\$30.00 Each Additional Event**

Entry forms must be filled out completely and mailed along with entry fees made payable to SKATING CLUB OF NOVI. **Be sure to include a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope with your entry form to receive your event confirmation.** Mail applications to:

**FALLING LEAVES CLASSIC
C/O MARY LYNN SWINTON
3100 VIKING DRIVE
WALLED LAKE, MI 48390**

REFUNDS: No refunds will be issued after the closing date unless the event is cancelled for lack of participation. Two entries constitute a competition in any event. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY OTHER REASON, INCLUDING MEDICAL.**

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be available to the competitors at a fee of \$10.00 per session. Practice ice information will be mailed with skater's competition times. **Music will not be played on any practice session.**

REGISTRATION: The official registration desk will be open one hour prior to the start of competition and remain open until the close of competition on October 29, 2006. **Competitors must check in at the registration desk at least one hour prior to their event or they will not be allowed on the competition ice.**

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the Novi Ice Arena. Posted schedules and announcements thereon shall constitute sufficient notice to competitors, coaches, chaperones and officials.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: A proposed schedule and available practice ice times will be mailed to each competitor as soon as possible after entry closing. Check the official bulletin board immediately upon arrival for any changes. No admission fee will be charged.

OFFICIAL ARENA: The competition will be held at the Novi Ice Arena, 42400 Arena Drive, Novi, MI 48375, which has two ice surfaces each measuring 200' x 85'. Parking, dressing rooms, and snack bar facilities are available at the arena. A large vendor exhibition area will be inside the arena.

MUSIC: Music will be reproduced through the arena system on cassettes/CDs furnished by each competitor at registration. All cassettes/CDs must be clearly marked with name, event and actual time of the music on the side to be played. Damaged or improperly marked cassettes/CDs or practice cassettes/CDs will not be accepted. C-10 or C-20 TAPES ARE PREFERRED. CASSETTES MUST BE REWOUND AND READY TO PLAY. Competitors must have a suitable emergency back-up at rink side during his/her event.

VIDEO/PHOTOGRAPHY: Videotaping will be provided by *Ledin Photo and Video*. Award pictures will also be taken immediately following presentation of medals.

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COMPETITION EVENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

FREESTYLE:

All events will be skated on the full ice surface to the music of the skater's selection. There will be a ten second leeway in the specified time limit (freestyle only). Skaters may compete one level higher than their current test level.

LIMITED BEGINNER.....(Time: 1 ½ minutes) May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests. A well-balanced program consisting of half jumps only, salchows and toe loops, combinations consisting of these jumps only, upright forward one and two foot spins (minimum 3 revolutions), one step sequence and/or spiral sequence. No flying spins or combination spins permitted.

BEGINNER.....(Time: 1 ½ minutes) May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating Free Skate tests (refer to the Rulebook #3721). A well-balanced program consisting of single jumps (no axel or double jumps permitted), at least one jump combination or series but no more than three in total, a minimum of two spins of a different nature (minimum 3 revolutions), and one step or spiral sequence.

PRE-PRELIMINARY A(Time: 1 ½ minutes) Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher. A well-balanced program consisting of an unlimited number of single jumps (no axel or double jumps permitted). At least one jump combination or sequence of jumps (number of jumps to be included is free) but no more than three in total. A minimum of two spins of a different nature (minimum 3 revolutions). One step sequence or spiral sequence.

PRE-PRELIMINARY B.....(Time: 1 ½ minutes) Must have passed the Pre-Preliminary Free Skate Test and no higher. A well-balanced program consisting of an unlimited number of single jumps. An axel is permitted and may be repeated as an individual jump, or in jump sequences or jump combinations. No double jumps are permitted. At least one jump combination or sequence of jumps (number of jumps to be included is free) but no more than three in total. A minimum of two spins of a different nature (minimum 3 revolutions). One step or spiral sequence (refer to the Rulebook #3711).

PRELIMINARY LIMITED.....(Time: 1 ½ minutes) Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test and no higher. A well-balanced program consisting of an unlimited number of single jumps, including axels, which may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences or jump combinations. No double jumps are permitted. At least one jump combination or sequence of jumps (number of jumps to be included is free) but no more than three in total. A minimum of two spins of a different nature (minimum 3 revolutions). One step sequence utilizing one-half the ice surface.

PRELIMINARY(Time: 1 ½ minutes) Must have passed the Preliminary Free Skate test and no higher. A well-balanced program consisting of an unlimited number of single jumps, including axels and up to two different double jumps, which may be repeated as individual jumps, jump sequences or jump combinations. At least one jump combination or sequence of jumps (number of jumps to be included is free) but no more than three in total. A minimum of two spins of a different nature (minimum 3 revolutions). One step sequence utilizing one-half the ice surface (refer to the Rulebook #3701).

PRE-JUVENILE.....(Time: 2 minutes) Open to skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher. Only (4) different double jumps are allowed, but may be repeated either as individual jumps or in a sequence or combination.

OPEN-JUVENILE.....(Time: 2 minutes 15 seconds) Open to skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Juvenile Free Skate test and no higher. Skaters HAVE reached the age of 13 by September 1, 2006

JUVENILE.....(Time: 2 minutes 15 seconds) Open to skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher. Skaters HAVE NOT reached the age of 13 by September 1, 2006.

INTERMEDIATE.....(Time: 2 ½ minutes) Open to skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Intermediate Free Skate Test and no higher.

NOVICE.....(Time: 3 minutes Ladies 3 ½ minutes Men) Open to skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Novice Free Skate Test and no higher.

JUNIOR.....(Time: Ladies - 3 1/2 minutes, Men 4 minutes) Open to skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Junior Free Skate Test and no higher.

SENIOR.....(Time: Ladies - 4 minutes, Men - 4 ½ minutes) Open to skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Senior Free Skate Test.

ADULT: Open to skaters who are 21 years old or older. Categories and tests passed as follows:

ADULT PRE-BRONZE.....(Time: 1 min 40 secs max.) Skaters must have passed the Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate Test and no higher than the Pre- Preliminary Figure Test. No axels or double jumps.

ADULT BRONZE.....(Time: 1 min 40 secs max.) Skaters must have passed the Adult Bronze Free Skate Test and no higher than the Preliminary Figure Test. No axels or double jumps.

ADULT SILVER.....(Time: 2 min 10 secs max.) Skaters must have passed at least the Adult Silver Free Skate Test and no higher than the Juvenile Free Skate test. No double jumps. Axels are permitted.

ADULT GOLD.....(Time 2 mins 40 secs max.) Skaters must have passed at least the Adult Gold Free Skate Test and no higher than the Intermediate Free Skate Test. No restriction as to jumps allowed.

SHORT PROGRAM:

All Short Programs will be skated with music on full ice. Skaters may skate up one level, but may enter only one Short Program event. Time limits are absolute maximums, but may be less provided all required elements are included.

Changes passed at the May 2006 Governing Council will be allowed.

OPEN-JUVENILE.... (Time: 2 minutes or less) Skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher. Skaters HAVE reached the age of 13 by September 1, 2006.

Required elements:

- ★ Axel (May not be repeated in the combination)
- ★ One jump combination consisting of one single jump and one double jump or two double jumps.
- ★ Solo spin – Minimum 4 revolutions in position. May not be commenced with a jump.
- ★ Spin combination with only one change of foot and one change of position. Minimum 4 revolutions each foot.
- ★ Step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine).
- ★ Double Jump (May not be repeated in the combination)

JUVENILE..... (Time: 2 minutes or less) Skaters who have passed U.S.F.S. Juvenile Free Skate Test and no higher. Skaters HAVE NOT reached the age of 13 by September 1, 2006.

Required elements:

- ★ Axel (May not be repeated in the combination)
- ★ One jump combination consisting of one single jump and one double jump or two double jumps
- ★ Solo spin – Minimum 4 revolutions in position. May not be commenced with a jump.
- ★ Spin combination with only one change of foot and one change of position. Minimum 4 revolutions each foot.
- ★ Step sequence (straight line, circular or serpentine).
- ★ Double Jump (May not be repeated in the combination)

INTERMEDIATE...(Time: 2 minutes) Skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Intermediate Free Skate Test and no higher. Required elements as per Rule 3671 in the U.S.F.S. rulebook.

NOVICE.....(Time: 2 minutes 30 seconds or less) Skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Novice Free Skate Test and no higher. Required elements as per Rules 3661 and 3662 in the U.S.F.S. rulebook.

JUNIOR.....(Time: 2 minutes 50 seconds or less) Skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Junior Free Skate Test and no higher. Required elements as per SSR Rules 3651 and 3652 in the U.S.F.S. rulebook.

SENIOR.....(Time: 2 minutes 50 seconds or less) Skaters who have passed the U.S.F.S. Senior Free Skate Test. Required elements as per Rules 3641 and 3642 in the U.S.F.S. rulebook.

COMPULSORY MOVES

All events shall be skated without music, in a program form using ½ the ice surface. **Skaters may not exceed the stated time limit.** Test requirements for compulsory moves are the same as the freestyle level indicated. Skaters may skate up one level but may not skate at more than one level. Axel is considered a single jump. Boys and girls may skate in combined events if numbers warrant.

BEGINNER..... (Time: 1 minute 15 seconds or less)

- ★ ½ flip or half lutz jump
- ★ Salchow jump
- ★ Upright scratch spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- ★ Forward spiral
- ★ Waltz jump

HIGH BEGINNER..... (Time: 1 minute 15 seconds or less)

- ★ Waltz jump/Toe loop combination
- ★ Loop jump
- ★ Upright scratch spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- ★ Forward spiral
- ★ Salchow jump

PRE-PRELIMINARY... (Time: 1 minute 15 seconds or less)

- ★ Flip jump
- ★ Single-single jump combination (no axel)
- ★ Sit spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- ★ Forward outside spiral
- ★ Split jump

PRELIMINARY..... (Time: 1 minute 30 seconds or less)

- ★ Single jump (axel permitted)
- ★ Camel spin (minimum 3 revolutions)
- ★ Single-single jump combination (may not repeat jump above)
- ★ Combination spin (no change of foot)
- ★ Step sequence-straight line or diagonal

PRE-JUVENILE..... (Time 1 minute 30 seconds or less)

- ★ Single jump (may not be repeated in combination)
- ★ Double-single or single-double jump combination (may not repeat axel)
- ★ Combination spin with 1 change of foot, no change of position (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions each foot)
- ★ Solo spin (may not commence with a jump, minimum 4 revolutions in position)
- ★ Step sequence

JUMPS

Test requirements are the same as those listed under Freestyle. Skaters may skate one level higher than their current test level. Jumps must be skated in order. A skater will perform two attempts of the first jump and then will perform two attempts on the second jump. The best jump of each will be judged. Jumps will be performed on half ice. Skaters may not change the jump chosen after the first attempt.

PRE-PRELIMINARY Lutz jump, Waltz/Loop combination

PRELIMINARY Single/Single combination (no axel), Axel

PRE-JUVENILE/JUVENILE Axel, Double/Single combination jump

INTERMEDIATE/NOVICE Double Loop, Double/Double or Double/Single combination

JUNIOR/SENIOR Double Lutz, Double/Double or Double/Triple combination

SPINS

This event is to encourage and reward good spins. Age and test requirements are the same as listed under Freestyle. All levels will be skated on ½ ice surface. There will be no music. Spins must be skated exactly as stated, but may be skated in any order. One footwork sequence must be incorporated into your program along with a spread eagle, bauer or spiral

PRE-PRELIMINARY...(Time: 1 minute 30 seconds or less) Minimum 3 revolutions in position

- ★ One-foot forward scratch spin (Minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Sit spin (Minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Back spin (Minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Footwork sequence of any pattern
- ★ Spiral, spread eagle or bauer

PRELIMINARY..... (Time: 1 minute 30 seconds or less)

- ★ Back spin (minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Camel spin (Minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Sit Spin (Minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Footwork sequence of any pattern
- ★ Spiral, spread eagle or bauer

PRE-JUVENILE..... (Time: 1 minute 30 seconds or less)

- ★ Forward scratch to backward scratch spin combination
- ★ Layback spin – girl Camel Spin – boy (Minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Spin combination with only one change of foot and only one change of position (Minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Footwork sequence of any pattern
- ★ Spiral, spread eagle or bauer

JUVENILE AND OPEN JUVENILE..... (Time: 1 minute 30 seconds or less)

- ★ Flying camel spin (Minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Combination spin with only one change of foot (Minimum 4 revolutions) only two changes of position
- ★ Layback Spin – girls - camel spin – boys (Minimum 4 revolutions)
- ★ Footwork sequence of any pattern
- ★ Spiral, spread eagle or bauer

INTERMEDIATE..... (Time: 1 minute 30 seconds or less)

- ★ Spin Combination with 1 change of foot and 2 changes of position (5 revs minimum each foot)
- ★ Layback spin (5 revs minimum) for ladies or camel spin (5 revs minimum) for men.
- ★ Camel spin to back camel spin (4 revs minimum each foot)
- ★ Footwork sequence of any pattern
- ★ Spiral, spread eagle or bauer

NOVICE..... (Time: 2 minutes or less) Required spin elements as per Rule 3663 in the U.S.F.S. rulebook.

JUNIOR..... (Time: 2 minutes or less) Required spin elements as per Rule 3653 in the U.S.F.S. rulebook.

SENIOR..... (Time: 2 minutes or less) Required spin elements as per Rule 3643 in the U.S.F.S. rulebook, but three total spins, not four.

ARTISTIC SHOWCASE

Open themes for each level. Skaters may not skate up a level for this event. Skaters will provide their own music. Vocal music is allowed. A certain amount of jumping is permitted, but no credit is given unless the jumps contribute to the overall aesthetic value of the program. Skaters will be judged to how well they interpret their theme. Artistry, originality and creativity are emphasized. Props may be used to accentuate the performance. The skater is responsible for transporting the props on and off the ice. Thirty seconds will be allowed for this. Costumes are encouraged!

NOTE: Props will not be allowed on the warm-up.

Group 1:	Pre-Preliminary/Preliminary	1-1/2 minutes
Group 2:	Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile	1-1/2 minutes
Group 3:	Intermediate and Above	1-1/2 minutes
Group 4:	Adult	1-1/2 minutes

** Please note: Guest judges may serve as a minority on the artistic showcase event panels.

SOLO DANCE EVENTS

Each dance is a separate event. Solo dance will be two patterns 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, Canasta Tango and Rhythm Blues

PRE-BRONZE – Skater may have passed all Pre-Bronzes but not all Bronze Dances

Dance Events: Cha-Cha, Swing Dance and Fiesta Tango

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

Dance Events: Willow Waltz, Ten Fox and Hickory Hoedown

PRE-SILVER – Skater may have passed all Pre-Silver Dances but not all Silver Dances

Dance Events: Fourteen Step, European Waltz and Foxtrot

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

Dance Events: American Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot and Harris Tango

PRE-GOLD - Skater may have passed all Pre-Gold Dances but not all Gold Dances.

Dance Events: Killian, Blues and Paso Doble

GOLD – Skater may have passed all Gold Dances.

Dance Events: Quickstep, Westminster Waltz and Argentine Tango

FALLING LEAVES CLASSIC - ENTRY FORM

October 28-29, 2006

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Competitor's Information:

Name _____ Age _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____ Sex (M/F) _____ USFS# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Cell () _____

Home Club (Do not abbreviate) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Last Free Skate Test Passed as of September 1, 2006 _____

Coach's Information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ Cell () _____

EVENTS ENTERED

FREESTYLE

Limited Beginner
 Beginner
 Pre-Preliminary A
 Pre-Preliminary B
 Preliminary Limited
 Preliminary
 Pre-Juvenile
 Open-Juvenile
 Juvenile
 Intermediate
 Novice
 Junior
 Senior
 Adult Pre-Bronze
 Adult Bronze
 Adult Silver
 Adult Gold

COMPULSORY MOVES

Beginner
 High Beginner
 Pre-Preliminary
 Preliminary
 Pre-Juvenile

SHORT PROGRAM

Open-Juvenile
 Juvenile
 Intermediate
 Novice
 Junior
 Senior

SPINS

Pre-Preliminary
 Preliminary
 Pre-Juvenile
 Juvenile/
 Open-Juvenile
 Intermediate
 Novice
 Junior
 Senior

ARTISTIC SHOWCASE

Pre-Preliminary/Preliminary
 Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile
 Intermediate/Above

JUMPS

Pre-Preliminary
 Preliminary
 Pre-Juvenile/Juvenile
 Intermediate/Novice
 Junior/Senior

SOLO DANCE Write in dances to be skated (maximum of 6)

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

Date Arrived: _____
Confirmation: _____

Check # _____
Amount _____

CONTESTANT CERTIFICATION

I am an amateur, eligible under the rules of the United States Figure Skating Association to enter the event(s) checked on this entry form.

Contestant Signature: _____

CERTIFICATION OF CLUB OFFICER OR TEST CHAIRMAN

To the best of my knowledge, the information on this entry form is true and correct. The competitor is a member in good standing of our club.

Club Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Phone #:** () _____

Title: _____ **Date:** _____

WAIVER OF CLAIMS FOR INJURY

The competitor and family holds the Skating Club of Novi and the Novi Ice Arena harmless from any and all liability for injuries to the competitor and from any and all liability for damages to or loss of property. I also understand that no refunds will be made after September 15, 2006, INCLUDING MEDICAL.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail To: **Falling Leaves Classic**
 C/O Mary Lynn Swinton
 3100 Viking Drive
 Walled Lake, MI 48390

ENTRIES CLOSE SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

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Area Hotels

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| 1. Wyndham Hotel*, 42100 Crescent Blvd., Novi, MI, (248)344-8800 | 1.7 miles from Arena |
| 2. Doubletree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton, Novi, MI, (248)348-5000 | 1.9 miles from Arena |
| 3. Courtyard by Marriott, 42700 11 Mile Rd., Novi, MI (248)380-1234 | 1.4 miles from Arena |
| 4. Towneplace Suites, 42600 11 Mile Rd., Novi, MI (248)305-5533 | 1.4 miles from Arena |
| 5. Extended Stay America, 21555 Haggerty, Novi, MI (248)305-9955 | 2.1 miles from Arena |
| 6. Novi Sheraton, 21111 Haggerty, Novi, MI (248)349-4000 | 2.2 miles from Arena |
| 7. Hampton Inn, 20600 Haggerty, Northville, MI (734)462-6270 | 2.4 miles from Arena |
| 8. Embassy Suites, 19525 Victor Pkwy, Livonia, MI (734)462-6000 | 3.3 miles from Arena |
| 9. Fairfield Inn, 17350 Fox Dr., Livonia, MI (734)953-8888 | 4.0 miles from Arena |
| 10. Residence Inn, 17250 Fox Dr., Livonia, MI (734)462-4201 | 4.0 miles from Arena |

**The Wyndham Hotel is the official hotel for the competition.*