



ALAMO SKATE 2020

February 22-23, 2020

Entry Deadline: January 10, 2019

Hosted By:

San Antonio Figure Skating Club

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Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating

Chief Referee: Reed Hastings

Chief Accountant: Debra Dryburgh

**IJS Events for Pre-Juvenile – Senior Well- Balanced, Excel Plus Levels & Excel
Juvenile through Senior**

Excel Events*, Showcase Events, Adult Events

Compete USA Events

**Alamo Skate is a designated Excel Series competition for the 2020 Excel Series*



Located At:

Northwoods Ice and Golf Center

17530 Henderson Pass

San Antonio, TX 78232

www.northwoodsice.net

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Nonqualifying Competition
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The ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition 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 which 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 is 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. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

SERIES INFORMATION: The 2020 ALAMO SKATE competition is a designated competition for the 2020 Excel Series. As an Excel Series event, skaters entered in the Series at eligible levels will earn points for their placement here in order to qualify for the National Festival to be held in Strongsville, Ohio, on June 18-21, 2020. Skaters must registered for the Excel Series prior to competing at designated competition or by March 1; registration is available by [clicking here](#) and additional information is available on U.S. Figure Skating's [Excel webpage](#). For any questions related to the Excel Series, please contact ExcelSeries@usfigureskating.org.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST LEVEL:

The ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition is open to all skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA program, and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing.

Test level: Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline, in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event. **Skaters who placed in the top four in a final round of their last qualifying competition in their divisions must move up one level, except for novice and higher.**

Age restrictions/requirements: Singles free skate events (Well Balanced Program) have the following requirements:

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

ENTRIES: ALAMO SKATE 2020 entries will only be accepted using the Entryeeze (credit card secure) online registration system. To access Entryeeze, visit www.safsc.org or www.entryeeze.com. **Entries must be received no later than 11:59 pm CST on January 10, 2019.** No paper entries will be accepted. Entryeeze transactions may incur a credit card processing fee. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the ALAMO SKATE 2020 Competition Committee and the Chief Referee. If accepted, a **\$35.00 late fee** will be assessed. The ALAMO SKATE 2020 Competition Committee reserves the right to limit entries to any event or to cancel an event based upon time restrictions.

ENTRY FEES

First Learn To Skate USA/Compete USA Event	\$65.00
Each Additional Learn to Skate/Compete USA Event	\$30.00
First 6.0 Event (Singles Entry Levels—Introductory Levels, Preliminary, Excel Levels, Adult Pre-Bronze—Silver, and all Showcase Levels)	\$115.00
Each Additional 6.0 Event	\$40.00
First IJS Event Singles Pre-Juvenile—Senior Free Skate (Including Open Juvenile, Juvenile—Senior Short Program, Excel Plus, Excel Juvenile—Senior, and Adult Silver—Gold Free Skate)	\$130.00
Each Additional IJS Event	\$40.00
Practice Ice (Twenty (20) Minute Increments):	
Learn to Skate Levels (Reserved Prior to January 10, 2020)	\$15.00
Introductory Levels and Above (Reserved Prior to January 10, 2020)	\$18.00
Walk-On Rate for All Events (Purchased at Competition)	\$20.00
Test Credit Forms	\$10.00
Change Fee (Change of Level or Event After Closing Date of Entries)	\$25.00
Late Fees:	
Late Registration Fee	\$35.00
Late PPC & Music Upload Fee (Fee is Per Item)	\$25.00
Non-Sufficient Funds Fee	\$35.00

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded after the closing date of entries unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a **\$35.00 non-sufficient funds fee**. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

Notes to Skaters, Parents and Coaches:

Changes Fee: There will be a **\$25.00 change fee** assessed for each change to an event or level after the closing date of entries.

Short Programs and Free Skate: Short program and free skate are offered as separate events.

Gender Notice: Males and females may compete against one another in any 6.0 judged event (at the discretion of the Chief Referee).

Skater Placement: It is important to the success of the ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition that skaters are placed in the correct level of events. If, for whatever reason, the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below their proper level, the Chairman and Chief Referee will have an option to move the skater into the correct event, even if this must be done the day of the ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to all skaters.

SCHEDULE: Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition. Notification of competition and practice ice times will be available via email and Entryeeze.

FACILITIES: The ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition will be held at:

Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods
17530 Henderson Pass
San Antonio, Texas 78232



The Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods contains one (1) ice surface that is 200' x 85' with hockey lines, pro-shop, miniature golf facilities, and an indoor soccer field. The Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods is a freestanding facility with a concessions area, locker and changing rooms. The Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods is conveniently located within a retail shopping district which hosts nearby restaurants, casual shopping, lodging, and a movie theatre complex. The rink temperature at the Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods runs cold, dressing in layers is suggested.

MUSIC: Official ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition music will only be accepted through electronic uploads into Entryeeze. Duplicate music on compact discs (CDs) must be brought as back-up music for events and practice ice sessions where music is played.

Music Upload & Submission Deadline: Competition music for all events that require music MUST be submitted electronically via the online registration system, Entryeeze. After you have registered and paid for your events, Entryeeze will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at

that time, you may log out of your account and return at a later date (but not later than the upload and submission deadline noted herein without the imposition of a late fee), to upload your music by going to the “competition” tab and then selecting “my music”. Program music uploads must be uploaded by the music deadline of **February 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. CST**. It is the skater’s responsibility to upload the correct music and to make sure that the upload is successful.

Music Specifications: Music uploads must conform to the following specifications:

- Only one (1) piece of competition program music (e.g. Short Program, Free Skate, etc.) per file may be uploaded.
- The uploaded file must be an **MP3** file. Simply changing the file extension of “.mp3” from another file format is not acceptable. Entryeze will automatically check that the file format is correct. If you have questions about the format of your music, please contact your coach to make sure that the music conforms to the specifications set forth herein.
- **Bit Rate of 192 kbps** or higher is requested.
- The file should not contain any ID3 metadata (tags). The file shall not include any embedded images such as album cover art, a photograph of the skater, etc.
- 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. We prefer that there be **No leaders or trailers** at all. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during the competition.

Back-Up Music (CDs): ALAMO SKATE 2020 competitors must submit their music online via Entryeze pursuant to the instructions set forth hereinabove. In addition, all ALAMO SKATE 2020 competitors **MUST** have at least one (1) back-up CD rink side at practice sessions, where program music will be played, and during the actual ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition event. The use of phones or electronic devices that emit sounds will not be acceptable methods for the transmission of back-up music. CDs must conform to the following specifications:

- CDs must be clearly marked with a permanent marker with the competitor’s first and last name, event, and music length.
- Only one (1) music track may be included on any one (1) CD. Any CD with more than one (1) track of music is not acceptable.
- Leader time on a CD may not exceed two (2) seconds.
- Music may not be submitted on re-recordable CDRW discs.

The LOC is not responsible for damage to or the loss of CDs. CDs that are not picked up by the end of the ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition are not the responsibility of the LOC, and will be discarded or otherwise destroyed.

Incorrect Music/Failure to Upload Music – Penalties: The LOC will assess each competitor a **\$25.00 charge** per event if the competitor:

- fails to submit their music prior to the music submission deadline noted hereinabove.
- submits files that do not correspond to the specifications set forth hereinabove.
- submits either the incorrect music or needs to make changes to their music after the music submission deadline as noted hereinabove.

ALAMO SKATE 2020 competitors may NOT receive their credentials at registration until they pay the \$25.00 per event charge and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements set forth hereinabove.

Music Issues During Performance: In most situations, the Chief Referee will NOT stop a performance due to music skipping, poor music quality, music stopping completely, incorrect music tempo, or other similar issues. For such situations, during a performance, the skater must immediately approach the Chief Referee for a resolution. Please note, Rule 1403C of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook: *If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient, the competitor must stop skating and notify the Chief Referee.* Back-up music must be readily available at rink side.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, the San Antonio Figure Skating Club, and the Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods 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.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

THE INTERNATIONAL JUDGING SYSTEM (IJS) will be used for the following events:

- **Well Balanced Program Singles Free Skate Events:** Pre-Juvenile—Senior (including Open Juvenile), Adult Silver—Gold, and Adult Masters.
- **Excel Series Program/Excel Plus Singles Free Skate Events:** Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus, Juvenile Plus, and Juvenile—Senior (see Excel Program Technical Handbook for guidelines).

All competitors skating in these events need to submit the planned program content form online via Entryeze. **The deadline to submit planned program content is February 15, 2020.**

THE 6.0 JUDGING SYSTEM will be used for the following events:

- **Well Balanced Program Singles Free Skate Events:** Pre-Preliminary—Preliminary, and Adult Pre-Bronze—Adult Bronze.
- **Singles Introductory Events:** Beginner, High Beginner and No Test.
- **Excel Series Events:** Excel Beginner—Excel Juvenile (see Excel Program Technical

Handbook for guidelines).

- **Compulsory Moves:** All Levels.
- **Jumps:** All Levels.
- **Spins:** All Levels.
- **Showcase Events:** All Levels.

REGISTRATION: Registration for ALAMO SKATE 2020 will begin one (1) hour prior to the start of the first event, and will run through the conclusion of the last day of the event. Registration will be located in the lobby of the Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods. All ALAMO SKATE 2020 competitors are required to register and be ready to skate at least one (1) hour prior to each competitor's respective event. Please register promptly upon arrival.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS: Please click here to review the [Locker Rooms and Changing Area policy](#). More detailed information can be found in the [SafeSport Handbook](#).

PRACTICE ICE: All skaters are encouraged to purchase practice ice. Practice ice sessions for ALAMO SKATE 2020 will be sold online via Entryeeze until the earlier to occur of (i) all practice ice sessions are full or (ii) ALAMO SKATE 2020 registration opens. After the entry closing date, competitors will receive an Entryeeze email to access each competitor's respective practice ice record and to select the competitor's practice ice session(s). All practice ice will be selected by the competitor. Once registration opens, practice ice sessions, to the extent they are available, will be sold in person, at the registration table, in cash. Practice ice sessions will continue to be sold until the sessions are full. **Once the practice ice sessions are full, practice ice sales will be terminated, and NO exceptions will be made.**

Practice Ice Policies: The following policies are applicable to ALAMO SKATE 2020 practice ice sessions:

- Prepayment for practice ice sessions is REQUIRED prior to the reservation of a practice ice session.
- Practice ice sessions will only be sold at registration, only to the extent that the practice ice sessions are not full at the opening of registration, and only until such time as the practice ice sessions are full.
- Practice ice sessions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Practice ice sessions will be twenty (20) minutes in duration.
- Practice ice sessions will be organized according to level, whenever possible, and will be capped at twenty-four (24) skaters per session.
- Skaters must provide a separate CD containing the skater's music track for use during practice ice sessions.
- Practice ice session music must be turned into the ALAMO SKATE 2020 Ice Monitor prior to the start of the practice ice session, and must be retrieved from the ALAMO SKATE 2020 Ice Monitor immediately

following the conclusion of the practice ice session.

- During the practice ice session, music will be played one (1) time, and on a first-come, first-served basis. ALAMO SKATE 2020 cannot guarantee that each skater's music will be played during a practice ice session.
- Coaches are prohibited from being on the ice surface during a practice ice session.
- Spins, Jumps, Compulsory Moves, and Showcase Events may practice on any practice ice session.
- Showcase Event props are prohibited from being on the ice surface during a practice ice session.
- Practice ice sessions are non-transferrable and non-refundable.
- Practice ice session refunds will only be issued in the event that the ALAMO SKATE 2020 event for which the competitor registered for a practice ice session is not held.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: Devine Photography will be providing action photography and videography for Alamo Skate 2020. Please utilize the following link to pre-order photos and videos <https://checkout.square.site/buy/7L73TRKPYR2LFPLNMYAHJCGO>. Hand held personal video equipment will be permitted in the bleacher area only. The official photographer will have the only camera allowed near the ice. No video equipment may be plugged into the outlets at the Ice & Golf Center at Northwoods. No flash devices are permitted in ice arena during practice ice sessions, warm-ups or events, as they are a hazard to skaters. Video recording for personal profit is strictly prohibited. Personal photography is permitted during award ceremonies.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to the first four (4) places in each event. For Learn To Skate USA levels of Snowplow Sam through Free Skate 6, skaters will be divided into groups of no more than six (6), and all competitors will receive an award. All awards will be presented off-ice approximately fifteen (15) minutes after each event or as soon as results are posted. Competitors are encouraged to participate in all group award presentations in skating costumes and skates.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: Prior to the competition, notices will be posted on the San Antonio Figure Skating Club website at www.safsc.org. Please visit this site on a regular basis. An official bulletin board will be maintained at the competition arena. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Competitors are requested to arrive forty-five (45) minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

TEST CREDIT: Skaters that meet the requirements for test credit may request their test credit forms at the time of registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the conclusion of the ALAMO SKATE 2020. Test credit forms must be requested prior to the last IJS event of the ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition (unless you are in that event, and then the test credit form must be requested after results are posted). A **\$10.00 fee** will be charged for all test credit forms.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL COACHES: To be a credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the following requirements:

Coaching U.S. Figure Skating Athletes:

- Current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- Completed background check (green light status)
- Completed SafeSport Training*
- Continuing Education Requirements (CERs) for the 2018-19 Competition Season
- Proof of current general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.

Coaching Compete USA Athletes:

- Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership OR U.S. Figure Skating full membership
- Completed SafeSport Training* (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Completed background check (green light status) (for coaches 18 years old and over)
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed (for coaches under 18 years old)

*SafeSport training is available through www.usfsaonline.org for full members of U.S. Figure Skating (through the Learn To Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and the certification is valid for 2 seasons.

The LOC will have a list of compliant coaches who are approved to receive a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential.

If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential. There can be no exceptions to this policy. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions. Coaching at U.S. Figure Skating events without proper registration is an ethics violation which is reported to U.S. Figure Skating and PSA.

If a foreign coach has only foreign athletes at your competition, a background check and SafeSport Training is not required. Instead, the coach must submit a letter from their Federation stating they are a member in good standing.

For more information regarding Coach Compliance, please visit:

https://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/images/Coaches_Requirements_Chart.pdf

ALAMO SKATE 2020 CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact the ALAMO SKATE 2020 Competition Chair, Courtney Floyd at alamoskate@safsc.org.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Accommodations:

Hampton Inn—San Antonio—
Northwoods
2127 Gold Canyon Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78232
210.404.1144



A limited number of hotel rooms are available at our pre-negotiated rate. Indicate that you are a participant in ALAMO SKATE 2020 at the time of booking in order to receive a reduced rate of \$103.00 per night. The booking link for the Hampton Inn—San Antonio—Northwoods is as follows:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?execution=e1s1

Competition T-Shirts: ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition t-shirts will be made available, and may be pre-ordered via Entryeeze. Pre-ordered t-shirts will be available at the registration desk upon check-in. A limited supply of t-shirts will be available for purchase at the ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition. T-shirts will include ALAMO SKATE on the front and a listing of the participants on the back. Additional information regarding the purchase of ALAMO SKATE 2020 t-shirts will be available on Entryeeze.

Admission: No admission fee will be charged for spectators. All competitors are encouraged to invite family and friends.

Flash Photography: Please remember that, for the safety of the competitors, flash photography will not be permitted.

San Antonio Visitor Information: The City of San Antonio is served by the San Antonio International Airport. San Antonio, and the surrounding area, offers an amazing variety of family-oriented activities. For more details and assistance in planning your stay, visit the San Antonio Visitors and Convention Bureau website at www.visitsanantonio.com.

SECTION 2: COMPETITION EVENTS OFFERED: The following U.S. Figure Skating and Compete USA events will be offered at the ALAMO SKATE 2020 competition. For full details, visit www.usfsa.org for the current U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook, or click [here](#) for current rules and requirements..

FREE SKATE & SHORT PROGRAM SINGLES (Includes 6.0 and IJS Events)

[Snowplow Sam- Free Skate 6 Program \(with music\)](#)

[Excel Free Skate \(Excel Beginner - Excel Senior\)](#)

[Singles Well Balanced Free Skate \(No Test - Senior\)](#)

[Singles Short Program \(Juvenile - Senior\)](#)

COMPULSORY MOVES – SINGLES

[Snowplow Sam – Free Skate 6 Program](#)

[Excel Compulsory \(Excel Beginner – Excel Preliminary\)](#)

[Compulsory Moves \(No Test – Senior\)](#)

SPECIALTY EVENTS - SINGLES

[Jumps Challenge](#)

[Spin Challenge](#)

ADULT EVENTS

[Adult 1-6 \(Program with music\)](#)

[Adult Introductory Free Skate Beginner and High Beginner](#)

[Adult 1-6 and Introductory Compulsory](#)

[Adult Singles Free Skate](#)

[Adult Compulsory Moves](#)

[Adult Jumps Challenge](#)

[Adult Spins Challenge](#)

SHOWCASE EVENTS – SINGLES

(Light & Dramatic Basic 1—6, Adult 1—6, and No Test—Adult Gold)

[Showcase Dramatic](#)

[Showcase Light Entertainment](#)