



Alamo Skate 2019

February 22-24, 2019

Entry Deadline: January 20, 2019

Hosted By:
San Antonio Figure Skating Club
www.safsc.org

Sanctioned by US Figure Skating

Chief Referee: Lynn Goldman
Chief Accountant: Debra Dryburgh

IJS Events for Pre-Juvenile – Senior Well- Balanced
Excel Events*, Showcase Events, Adult Events
Compete USA Events

**Alamo Skate is a designated Excel Series competition for the 2019 Excel Series*

Located At:
Northwoods Ice and Golf Center
17530 Henderson Pass
San Antonio, TX 78232
www.northwoodsice.net

The 2019 Alamo Skate 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 2019 Alamo Skate competition is a designated Excel Series competition for the 2019 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 Coral Springs, Florida, June 7 – 9, 2019. Skaters must register 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:

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

Eligibility: Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6 Skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Moves in the Field, or individual dances. For the Pre-Free-Skate, Free-Skate 1-6, Excel and Well-Balanced levels, eligibility will be based upon highest Free-Skate test level passed (Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level).

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:

Entries will only be accepted using 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 20, 2019. No paper entries will be accepted.** Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee and chief referee. If accepted, a

late fee of \$35 will be assessed. The competition committee reserves the right to limit entries to any event or to cancel an event based upon time restrictions.

Note (Skaters/Parents/coaches): There will be a **\$25.00 change fee** assessed for each change to an event or level after the closing date of entries.

Short program and free skate are offered as separate events.

Males and females may compete against one another in any 6.0 judged event (at the discretion of the referee).

It is important to the success of the 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 the option to move the skater into the correct event, even if this must be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to all skaters.

Entry Fees:

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| First Learn To Skate USA/Compete USA Event | \$ 65.00 |
| Each additional Learn To Skate USA/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 and Adult Silver - Gold Free Skate) | \$130.00 |
| Each additional IJS event | \$ 40.00 |
| Practice Ice (20 min. increments): | |
| Learn To Skate Levels (reserved prior to January 11, 2019) | \$ 15.00 |
| Introductory levels and above (prior to January 11, 2019) | \$ 18.00 |
| Walk-on rate all levels (purchased at competition) | \$ 20.00 |
| Change Fee (change of event or level after registration deadline) | \$ 25.00 |
| Test Credit Forms | \$ 10.00 |
| Late Fees: | |
| Registration Fee | \$ 35.00 |
| PPC & Music Uploads | \$ 25.00 per item |

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after entry deadline 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 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

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 by via email and on Entryeeze.

FACILITIES:

This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Non-qualifying Competition
LE/9/1/18



The competition will be held at:

Northwoods Ice and Golf Center
17530 Henderson Pass
San Antonio, TX 78232



The Ice and Golf Center at Northwoods contains one ice surface, 200' x 85' with hockey lines, pro-shop, miniature golf facilities, and an indoor soccer field. The center is a freestanding facility with snack bar, lockers and changing rooms available. Located nearby are restaurants, shopping, hotels and a movie theatre complex. Rink temperature is cold so plan to dress in layers.

MUSIC:

Official competition music will only be accepted through electronic uploads into Entryeze. CD's must be brought as back-up music for events and practice ice sessions where music is played.

Uploads/Submissions:

Competition music for all events that require music **MUST** be submitted electronically via the online registration system Entryeze. Program music uploads must be uploaded by the music deadline of **February 1, 2019 at 11:59 pm CST.**

Music uploads must conform to the following specifications:

- Only one piece of competition program music (e.g. Short Program, Free Skate, etc.) per file is allowed.
- The uploaded file must be an **MP3** File. Simply changing the file extension to "mp3" from another file format is not acceptable. The online system will automatically check that the format is correct.
- **Bit Rate of 192 kbps** or higher is requested.
- The file should not contain any ID3 metadata (tags). Especially **NO** embedded images such as album cover art, picture 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 competition.

After you have registered and paid for your events in EntryEeze, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the "competition" tab and then selecting "My Music".

Backup Music at Events (CD's):

Competitors must submit their music online. In addition, all competitors **MUST** have at least one (1) backup CD rink side at practice sessions, where program music will be played, and during the actual competition event. CD's must meet the following requirements:

- Clearly marked with a permanent marker with the skater's first and last name, event, and music length.
- Only one (1) music track. Any disk with more than one track is **NOT** acceptable.
- Lead in time on CD's may not exceed two (2) seconds.

- Music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable CDRW disks.

The LOC is NOT responsible for damage to or loss of CD's. CDs not picked up by the end of the competition are NOT the responsibility of the LOC and will be destroyed.

Penalty for Incorrect Music or Failure to Upload Music:

The LOC will assess each competitor an additional charge of \$25 per event if the competitor

- fails to submit their music prior to the close of online music submission,
- submits files that do not correspond to the specifications above, or
- submits either the incorrect music or needs to make changes to their music after the close of online music submission.

Competitors may NOT receive their credentials at registration until they pay the \$25 per event charge and turn in their music on CD, conforming to the requirements above.

Music Issues During a Performance:

In most situations, the event referee will NOT stop a performance due to music skipping, poor quality, music stops completely, incorrect tempo or similar issues. For such situations during a performance, the skater must immediately approach the event referee for resolution. Please note rule 1403C of the US Figure Skating rulebook: If the tempo or quality of the music is deficient, the competitor must stop skating and notify the event referee. Backup music must be readily available at rink side.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, San Antonio Figure Skating Club, and Northwoods Ice and Golf Center 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, Adult Masters
- **Singles short program events:** Juvenile, Open Juvenile (Juv/Open Juv will follow rule 4230 requirements for Intermediate Short Program), Intermediate—Senior
- **Excel Series Program/Excel Plus Singles free skate events:** Preliminary Plus, Pre-Juvenile Plus Juvenile Plus and Intermediate – Senior (see Excel Program Technical Handbook for guidelines)

All competitors skating in these events need to submit their planned program content online through Entryeeze. The deadline to submit the planned program content is February 15, 2019.

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for the following events:

- **Well Balanced Program Singles free skate events*:** Pre-Preliminary - Preliminary, Adult Pre-Bronze - Adult Bronze
- **Singles Introductory events:** Beginner, High Beginner, 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 will begin one hour prior to the first event and run through the last day of the event. Registration will be located in the lobby of the rink. All entrants are required to register and be ready to skate at least one hour prior to their scheduled events. 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: Practice Ice will be sold online through Entryeeze until registration opens. Then Practice Ice will be sold at Registration, in person, for cash. Practice Ice will continue to be sold until sessions are full.

When practice ice is full, it is **FULL**. **NO** exceptions will be made.

After the close of entries, you will receive an email in order to access your practice ice record and select your session(s) via Entryeeze. All Practice Ice will be selected by skaters.

Practice Ice Policies:

- Prepayment is REQUIRED before a practice ice session is reserved
- Registration is ongoing for practice ice until sessions are full
- Sessions will be filled on a first-come, first served basis
- Sessions are 20 minutes each
- Sessions will be organized according to level, whenever possible, and limited to 24 skaters.
- Skaters must provide a separate CD for use during practice ice sessions
- Practice music must be turned in to the Ice Monitor prior to the session and picked up from the Ice Monitor immediately following the session – music will be played once, on a first-come, first served basis. We do not guarantee all skater's music will be played
- No coaches allowed on the ice
- Spins, Jumps, Compulsory Moves, and Showcase may practice on any Practice Ice session
- No Showcase props will be permitted on any Practice Ice session
- Practice Ice is non-transferable and non-refundable
- Refunds will be issued only in the case that an event is not held

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY: An official competition photographer has not been determined at this time. 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 rink outlets. No flash devices are allowed in ice arena during practice ice, warm-ups or events, as they are a hazard to skaters. Video recording for personal profit is not allowed. Personal photography is permitted during award ceremonies.

AWARDS: Awards will be presented to the first 4 places in each event. For Learn to Skate USA levels of Snowplow Sam thru Freeskate 6, skaters will be divided into groups of no more than 6 and all skaters will receive an award. All awards will be presented off-ice approximately 15 minutes after each event or as soon as results are posted. Skaters 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.sanantoniofsc.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. Skaters are requested to arrive 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 registration. Forms must be picked up at the registration desk prior to the end of the competition. Test credit forms must be requested prior to the last IJS event of the competition (unless you are in that event and then test credit form must be requested after results are posted). Test Credit forms must be picked up by the end of the competition. 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 non-qualifying 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 Learn to Skate USA portal for instructors). There is no cost to this training and 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:
<http://usfsa.org/content/Coaches%20Requirements%20Chart.pdf>

EVENT CONTACT INFO: If you have questions, please contact the Alamo Skate Competition Chair: Janine Sauer at alamoskate@safsc.org

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Hampton Inn Northwoods
2127 Gold Canyon Drive
San Antonio, TX 78232
(210) 404-1144



A limited number of rooms are available at our pre-negotiated rate. Indicate you are a participant at Alamo Skate to receive a reduced rate of \$103 per night.

Booking Link:

https://secure3.hilton.com/en_US/hp/reservation/book.htm?ctyhocn=SATHHHX&corporateCode=0003065973&from=lnrlink

COMPETITION T-SHIRTS: Competition t-shirts will be available and **may be pre-ordered through entryeeze.com** Pre-ordered shirts will be available at the registration desk upon check-in. A very limited supply of t-shirts will be available for purchase at the competition. T-shirts will feature the Alamo Skate logo on the front and a listing of the participants on the back. More details are available on entryeeze.com.

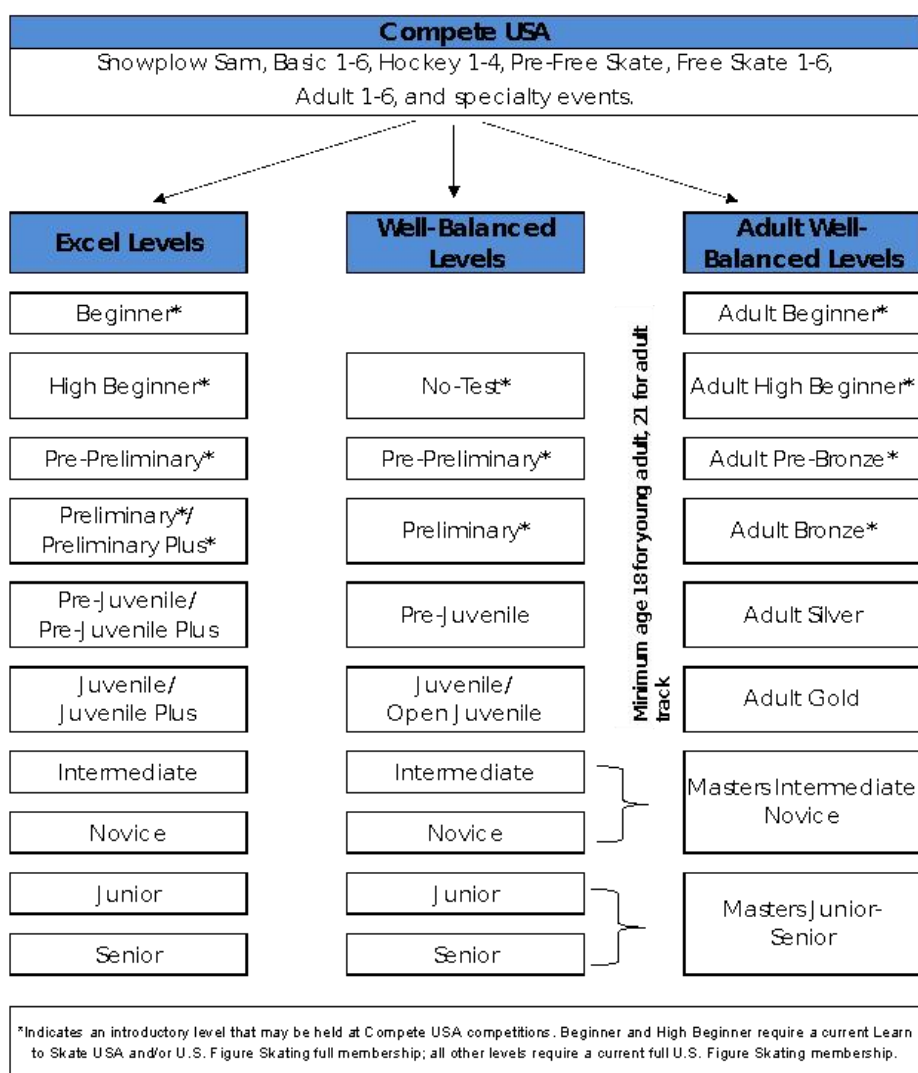
ADMISSION: No admission fee for spectators will be charged. All skaters are encouraged to invite family and friends. Please remember that for the safety of the skaters, flash photography is not allowed.

SAN ANTONIO VISITOR INFORMATION: 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



COMPETITIVE PROGRESSION THROUGH THE LEVELS OF U.S. FIGURE SKATING

Singles athletes begin with Compete USA competitions. Once athletes begin the official U.S. Figure Skating test structure, they can choose to enter the Excel, Well-Balanced or Adult levels as appropriate for their ability, test level, and age. Test requirements are the same for the Excel and Well-Balanced levels. It is completely the choice of the athlete which track to follow; athletes may switch between tracks as best suits their development, but may not enter the same type of event in multiple tracks. Competitive level is determined by highest free skate test passed.



Competition Events Offered: The following USFSA and Compete USA events will be offered at Alamo Skate. For full details visit USFSA.org for the current rulebook or click [here](#) for current rules and requirements.

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

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

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

[Excel Free Skate \(new for 2018-19 season\)](#)

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING RULEBOOK CHANGES

*Effective Feb. 1, 2019, the Intermediate Men and Ladies Well-Balanced Free Skate and Test will be increased to 3:00 +/- 10 seconds. All other requirements will remain the same.

*Effective Feb. 1, 2019, the Novice Ladies Well-Balanced Free Skate and Test will be the same length (3:30) and have the same requirements as the Novice Men's Free Skate.

COMPULSORY MOVES – SINGLES

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

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

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

SPECIALITY EVENTS - SINGLES

[Jumps Challenge](#)

[Spin Challenge](#)

ADULT EVENTS -SINGLES

[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, No Test-Adult Gold)

[Showcase](#)