



Dear Skaters, Parents and Coaches,

The staff of **South Suburban Ice Arena** would like to invite you to the 20th annual **South Suburban Ice Arena Winterfest ISI Competition**. The competition is endorsed by the Ice Skating Institute (ISI) (endorsement # 1-2641-2015) and it will be held at the ***South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S Vine Street in Centennial, Colorado 80121 on Saturday and Sunday November 21-22, 2015 . Events are offered to all ages - Tots through Adults.***

Deadline: All entries must be postmarked by October 10th. All skaters must be current individual members of ISI and must have their highest test level registered with the ISI before October 10, 2015.

Entry Forms: Team coaches should make sure that all entry forms have the skater's ISI number and competition level on them. The rink manager or skating director should also sign each form to verify that all information is correct.

Fees: Fees for individual and couple competitors will be \$60.00 for the first event and \$20.00 for each additional event, \$13.00 per person for team events. In partner events (pairs, couples, etc.) each skater will pay the additional event fee of \$13.00, unless he/she is only in one event; then the \$60.00 per couple fee applies.

Registration & Check-in: All skaters may begin picking up their competitor's packets on Saturday November 21st, starting at 12:15 PM. Practice ice may be purchased through the South Suburban Ice Arena during our regular contract times or on the days preceding the events. A copy of the ice times will be furnished upon request. Please indicate that you are participating in the competition when you reserve ice time.
Competitors should check-in with the ice monitors one hour before their scheduled warm-up time.

Eligibility: The South Suburban Ice Arena Winterfest ISI competition is open to all skaters who are current members of ISI. Members of USFSA are eligible to compete in accordance with the ISI/USFSA Joint Statement of Policy.

Competition: It is very important for each team coach to be familiar with the 2014 combined edition of the *ISI Handbook* – along with the 2014 Rule Revisions.

Judges: Each team must provide at least one judge for every 15 skaters and all judges must be current associate members of the ISI. We will have a judges meeting on Saturday November 21st at 12:00 PM at the South Suburban Ice Arena.

- Divisions:** In most cases we try to divide groups by age categories recommended by ISI: however, in cases of large or small enrollment, we do reserve the right to divide and combine the groups further. Remember that if there is only one skater in an event, he or she must earn at least 80% of the total possible points in order to receive first place.
- Music:** All CD's must be properly labeled on the side on which they have to be played. These must be turned into our Music Chairperson starting on Saturday afternoon at the registration desk. Time limits for all programs can be found in the *ISI Handbook*.
- Accounting Reviews:** Requests for accounting reviews must be made in writing and submitted by the team coach to the chief referee no later than one hour after the results have been posted. All review requests must include a fee of \$50.00, which will be refunded should the protest be upheld. Reviews concerning judgment will not be considered. The chief referee's decision will be final.

Competition Requirements:

Tots

Open to children ages 6 and under who have passed Tot levels 1, 2, 3 or 4 (see 2014 ISI Handbook). The program time is 1 minute, and the coach will be allowed on the ice if necessary during the warm up and the competition.

Pre-Alpha, Alpha-Delta

Open to skaters of all ages. Skaters must perform one additional maneuver from Freestyle 1 and programs should be 1 minute long.

Stroking

Open to all Alpha-FS 3 skaters. Competitors will be grouped by age and test level. They will perform forward stroking in both directions to music selected by the host rink. Crossovers are optional and will not be judged.

Spotlight

Skaters in Pre-alpha-Delta are permitted to perform maneuvers at the FS 1 level or lower.

Skaters in FS 1-3 are permitted to perform maneuvers from FS 4 level or lower and any uncaptured moves for those levels.

Skater in FS 4-5 are permitted to perform maneuvers from FS 6 level or lower and any uncaptured moves from those levels.

Skaters in FS 6-10 are permitted to perform maneuvers from any level, as well as any uncaptured moves.

The penalty for not following the limitation on moves that a skater may perform during spotlight is a grade of 2.0 for music and choreography.

Props, if used, are limited to those the skater can hand carry or push onto the ice in one trip. Skaters can have assistance with props at the ice door. Props may not be flame or smoke oriented or any other substance that would alter the ice surface.

The judging criteria will be costume and/or props, music, and choreography, judges appeal, originality and duration. No technical grade.

The spotlight category will be divided into 3 divisions and then, according to enrollment, will be divided into compatible test levels and age groups:

Spotlight Character- Skaters must transform themselves into the characters they portray. The music and costume are essential in conveying who or what the character is.

Spotlight Dramatic- Skaters use their performance to evoke an emotional response. They may wish to interpret a piece of music or tell a story through the use of skating, choreography, mime, acting, etc.

Spotlight Light Entertainment- Skaters entertain in a vaudeville-type fashion using any variety of themes: Broadway, rock and roll, comedy, etc.

Timing starts with any action after the music starts.

Pre-Alpha – Delta - 1 minute FS 1-5 1.5 minutes FS 6-10 2 minutes

Family Spotlight

This event is open to two or more family members of any age and skating level. The program time is 1 1/2 minutes, and the routines may be fun, entertaining, emotional, etc.

The judging criteria are the same as solo spotlight.

Couples Spotlight

This event is open to skaters Tots - FS10. Skaters do not need to be of the same test level to be partners; however, they must be grouped as:

		<u>Maneuver limitations</u>	<u>Duration</u>
Low	Tots – Delta	FS1 and below	1 minute
Medium	FS1-3	FS4 and below	1.5 minutes
Intermediate	FS4-5	FS6 and below	1.5 minutes
High	FS6-10	Any maneuvers	2 minutes

All of the same rules, guidelines, penalties, etc. for props in spotlight apply to Couples Spotlight.

Artistic Skating

This event is open to skaters who have passed FS 1- 10. There are no required moves; instead, emphasis should be placed on the creative and innovative design of a skating program. The main focus should be on strong edges, body positions, flow, music interpretation, rhythm, choreography, and artistry. There is no score for technical merit.

Artistic skating differs from Dramatic Spotlight in that the latter focuses on emotional themes, costumes, props, etc. Artistic Skating highlights the artistry of skating fundamentals.

	<u>Maneuver limitations</u>	<u>Duration</u>
FS 1-3	Maneuvers from FS4 and below	1.5 minutes
FS 4-5	Maneuvers from FS6 and below	1.5 minutes
FS 6-10	Any maneuvers	2 minutes

Timing begins with any action after the music starts. No props permitted.

Interpretive

Skaters listen to a piece of music three times while they mentally choreograph a routine to it. Emphasis is on the skater's ability to choreograph to music, not on the difficulty of the skating maneuvers performed. When they skate their program, this will be the fourth time they hear the music. Skaters are not to be coached by

instructors, parents or anyone else during this event. Skaters of several levels and of both genders may be combined for this event.

Maneuver limitations

FS 1-3	Maneuvers from FS4 and below
FS 4-5	Maneuvers from FS6 and below
FS 6-10	Any maneuvers

Couples

Age groupings for couple skaters will be determined by the age of the older skaters. Skaters in Pre-Alpha-Delta may not compete Couple 1. If couple partners are of different levels the skater of lower test achievement must test up. Skaters competing together in couple competition may not be more than one test level apart. No skaters in couples may compete more than one level below the FS test level that they have achieved. We will offer similar and mixed couple events.

Dance

Skaters in dance must have the appropriate ice dancing tests passed and registered. They must compete at highest level that they have completed. We will offer solo, shadow and couple dance events.

Pairs

Age groupings for pair teams will be determined by the age of the older skater. Skater in Pre-Alpha-Delta may not enter Pair events. If Pair partners are of different levels the skater of lower test achievement must test up.

Rhythmic Skating

Rhythmic skating events are open to all freestyle level skaters. Skaters may enter one or more events. If a skater enters two or more Rhythmic events, they must have a different program and different props for each event. There are no required maneuvers for Rhythmic events. Emphasis should be placed on entertainment value and use of the prop in creative and unusual ways to enhance the program choreography. Please refer to the 2014 ISI Handbook for maneuver limitations, prop specifications, program lengths and judging criteria.

Footwork

This event is open to anyone who has passed FS 1 and Dance 1. Skaters are grouped according to their highest Freestyle or Dance Test levels, and perform any footwork sequences that are not mandatory dance step sequences in a freestyle test level. Emphasis should be on clean edges and turns. No props are allowed. Programs are 1 minute, and skaters may not perform any jumps over 1/2 rotation (the half loop is a full rotation jump) or any spins over 3 revolutions.

Synchronized Team Events

Synchronized, Synchronized Formation and Synchronized Dance teams must contain a minimum of 8 members. The team entry form must have each skater's name, age and ISI number listed. **Please see the new 2014 Rule Revisions that are in effect beginning on 9/1/14.** Teams will be divided into five age groups, based on the skaters' ages on July 1, 2014:

Tot	Majority 6 years and under
Jr. Youth	Majority of skaters ages 8 and under
Youth	Majority of skaters ages 9-11
Sr. Youth	Majority of skaters 12-14
Teen	Majority of skaters ages 14-19
Adult	Majority of skaters ages 20 and over

See new Synchronized event duration times in the 2014 *ISI Handbook*. All members of the 1st, 2nd and, 3rd place teams will receive individual medals.

Kaleidoskate Team Event

Teams must consist of 8 or more skaters, but are open to all ages and levels. The event is similar to pattern skating in that you can form squares, circles, triangles, stars, etc. Emphasis should be to create changing formations that resemble unique visual patterns, similar to those seen in a kaleidoscope. The more skaters the better - with a large group you can create unique patterns and transformations covering the entire ice. Costumes of contrasting colors and small props may be used to accentuate the creative arrangements and patterns. Duration time is 3 to 4 1/2 minutes, with a 10-second leeway. All members of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams will receive individual medals.

Production Numbers

This event is open to your entire skating team, regardless of age or skating level. All types of skating are allowed. Costumes and props can (and should) be used to create a lavish, artistic work marked by extreme freedom of style and structure. Duration time is 3 to 4 1/2 minutes. All members of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams will receive individual medals.

Team Compulsories

This event is open to teams of freestyle levels only. Teams must contain 6 skaters for FS 1-5 and 7 skaters for FS 6-10, and programs should be 3 1/2 minutes. Skaters may participate on one team only; they may skate above the level they have tested but may not skate below their test level. Teams will be divided into the following age groupings: majority of skaters 20 and under; majority of skaters 21 and over.

Each maneuver must be attempted 2 times by the same skater, and the maneuvers must be performed in the order listed in the *Skaters and Coaches Handbook*. However, the dance step sequences in FS 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 need only be performed once. The arabesques required in FS 1 and 3 need only be performed once. The two arabesques required in FS 2 and 4 need only be performed one time each.

The opposite jumps in FS 7, 9, and 10 and the opposite spin in FS 9 must be performed in both directions. If a team has only 5 skaters present, the maneuvers missed will receive a grade of zero. An alternate skater can replace a sick or injured skater, but a skater may not perform more than one maneuver.

Individual Compulsory Moves

The selected individual elements from the respective freestyle levels are performed in any order in a routine without music. Duration for all levels is 1 minute. Elements may not be repeated and additional maneuvers such as any jump, spin or gliding maneuver from a test level or any uncaptured move is not allowed. Alpha>Delta will be on half ice and FS 1 and above will be on full ice. There is no penalty for the quantity of strokes or crossovers in the Alpha-Beta levels. Only the quality of these maneuvers is judged.

Level

Maneuvers

Pre-alpha	Forward Swizzles / 2-Foot Glide / Backward Wiggles
Alpha	Forward Stroking / Right over Left Forward Crossovers / 1-Foot Snowplow Stop
Beta	Backward Stroking / Left over Right Backward Crossovers / Right T-Stop
Gamma	Right Forward Outside 3-turn / Right Forward Inside Mohawk Combo, / Hockey Stop
Delta	Right Forward Inside 3-turn / Bunny Hop / Lunge
FS 1	Waltz jump / 2-foot spin / Forward Arabesque
FS 2	Ballet jump / 1-foot spin / ½ Lutz jump
FS 3	Salchow jump / Change Foot Spin / Backward Arabesque
FS 4	Flip jump / Sit Spin / Loop jump
FS 5	Camel-sit-upright spin / Axel / Back spin
FS 6	Double Salchow / Choice spin (Cross-foot/Layback/Sit-Change-Sit) / Split jump
FS 7	Two Walley jumps / Flying Camel spin / Double Toe Loop jump

Open Freestyle Events

We will be offering the new Open Freestyle Events. Please see the program content information on the Skateisi.com website.

Skaters who have passed FS 1-3 or the Open Bronze test may compete at the Open Bronze level.

Skaters who have passed FS 4-5 or the Open Silver test may compete at the Open Silver level.

Skaters who have passed FS 6-7 or the Open Gold test may compete at the Open Gold level .

Skaters who have passed FS 8-10 or the Open Platinum test may compete at the Open Platinum level.

Hotel Accommodations

A list of hotels within a five-mile radius and their telephone numbers is enclosed.

For further information regarding the competition, please contact Gerry Lane, Director of Skating, at 303-798-7881 extension 304 or at GerryL@sspr.org. The event schedule will not be available until November 1st at which time **it will be mailed to your team coach.**

Judge Availability Form

Coach's Name_____

Rink Affiliation_____

Membership Number_____

Judging Certifications	Gold	_____
	Silver	_____
	Bronze	_____
	Synchro	_____
	None	_____

I am willing to judge:

Tots	_____
Pre-Alpha-Delta	_____
Freestyle	_____
Artistic	_____
Stroking	_____
Footwork	_____
Interpretive	_____
Spotlight	_____
Couples	_____
Pairs	_____
Dance	_____
Synchro	_____
Team events	_____