



**10th Annual Illinois Grand Prix
Skating Council of Illinois
September 26 & 27, 2020**

The **Illinois Grand Prix** will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating [website](#).

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

In previous years, the **Illinois Grand Prix** was an “invitation only” competition. This year due to the cancellation for all but one **Illinois Grand Prix** qualifying competition, due to Covid – 19, the Illinois Grand Prix is open to any competitor who wishes to enter.

The Skating Council of Illinois is making every effort to ensure the health and safety of our skaters, coaches, parents, volunteers and rink staff. To this end, we are only allowing one parent with each skater. We will not be posting starting orders or final results in the rink. We are only allowing 2 groups of skaters to be in the facility at any one time, are providing sanitation stations, are not allowing the use of lockers rooms, except for the removal of skates, are requiring masks when not skating and are enforcing social distancing. Skate orders and final results will be posted online versus at the rink.

We will continually monitor the WHO and CDC websites for travel advisories and follow their recommendations. More information can also be found at <https://www.usfigureskating.org/coronavirus>.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

Test Level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate up two levels above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.



Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

Juvenile: Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger
Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older
Intermediate must be under the age of 18
Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters entering pre-juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

COMPETITION REGISTRATION: Registration will be done on Entryeze. Go to www.entryeze.com to register for the Illinois Grand Prix. Practice ice can also be pre-purchased when you register. If there is not enough available practice ice to full-fill all requests, monies will be returned through Entryeze.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will **not** be refunded after September 1st, unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals.

SCHEDULE: Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

STARTING ORDERS/FINAL PLACEMENTS: Starting orders and final results will be at the rink; rather, they will be posted on our WEB site, www.Skatingcouncilofillinois.org, at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 28th. Starting orders will not be posted in the arena. Final placements will also be posted on our WEB site, www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org. Final placements will not be posted in the arena.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at the Oak Lawn Ice Arena, 9640 S. Kenton Avenue, in Oak Lawn, Illinois. The ice surface measures 200 x 85 feet with rounded corners.

MUSIC SUBMISSION:

All music must be uploaded through Entryeze, by September 1st. There will be a \$25 late fee charged for any music that is not received by September 1st. Competitor's, must also bring a copy of their competition music on CD, available at rink side during the competition. Only CDS (Standard CD-R format only), will be accepted for backups and must be clearly marked with the competitors name, event and running time.

PLANNED PROGRAM CONTENT (PPC)

Competitors participating in IJS events are required to submit PPC in Entryeze no later than September 1st at 12:00 PM CT. After this date, skaters will be subject to a \$25 late fee. Late fees must be paid prior to skating.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Skating Council of Illinois and the Oak Lawn Ice Arena accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

ONSITE REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN: Registration will be open one hour before the first event and run through the last event of the day. The registration table will be located at the entrance to the lobby. Please follow the register/check-in times you are giving when you receive your schedule.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS WILL NOT BE UTILIZED FOR THIS COMPETITION:

For the health and safety of all involved, we ask that all skater's enter the building with their costume on and make-up and hair already completed. All skaters and coaches will be provided with a designated waiting area. We will provide seating so that skaters can put on their skates in their designed waiting area. At registration each skater will be checked to be sure they are ready to compete before they enter the facility.

PRACTICE ICE: Limited practice ice will be able for purchase. Once the schedule is posted, skaters can go to Entryeze and purchase practice ice. For the health and safety of everyone, there will be a limited number of competitors on each session. Practice ice will be \$15 per 30 minutes and is available on a first come, first served basis.

PHOTO/VIDEO: Competitors will receive a full set of action photographs from KR Photogs and a video of their event from Chicago Star Productions. These will be available online following the event. In addition, we will make every effort to "live stream" each skater's performance.

Note, [per U.S. Figure Skating policy](#), photographing and/or recording of any one other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. Please refer to the Basic Ice Usage and Skater Etiquette Information document found in the Club Resource section of Member's Only.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded for 1st through 4th place for each event.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: The official bulletin board for this event will be the **Skating Council of Illinois WEB site**, www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the WEB site frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition and will indicate what time each event's competitors should report to registration.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at registration. The fee for test credit is \$25. The form must be completed and returned to registration prior to their event. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES:

To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/ \$5 million aggregate.
- ✓ Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. *
- ✓ Must complete three waivers: 1) Assumption of Risk, Waiver and Release and Indemnification Agreement, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. *
- ✓ If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

Learn to Skate USA Coach:

- ✓ Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. *
 - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- ✓ If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. *
 - The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- ✓ Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above)

Foreign Coach/Choreographer:

- ✓ Required to present the LOC with a letter from their federation verifying they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

VOLUNTEER INFO: For the safety of everyone, there will be a limited number of volunteers for this event. There will be three (3) ice monitors, three (3) registration personnel, one (1) awards person, one (1) person monitoring the exit door, and one (1) individual posting the final results to the WEB site. If you are interested in volunteering, all competitors will receive an invitation to help through Sign-Up Genius.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Oak Lawn Ice Arena is located within 5 miles of Midway airport. If you are flying in, this is the recommended airport.

The Oak Lawn Hilton is the nearest hotel to the competition. It is adjacent to the Oak Lawn Ice Arena.

EVENTS OFFERED AND ENTRY FEES: The Illinois Grand Prix is a **free-skate only** competition.

A copy of this announcement, schedule and all competition information and changes can be viewed at www.skatingcouncilofillinois.org

SINGLES	JUDGING	1 st EVENT
<u>Excel Free Skate</u> – Excel Beginner, Excel High Beginner, Excel Pre-Preliminary, and Excel Preliminary	6.0	\$150
<u>Excel Free Skate</u> – Excel Preliminary Plus, Excel Pre-Juvenile Plus, Excel Juvenile Plus, Excel Intermediate, Excel Intermediate Plus, Excel Novice, Excel Junior and Excel Senior	IJS	\$190
<u>Well Balanced Free Skate</u> – No Test through Pre-Juvenile	6.0	\$150
<u>Well Balanced Free Skate</u> – Juvenile through Senior	IJS	\$190
<u>Adult Singles Free Skate</u> – Pre Bronze to Gold	6.0	\$150

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition - MC 7/1/2020

