



June 13th
Westborough, MA
North Star Ice Sports
Figure Skating Competition
Handbook

Thank you for registering to participate in the 2026 Bay State Summer Games Figure Skating Competition. This letter includes important competition information. If you have any questions while reading this packet, please e-mail info@baystategames.org

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

All athletes can access their specific competition schedule through their competition portal on the EMS registration platform.

DAY OF EVENT CHECK-IN

Registration for athletes and coaches will be conducted inside Rink A. Registration will open one hour before the first event and will remain open until 45 minutes before the last scheduled event. Athletes are asked to arrive no later than 45 minutes before their scheduled event. Athletes will check in and will receive their athlete ID card, which they must wear for admittance. Coaches will have their USFS certifications verified, and once confirmed, will receive their coaches credential, which will grant them entrance into the facility. Athletes should wear their ID badge at all times except when performing. ID badges are non-transferable and may only be used by the athlete. Athletes who pre-ordered a 2026 Summer Games t-shirt when they registered can pick up their shirts at check-in.

WAIVERS

All participants must sign a Bay State Games waiver prior to the competition. Waivers can be accessed at the following link and MUST be submitted online prior to the competition. Submission of waivers will be verified at check in. Athletes will not be allowed to compete without a completed waiver. Access the waiver <https://app.racereach.com/form/72811>. **The name on the waiver form needs to be filled out on behalf of the ATHLETE.** Waivers filled out in parents' names will NOT be accepted and MUST be resubmitted before credentials are issued

SOCIAL MEDIA

Bay State Games will be using social media to communicate important updates and information in all sports.

Follow [@baystategames](#) on Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), and LinkedIn & use the hashtag #baystategames to see what other athletes, fans, and media are saying about the Summer Games, or to share your own Bay State Games experience!

SPECTATOR ADMISSION FEES

For all non-coaches and athletes there will be a spectators admission fee. The cost for admission is \$10 for adults. For seniors (over 60) and children (10 and under) the cost will be \$5. All tickets will be cash only or Venmo. They will only be sold at the door. You will be issued a wristband that will gain you entrance to the facility.

SANCTION / ENDORSEMENT NUMBERS

The USFSA competition sanction number is **36787**.

FACILITIES

All events will be held at North Star Ice Sports 15 Bridle Lane, Westborough, MA. Rink B will host practice ice, all IJS competition events and a few 6.0 judged competition events. Rink C will host 6.0 competition events and practice ice.

Locker rooms and changing areas WILL be available. Per US Figure Skating requirements, there will be separate rooms for male youth, female youth, adult female, and adult male. Participants WILL NOT be permitted to change in public restrooms. Locker rooms will be open for athletes only, will be labeled regarding specific use, and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger, which will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s).

All locker rooms will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the locker room monitor. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a locker room is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy is punishable under U.S.F.S. guidelines. The locker room is only for use when athletes compete. Athletes must not store their belongings in this room, as athletes will have access to the same room. Bay State Games and/or North Star Ice Sports are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

There will be a food concession stand available for spectators and participants that will be open during the competition. Ample, free parking is available at the rink.

COMPETITION NOTICES

Competition updates will be posted at <https://www.baystategames.org/summer-figure-skating>

RESULTS

For results, use the following link www.baystategames.org/2026-results

MUSIC

All music for USFS events must be submitted through the EMS registration system. The music deadline for USFS events is **Friday, June 5 at 11:59pm**. All music submitted after the June 5 deadline will incur a \$20 late fee. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid prior to receiving their credential to enter the rink.

For skaters competing in **IJS judged events**, the PPC form must also be submitted by **June 5, 2025 at 11:59pm**.

No CD's will be accepted. Competitors must bring a digital copy of their competition music on a phone as a backup in case there is an issue with their music. **MUSIC MUST BE IN MP3 FORMAT TO BE UPLOADED IN EMS.** Dead space before and after the start of your music cannot exceed 2 seconds.

PRACTICE ICE

Practice Ice is available for all participants. 20 minute sessions at \$25 per session. Maximum of 22 skaters per session. Some sessions will be restricted to Compete USA levels only. The schedule is as follows:

Saturday, June 13: Rink B

***all practice ice A-E for events numbers 1-31 only**

7:40-8:00am: Practice Ice A (rink b)

8:00-8:20am: Practice Ice B (rink b)

11:07-11:27am: Practice Ice C (rink b)

1:53-2:13pm: Practice Ice D (rink b)

5:02-5:22pm: Practice Ice E (rink b)

Saturday, June 13: Rink C

***practice ice H & I are restricted to event numbers 106-122, all other practice ice sessions in rink C are restricted to all other events being held in rink C (not including 106-122)**

8:20-8:40am: Practice Ice F (rink c)

8:40-9:00am: Practice Ice G (rink c)

10:37-10:57am: Practice Ice H (rink c)

12:17-12:37pm: Practice Ice I (rink c)

2:43-3:03pm: Practice Ice J (rink c)

5:24-5:44pm: Practice Ice K (rink c)

Athletes who purchased practice ice credits when they registered can make practice ice reservations starting May 26 at 6pm. Athletes who did not pre-purchase practice ice credits can begin scheduling practice ice on May 29 at 10am. All practice ice must be reserved through EMS. There will be no music at practice ice. The deadline for ordering practice ice is June 11 at 5pm. Practice ice will **only** be sold the day of the competition **if available**. Practice ice sessions purchased on the day of competition will be \$30 per session.

TEST CREDITS

In accordance with USFS Rules 4100 and 4200-4202, athletes may receive credit for certain tests by meeting minimum scores at a competition held under the International Judge System (IJS).

This only applies to IJS judged events. The athlete must “skate-up” to the event for which they are seeking test credit, in addition to already passing any prerequisites prior to the competition event.

Events eligible:

Singles Free Skate: Intermediate, Novice, Junior, Senior, and Adult Silver through Adult Senior

*Both Excel and well-balanced free skate IJS protocols are eligible for test credit. The procedure for test credits is as follows:

If the skater is seeking test credit, please email the following information to shannon@baystategames.org by **June 5th at 11:59pm**. Emails of participants received after this date **will not be accepted**. Once we receive your email, we will provide you with instructions on how to pay the Test Credit fee of \$35 and additional information on the Test Credit process.

Information needed in email to qualify for test credit:

Skater First and Last Name, Event Name, Contact Information.

COMPULSORY & ELEMENT EVENTS

For the Compulsory Moves events, the skaters should be able go through their elements on their own in a program-like fashion within the allowed time limit. This is specified in the description of the event from U.S. Figure Skating:

https://s3.us-east-2.amazonaws.com/sidearm.nextgen.sites/usafs.sidearmsports.com/documents/2025/8/19/Compulsory_Moves_Chart_2.pdf

For Basic Element Events, skaters will be instructed through the elements one at a time by a referee or ice monitor. Then all skaters will move onto the next element at the same time.

AWARDS

There will be a decorated award podium area set up with a photo backdrop in rink A. Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top-three finishers in each event regardless of state affiliation. All athletes presented with a Gold, Silver, or Bronze medal will be presented with a Bay State Summer Games award gift. Athletes who earn medals in more than one event will only receive one award gift. The 2026 Athlete Gift is a Bay State Games quarter-zip pullover. Per Compete USA regulations, all competitors in Compete USA flights with more than 3 skaters will receive a BSG Ribbon. These skaters will NOT receive a BSG athlete award gift or an invitation to the State Games of America.

PROTEST POLICY

A protest concerning the participation or eligibility of an individual competitor must be filed with the Bay State Games office, in writing, emailed to info@baystategames.org, before the start of the first event of the entire competition on Saturday, June 13th at 8 am. Protests made in the middle of the competition or just prior to an athlete taking the ice will not be heard. Any filed protest must include the name and contact information of the person making the claim and any evidence to support the claim. Protests by unidentified individuals will not be heard.

VENDORS:

PROFESSIONAL PHOTO & VIDEO

Cinematic Images will be taking photos and videos of every skater. The photos and video are delivered digitally and you will receive all of the photos taken of that skater in the ordered event.

Note: per USFS requirements, the video will have the skater's announcement and applause, and the music of the performance will be silenced.

There is a pre-competition special price if you order **before 5 pm on June 11th**. Here is the link to the Pre-Order Special Online Order Form: <https://bit.ly/4mF0NW7>

The special rate is as follows:

- **Photo AND Video of one event is \$107.00**
- **Before June 11th at 5 pm:** Photo OR video of one event is \$63.00 per skater per event.
- **After June 11th at 5 pm:** photos OR videos are \$75.00 each

Family members/coaches can take videos of their own skater. Per U.S. Figure Skating Policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE. Video is restricted to hand-held, battery-operated equipment, without a monopod or tripod. Photography or video for any commercial purpose is strictly prohibited. For the safety of all participants, no flash photography or lit video is permitted at any time.

APPAREL

Fine Designs will be the official apparel vendor for the 2026 Bay State Summer Games Figure Skating competition. They provide on-site, custom, apparel, printing and embroidery, including T-shirts, hoodies, and other accessories. This will be located in Rink A.

STATE GAMES OF AMERICA (SGA) INVITATIONS

The competition will serve as a qualifier for the 2028 event in Colorado Springs, CO. The top three places, by state, in each event will receive invitations to the SGA. For example, if a flight has 1st, 2nd and 3rd from Massachusetts, 4th from New Hampshire and 6th from Maine, all these athletes will receive invitations to SGA. Invitation postcards will be distributed along with Bay State Games medals at the awards area after an athletes competition. For additional information go to <https://stategames.org/>

Best of luck to you at the 2026 Bay State Summer Games Figure Skating competition!

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION GO TO

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