

# U.S. SOLO ICE DANCE INTERNATIONAL

April 30-May 3, 2026



Hosted by:



Located at:



1800 Michael Faraday Ct  
Reston, VA 20190  
USA

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***Washington Figure Skating Club***

The 2026 U.S. Solo Ice Dance International will be conducted in accordance with the [ISU International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines 2025/26 General Rules and Requirements](#), and the [International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines 2025/26 Technical Rules and Level Requirements](#). Skaters must provide a passport or other proof of age to verify skaters meet age requirements as outlined in the International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines 2025/26.

### **Competition Venue**

**Rink Name:** SkateQuest  
**Address:** 1800 Michael Faraday Ct, Reston, VA 20190  
**Website:** [www.skatequest.com](http://www.skatequest.com)  
**Phone:** +1 703 709 1010

SkateQuest in Reston, Virginia has two rink surfaces with rounded corners and hockey barriers, and four locker rooms for each surface. One surface is Olympic size 200' by 100'(60m by 30m), the other surface is NHL size (200' by 85'). All official and unofficial practice and competition events will be held on the Olympic surface – 200' by 100' (60m by 30m).

There is a Pro shop and a snack shop in the facility.

### **Event Requirements**

The requirements for International Solo Ice Dance Competitions will follow the requirements announced annually in the ISU International Solo Ice Dance Guidelines.

- General Rules and Requirements
- Technical Rules and Level Requirements
- Scale of Values

Events offered will be:

● Basic Novice	2 Pattern Dances and 1 Free Dance
● Intermediate Novice	2 Pattern Dances and 1 Free Dance
● Advanced Novice	2 Pattern Dances and 1 Free Dance
● Junior	1 Rhythm Dance and 1 Free Dance
● Senior	1 Rhythm Dance and 1 Free Dance

The Pattern Dances and Rhythm Dance will be skated prior to the Free Dance.

**Age Requirements (before July 1 preceding the competition):**

- Novice:
  - Basic Novice – has not reached the age of fourteen
  - Intermediate Novice – has not reached the age of sixteen
  - Advanced Novice – has reached the age of ten and has not reached the age of eighteen
- Junior: Has reached at least the age of thirteen and has not reached the age of twenty-one
- Senior: Has reached at least the age of seventeen

## **Entry Fee**

The entry fee for all events will be \$350 USD. Entry fees are required at the time of entry. The Washington Figure Skating Club will use an online registration and payment system for all registrations.

At the discretion of the LOC and the Chief Referee, late entries may be accepted and subject to a \$80 USD late fee.

## **Eligibility**

International competitors must have a current membership with their country's skating federation and will be required to submit certification from their club or federation. A letter on club or federation letterhead or a picture or screenshot of the current year membership card will be sufficient.

U.S. Figure Skating members must meet the criteria for eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club, or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook.

## **Entries**

The announcement and the online registration link will be available on the ISU website and the official event website: <https://www.washingtonfsc.org/competitions/>

## **Competition Registration**

Online registrations will be accepted via U.S. Figure Skating's [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% processing fee, and this will not be refunded under *any* circumstance.

Registration Deadline\*: **Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time (ET)**

Late Registration Deadline: **Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 11:59pm ET + \$80 USD Late Fee**

\*The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) reserves the right to close entries at any time if capacity is reached. At the discretion of the LOC and the Chief Referee, late entries may be accepted and are subject to a \$80 USD late fee. If late registration is opened, it will close by Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 11:59 pm.

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating number and password\*\*
  - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services a [memberservices@usfigureskating.org](mailto:memberservices@usfigureskating.org).
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "**U.S. Solo Ice Dance International**" from the list of competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org).
5. Select the appropriate event.

**\*\*Non-U.S. Skaters:** Non-U.S. skaters who intend to register for this competition and haven't used EMS before, must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition (click here for [HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

## **Panels of Judges**

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one international judge or ISU judge educated in the ISU judging system. The organizer decides on the composition of the panel of judges. In case of too many nominated judges, the organizer reserves the right to reduce the number of judges. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result. The organizer will cover accommodation for accepted judges and invited officials. Meals for accepted judges and invited officials will be provided at the arena during the days of competition.

To nominate a judge, please email [hmnemier@gmail.com](mailto:hmnemier@gmail.com) AND [millierjc@aol.com](mailto:millierjc@aol.com)

## **Judges, Referees and Technical Panel**

The Organizer will provide ground transportation, accommodations and meals for all invited judges, referees and technical panel officials. Breakfast will be available at the hotel below, and all other meals will be in the Officials Lounge, located in the annex trailer at the rink, from lunch on Thursday, April 30, 2026 through lunch on Sunday, May 3, 2026. The Organizer will additionally cover economy roundtrip airfare or driving mileage for invited Technical Panel Officials (Referee, TC, TS, Data/Video). Please refer to the [U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy](#) for additional information.

The Organizer will not cover any expenses of skaters, coaches or additional **federation officials**.

## **Results and ISU Minimum Score**

The ISU Judging System as described in the International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines will be used.

This is not an ISU Minimum Technical Score event.

## **Music Submission/Upload**

Competitors are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **Friday, April 10, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$55 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

Any **changes** to music after April 10, 2026 will be subject to the \$55 fee.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds.

Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

## **EMS Planned Program Content (PPC) Submission/Upload**

Competitors participating in free dance and rhythm dance events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **Friday, April 10, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$55 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

*If you need assistance, email [productsupport@usfigureskating.org](mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org)*

## **Refund Policy**

Entry fees will not be refunded after the registration deadline date (March 29, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET) unless the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for skater withdrawals after March 29, 2026 for any reason, including medical. Credit card processing fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.

All fees, including late fees, must be paid prior to the competition. If a skater has unpaid fees, the LOC may withdraw the skater from all entered events. No refund will be available if the LOC withdraws a skater due to unpaid fees.

Contested credit card charges will incur a \$25 USD fee. This fee is nonrefundable and must be paid before the skater will be allowed to skate.

## **Liability**

It is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the 2026 U.S. Solo Ice Dance International Competition to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials, and all other members of the Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return to their home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The Organizer (including but not limited to U.S. Figure Skating, the Washington Figure Skating Club, and SkateQuest) assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or

personal injury or property damage incurred in connection by the skaters, officials or any other participating persons. All entrants, their parents and guardians, and officials agree to assume all risks of injury or illness 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 that they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the Washington Figure Skating Club and its officers, or SkateQuest and its staff.

## **Locker Rooms and Changing Areas**

All athletes should arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with ready rooms to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

## **Official Website and Updates**

Information can be found on the competition website at: [www.washingtonfsc.org/competitions](http://www.washingtonfsc.org/competitions)

Skating orders and event results will be posted online only. The link to starting orders and results will be available on the competition website and onsite at the event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted online prior to the competition.

Updates during the event will be on the white board located at the registration desk. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the white board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

## **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.

### **Tentative Schedule:**

#### **Thursday, April 30, 2026**

Practice Ice (available for purchase)

#### **Friday, May 1, 2026**

Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Events continue

#### **Saturday, May 2, 2026**

Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Events continue

**Sunday, May 3, 2026**

Practice Ice (available for purchase)  
Events conclude prior to 3:00 pm ET

**Practice Ice**

Unofficial practice ice will be available for purchase. A schedule of practice ice sessions will be posted on the U.S. Solo Ice Dance International Competition EMS website soon after the competition schedule is published, along with the date/time when the practice ice reservation system will be activated. At that time, all purchases can be made through EMS.

The sign up for practice ice in EMS will be available through the end of the U.S. Solo Ice Dance International Competition. The practice ice fee is **\$20 USD for 20 minutes per skater** through **Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 12:00 pm noon**. Afterwards, the unofficial practice ice fee will increase to **\$25 USD per session per skater**. No refunds will be issued for those who do not appear or are late for their reserved sessions. Practice ice sessions are non-transferable. Music will not be played during practice ice sessions.

**Onsite Check-In**

Check-in will open approximately 30 minutes before the first event each day. The registration desk will be located at the arena's main entrance.

**Awards**

Medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places of each event, and will be presented in the mezzanine after the official results are certified. Skaters or designees who are not able to make the award ceremony may pick up their medal at the registration desk afterwards. Awards not collected by the close of the competition will be forfeited.

**Photography / Videography**

Video by [Looking Glass Productions](#) is included in the U.S. Solo Ice Dance International Competition registration fee. Information for downloading the video (**no music included**) will be sent out after the competition. Information on live streaming will be provided later.

Action photos by [Melanie Heaney Photography](#) are provided for an additional fee. Skaters will receive an email about pre-orders before the competition.

Spectators are reminded that flash photography is dangerous to skaters and is strictly prohibited. Personal video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your skater's performance and for personal use only. Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical

cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena. Personal video filming is only permitted from the audience stands. Filming from the coaching area or hockey boxes is not allowed.

## **Emergency Medical Staff**

The local organizing committee has contracted with AMR® to provide a professional emergency medical technician rink-side during the event in case of medical emergency.

## **Travel Information**

Skaters and coaches are to provide their own transportation and book rooms on their own.

### **Lodging**

Washington FSC is proud to partner with HBC Event Services to offer skaters and coaches discounted rates on local hotels. Link is below:

<https://booking.roomvy.com/events/da71f037-60d0-485f-815f-e2ee217d7c7c>

Please call HBC Event Services at 1+505-346-0522 and/or [support@hbceventservices.com](mailto:support@hbceventservices.com) if you have any questions and/or have any special hotel requests.

The following hotels are walking distance from the ice rink, and may be reserved directly with the hotels:

Homewood Suites by Hilton Reston  
1735 Business Center Drive  
Reston, VA 20190  
1+703-349-6758

JW Marriott Reston Station  
11350 Reston Station Blvd  
Reston, VA 20190  
1+571-250-5011

The officials' hotel for the U.S. Solo Ice Dance International is:

Washington Dulles Marriott Suites  
13101 Worldgate Drive  
Herndon, Virginia 20170  
+1 703-709-0400

## Air Travel

There are a couple of options for flying into the Washington DC area. The closest airport, Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), is approximately 6 miles (10 km) from SkateQuest. Other nearby airports are Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA), which is approximately 22 miles (35 km) from the arena, and Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI), which is approximately 51 miles (82 km) from the arena.

## Washington Metropolitan Area (Metro) Rail

The nearest Metro rail station is the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station, located 0.5 miles (0.8 km) from SkateQuest. Both the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station and the Washington Dulles International Airport Metro Station are located on the Silver Line.

## Contact Information

Competition website: [www.washingtonfsc.org/competitions](http://www.washingtonfsc.org/competitions)

Direct all inquiries to [PickenClassic@gmail.com](mailto:PickenClassic@gmail.com)

<b>Competition Chair:</b>	Heather Nemier
<b>Chief Referee:</b>	Kathaleen Cutone
<b>Technical Controller:</b>	John Millier
<b>Chief Scoring Official:</b>	Amy Fairchild
<b>Chief Scoring System Technician:</b>	John Herbert

## Technical Information

International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines - General Rules and Requirements 2025/26:

<https://isu-d8g8b4b7ece7aphs.a03.azurefd.net/isudamcontainer/CMS/Fansite/Figure-Skating/2025-2026/Events/Solo-Ice-Dance/Documents/Updated-Requirements-for-2025-26-International-Solo-Dance-V3-25-08-18-pdf-1756289545-2864.pdf>

International Solo Ice Dance Competition - Technical Rules and Level Requirements 2025/26:

<https://isu-d8g8b4b7ece7aphs.a03.azurefd.net/isudamcontainer/CMS/Fansite/Figure-Skating/2025-2026/Events/Solo-Ice-Dance/Documents/Updated-2025-2026-International-Solo-Ice-Dance-Levels-Final-Version-3-1-PDF-1756289545-8053.pdf>

International Solo Ice Dance Competition Scale of Values:

<https://isu-d8g8b4b7ece7aphs.a03.azurefd.net/isudamcontainer/CMS/Fansite/Figure-Skating/2025-2026/Events/Solo-Ice-Dance/Documents/2025-26-International-Solo-Dance-SOV-25-07-14-update-1753264599-1948.pdf>