

TRI-STATE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by the Midland Figure Skating Club

February 16, 2008

Midland Civic Arena
405 Fast Ice Drive
Midland, Michigan 48642

The Midland Figure Skating Club will host the 33rd annual Tri-State Synchronized Team Skating Championships at the Midland Civic Arena in Midland, Michigan on Saturday February 16, 2008. The competition will take place on the 100' x 200' Olympic rink in this new three-sheet facility.

APPLICATIONS

All applications must be **postmarked no later than December 16, 2007**. Each team must submit a typed list of all team members' and alternates' names, birth dates, and U.S. Figure Skating numbers. Use the enclosed team roster form. Mail completed applications to:

Carrie Schaller
4401 Moorland Drive
Midland, Michigan 48640

FEES

The entry fee for each event is \$85 per team plus \$20 per competitor, including alternates. The entry fee for beginner is \$50 per team plus \$5 per skater. All fees are due when applications are submitted and must be payable in U.S. dollars only. There will be no refunds under any circumstances. Please make checks payable to: Midland Figure Skating Club

GENERAL RULES

The Tri-State Synchronized Skating Competition is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and will be conducted under the rules set forth in the 2007-2008 edition of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and this announcement. Particular note should be taken of these sections:

- Rule 3080: Eligibility to compete
- Rule 1450: Events to be skated
- Rules 4660-4791: Requirements for each level
- Rule 3530: Duration and Warm-up Periods of Synchronized Team Skating

LIABILITY

U.S. Figure Skating, Midland Figure Skating Club, and Midland Civic Arena accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships. This is in accordance with Rule 3222 of the 2006 edition of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM

The ISU judging system (IJS) will be used for collegiate, adult, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior events. For all other events, the 6.0 system will be used. However, testing of the ISU judging system may be performed for some of these levels.

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. Blank sheets are found in this announcement. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be turned in with the team's music at registration, or team coaches / contact people can complete it via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org



SECTION 1: BASIC SKILLS / BEGINNER EVENTS

For all events: No skaters may have passed higher than the preliminary test in any discipline, and the majority of the team must be "no test."

A. Basic Skills Beginner 1

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 on the preceeding July 1.

Program duration: 1 ½ - 2minutes +/- 10 sec.

Required elements:

- a. **Circle:** 1 circle, include a 2-foot turn and a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide
- b. **Line:** Cover the ice and include only forward skating skills.
- c. **Block:** Cover the ice and include only one configuration.
- d. **Wheel:** A 4-spoke wheel with backward pumps.
- e. **Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 2-foot glide at the point of intersection.

RESTRICTIONS:

- No additional elements allowed.
- Holds may only include shoulder-to-shoulder and hand-to-hand.
- No changes or direction and traveling within elements.
- No steps or moves in Basic 6 or higher.

B. Basic Skills Beginner 2

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be 9 – 11 years old on the preceeding July 1.

Program duration: 1 ½ - 2minutes +/- 10 sec.

Required elements:

- a. **Circle:** 1 circle, include the combination move* from Basic 8
- b. **Line:** Cover the ice may include both forward and backward skating skills.
- c. **Block:** Cover the ice and include 1 or 2 configurations.
- d. **Wheel:** Wheel of choice with backward pumps.
- e. **Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 2-foot or 1-foot glide at the point of intersection.

RESTRICTIONS:

- No additional elements allowed.
- Holds may only include shoulder-to-shoulder and hand-to-hand
- No changes or direction and traveling within elements.
- No steps or moves in Free Skate 2 or higher.

C. Basic Skills Beginner 3

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old on the preceeding July 1

Program duration: 2–2 ½ minutes +/- 10 sec.

Required elements:

- a. **Circle:** 1 circle, include the combination move* from Basic 8
- b. **Line:** Cover the ice must include both forward and backward skating skills.
- c. **Block:** Cover the ice and include 2 or 3 configurations.
- d. **Wheel:** Wheel of choice.
- e. **Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 1-foot glide or forward lunge at the point of intersection.

RESTRICTIONS:

- No changes of direction and traveling within elements.

** The combination move is element C in Basic 8: Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down or cross behind, step into a backward crossover, step forward onto a forward inside edge glide. It does not need to be repeated, and does not need to be done in both directions.*

These levels are part of the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills program. Basic Skills competition guidelines will be used. There will be no more than 6 teams in each group, and judges must only be members of U.S. Figure Skating at least 16 years old. If there are not enough entries, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 can be combined, at the discretion of the chief referee.



SECTION 2: U.S. FIGURE SKATING STANDARD COMPETITIVE EVENTS

- A. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4710
- C. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4760
- D. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4770
- E. Open Junior:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 12 and the majority must be under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4750
- E. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4700
- F. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4690
- G. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4680
- H. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 12 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 4670
- I. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 14 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 4660
- J. Open Collegiate** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a college or university as a part-time or full-time student.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4790

- K. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4720
- L. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 12 skaters. The majority of skaters must be 19 years or older on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4780
- M. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 35 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4740
- N. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 21 and the majority of the team must be at least 25 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes
Well balanced program: Rule 4730

Moves in the field test requirements must be met by the entry deadline of December 16, 2007

Crossover Rules: The chart below illustrates where crossover skaters are allowed. The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An "X" indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined Rules 4660 – 4791.

Level Athlete is Skating In	Level Allowed to Crossover To													
	Preliminary	Pre -Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Open Junior	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Masters	Adult
Preliminary														
Pre - Juvenile														
Open Juvenile														
Juvenile						X								
Intermediate														
Novice				X				X	X					
Open Junior										X		X	X	
Junior						X			X	X				
Senior						X		X		X				X
Open Collegiate														
Collegiate							X	X	X					X
Open Adult														
Masters							X							X
Adult							X		X		X		X	

AWARDS

Awards will be made on the basis of final placement. All team members of teams placing first through fourth will be awarded medals.

MUSIC

Rules governing music selection are in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, rules 2660-4791.

Only CDs (standard Compact Disk format) or cassette tapes (no cases, please) will be accepted.

- CDs: *Must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length and contained in a hard sided "jewel" case.*
- Cassettes: *Must be clearly marked with name, event entered, length of music and side to be played.*

The program length must be noted in the space provided on FORM A.

Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW" discs.

Competition music must be turned in at the registration desk and must be submitted no later than two hours prior to the event in which the team is skating. All music must be picked up at the completion of the competition. CDs and cassettes will not be mailed back to competitors.

All teams must have an additional copy of their music available for practice sessions. Teams must also have an extra copy available quickly during the actual competition event. The organizing committee will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of music but will take every precaution to ensure their safety.

PRACTICE ICE

The Midland Civic Arena is a three surface facility. The competition rink measures 100' x 200'. Practice ice segments will be available on Friday, February 15, 2008 and Saturday, February 16, 2008. Practice ice on Friday will be from 12:00pm until 5:00pm on the competition rink and from 5:00pm until 11:00 pm on an 85' x 200' ice surface. Practice ice on Saturday will be on the competition ice from 6:00 am until 8:30 am. Practice ice segments will be available on a first-come, first-served basis using the enclosed practice ice form. All teams will be able to skate their entire program on the warm-up rink prior to skating their program on the competition rink on the day of the synchronized skating competition.

REGISTRATION

The registration table will be maintained in the ice arena lobby, Friday and Saturday. The coach or team manager for each team must register and pick up their team packet. The (2) tapes or (2) CDs per program per team must be turned in at registration in order to receive team packets.

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

The competition schedule will be posted on the MFSC website as soon as it is available. The MFSC website is www.midlandfigureskatingclub.org

SOUVENIRS

Competition pins, clothing, and programs will be available at the competition.

FOOD

The concession stand will be open during the competition. Maps for area restaurants will be available at registration.

ACCOMODATIONS

Refer to the enclosed listing for hotels within the Midland area.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Competition Chair	Ann Ward	989-835-3624	abward6@yahoo.com
Chief Referee	Hannelore Murphy	810-798-8807	hannelore389@hotmail.com
Registrar	Carrie Schaller	989-835-8774	meschaller@chartermi.net

THE APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY December 16, 2007

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ENTRY FORM 2: Team Entry Form

Team Name:	Level:
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SKATER NAMES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER Last name first	Birth date	U.S. Figure Skating #	Highest MITF test passed *
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Alt. 1.			
Alt. 2.			
Alt. 3.			
Alt. 4.			
Alt. 5.			
Alt. 6.			

- Required for teams entering open juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, open junior, junior, senior, collegiate and adult. Also required for beginner teams. No skaters on a beginner team may have passed higher than preliminary.

- Skaters on beginner teams may be either full U.S. Figure Skating members **or** Basic Skills members.

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ENTRY FORM 3: Liability Waiver / Certification by Club Officer

Team Name:	Level:
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U.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries 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, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

Skater's name in alphabetical order	Skater signature or parent / guardian (if skater is under 18)
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Alt. 1	
Alt. 2	
Alt. 3	
Alt. 4	
Alt. 5	
Alt. 6	

Club officer or skating school director: *All of the skaters listed on the team entry form are to the best of my knowledge, eligible members in good standing and eligible to compete under U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada rules.*

Print Name:	Signature
Title:	
Club / Basic Skills program name:	

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Practice Ice Application

Practice ice will be available on Friday, February 15, 2008 from 12:00 noon – 10:00 pm. Practice times will run in 15-minute segments on a first come – first served basis, at the rate of \$85 per segment on the competition surface. Segments will be scheduled as the requests arrive.

Please fill out a separate form for each team.

Team Name: _____
Division: _____
Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Hotel where team will be staying: _____ Phone: _____
Arrival time: _____

Please indicate the number of segments requested: _____

Please indicate preference for practice ice time (1=first, 6=last)

Friday, February 15, 2008:

() 12:00 – 2:00 PM () 2:00 – 4:00 PM () 4:00 – 6:00 PM
() 6:00 – 8:00 PM () 8:00 – 10:00 PM

Saturday, February 16, 2008

() 6:00 – 8:30 AM

Does this team have cross skaters? _____ If so, on what other teams? _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for _____ segments.

Competition Pin Preorders

If you would like to preorder competition pins, please fill out below and enclose with registration forms. Preorder prices reflect a discount.

Team Name _____

Competition pins ordered @ \$5.00 each _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Your pins will be included in your registration packet.

Please make checks payable to **Midland Figure Skating Club** and mail it along with your completed Application Form, Team Roster Form, Practice Ice Form, and Competition Pin order from to:

**Carrie Schaller
4401 Moorland Drive
Midland, Michigan 48640**

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Name of team: _____

Level of team: _____ Preliminary _____ Pre-Juvenile _____ Open Juvenile
 _____ Juvenile _____ Masters _____ Open Collegiate
 _____ Open Adult

ELEMENTS TO BE LISTED IN ORDER OF SKATING THE PROGRAM

	<i>Element</i>
1	
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2007-2008 Season

Free Skate

This sheet must contain all of the following elements:

Juvenile, Masters, Open Collegiate (6 Elements)

1. Block
2. Circle
3. Intersection
4. Intersection
5. Line
6. Wheel

Preliminary, Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Open Adult (5 Elements)

1. Block
2. Circle
3. Intersection*
4. Line
5. Wheel

** For preliminary and pre-juvenile, the intersection must be forwards.*

Name of Coach: _____

Signature of Coach: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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Name of team: _____

Level of team: ___ Intermediate ___ Novice ___ Adult

ELEMENTS TO BE LISTED IN ORDER OF SKATING THE PROGRAM

	<i>Element</i>
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2007-2008 Season

Free Skate

This sheet must contain all of the following elements:

Intermediate, Novice and Adult (8 Elements)

1. Block
2. Circle
3. Intersection
4. Intersection
5. Line
6. Wheel
7. Movement in isolation
8. Additional element: choose from circle, line block

Additional elements may be included in the program. These additional elements will be judged as transitions, and will not receive point value.

Transition elements must be listed on this sheet, and identified as such with a short description.

Example: a transition that consisted of a circle and an intersection would be listed as:
Transition – Circle, Intersection

Name of Coach: _____ Home Phone: _____

Signature of Coach: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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Name of team: _____

Level of team: ____ Open Junior ____ Collegiate

ELEMENTS TO BE LISTED IN ORDER OF SKATING THE PROGRAM

	<i>Element</i>
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2007-2008 Season

Free Skate

This sheet must contain all of the following elements:

Open Junior (10 elements):

- 1 Block
- 1 Line
- 1 Circle
- 1 Wheel
- 2 Different intersections
- 1 No hold step sequence
- 1 Movement in Isolation
- 1 Additional element (block, line, circle or wheel)
- 1 choice of: upright spin or moves in the field

Collegiate (12 elements)

- 1 Block
- 1 Line
- 1 Circle
- 2 Different wheels
- 2 Different intersections
- 1 No hold step sequence
- 2 Movements in Isolation
- 1 Moves in the Field
- 1 choice of: spin, line, block or circle

Additional elements may be included in the program. These additional elements will be judged as transitions.

Transition elements must be listed on this sheet, and identified as such with a short description.

Example: a transition that consisted of a circle and an intersection would be listed as:
Transition – Circle, Intersection

Name of Coach: _____

Signature of Coach: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

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Name of team: _____

Level of team: _____ Junior _____ Senior Program: _____ Short _____ Free Skate

ELEMENTS TO BE LISTED IN ORDER OF SKATING THE PROGRAM

	<i>Element</i>
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2007-2008 Season

Short Program

<u>Senior (8 Elements)</u>	<u>Junior (7 Elements)</u>
Intersection	Intersection
Intersection	Intersection
Circle	Wheel
Circle	Wheel
Block	Block
No Hold Step Sequence	Line
Moves in the Field	Circle
Spin	

There may NOT be any additional elements.

Free Skate:

Senior (12 elements) 1 Block
 1 Line
 1 Circle
 2 Different wheels
 2 Different intersections
 1 No hold step sequence
 2 Movements in Isolation
 1 Moves in the Field
 1 choice of: spin, line, block or circle

Junior (10 elements)
 1 Block
 1 Line
 1 Circle
 1 Wheel
 2 Different intersections
 1 No hold step sequence
 1 Movement in Isolation
 1 Additional element (block, line, circle or wheel)
 1 choice of: upright spin or moves in the field

Additional elements may be included in the program. These additional elements will be judged as transitions. Transition elements must be listed on this sheet, and identified as such with a short description.

Name of Coach: _____

Signature of Coach: _____