

Basic Skills and Special Olympian Announcement



SKATE HOUSTON 2012

March 23-25, 2012

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Entries will be accepted via EntryEze through February 10, 2012
Paper entries must be postmarked no later than February 10, 2012

Event to be held at:

**Sugar Land Ice and Sports Complex, Dual Surface
16225 Lexington, Sugar Land, Texas 77479**

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TEXAS GULF COAST SKATE HOUSTON 2012 BASIC SKILLS & SPECIAL OLYMPIAN COMPETITION
March 23-25, 2012

Approved by the US Figure Skating Basic Skills Program

Sponsored by
THE TEXAS GULF COAST FIGURE SKATING CLUB
www.texasgulfcoastfsc.org

At Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center, 16225 LEXINGTON BLVD., SUGARLAND, TEXAS 77479

MISSION STATEMENT: The purpose of the competition is to promote a FUN, introductory, competitive experience for the beginning skater.

RULES AND CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION: The Texas Gulf Coast Skate Houston 2012 Basic Skills Competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating as set forth in the 2012 Official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Competition Manual, unless otherwise stated in the announcement. Skate Houston will be using the 6.0 system of judging to determine placement. All Basic 1-8 events will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2012. Freeskate 1-6 and Test Track events may be scheduled on Saturday and Sunday (March 24-25, 2012).

ELIGIBILITY: The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (E.R. 1.0) members of either the Basic Skills program and/or are full members of US Figure Skating. To be eligible members must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are welcome to compete but must be registered with the host Basic Skills program/club or any other Basic Skills program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. **ALL SNOWPLOW SAM AND BASIC SKILLS SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 8 must skate at highest level passed and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances. Skaters in other events may skate at highest level passed or one level higher BUT NOT BOTH LEVELS in the same event during the same competition.**

For the FreeSkate 1-6 levels, eligibility will be based upon highest free skate test passed (moves in the field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher, BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

Skaters must compete at highest level passed as of the designated closing date for entries, February 10th, 2012. **Please note:** If a skater competes at a non-qualifying Competition in a Well-Balanced Program track "No Test" category, then that skater must compete at the equivalent or higher level in a Basic Skills approved competition. Age and Test requirements are set forth in the 2011-2012 Official USFSA Rulebook. The age limit is 21 or older for Adult events.

ENTRIES / DEADLINE / REFUNDS: Registrations will be processed using EntryEeze Online registration. To access EntryEeze, please visit www.texasgulfcoastfsc.org. Paper entries will be accepted but will require a \$15 processing fee. On line registrations will be accepted through February 10, 2012. Paper entries must be postmarked by February 10, 2012. Metered mail is not accepted as proof of postage. Only complete entries, including all signatures and US Figure Skating number will be accepted (if number is pending, please write PENDING). Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the competition committee and chief referee, but must include a late fee of \$50 (\$25 for Basic Skills and Special Olympian). The competition committee reserves the right to limit entries to any event or to cancel an event based upon time restrictions. No refunds will be made unless no event exists in the competition. **ENTRY FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT CLEARLY AND COMPLETELY and returned with a fee check made payable to TGCFS-C Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club.** There will be a \$25 service charge for all returned checks, and payment will then be required by money order or cash. **Any entry form changes made after the closing date will be assessed at \$25 fee and must be approved by the competition referee.**

EVENTS / FEES: The Texas Gulf Coast Skate Houston 2012 Basic Skills Competition and f will be held on Sunday March 25th, 2012 (Freeskate 1-6 and Competitive Test Track events may be scheduled on Saturday and Sunday). **BASIC SKILLS EVENTS OFFERED ARE FREESKATE, ARTISTIC PROGRAM and COMPULSORY MOVES. The fee is \$35 per event.**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
MAIL ENTRY FORMS AND FEES TO:
CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:
ADDRESS INQUIRIES TO:

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(Please leave a message and calls will be returned collect before 9:00 p.m. CST. Please no calls after 9:00 p.m. CST)

AWARDS: In all events medals will be given to the first, second, third and fourth placements, and ribbons will be given to fifth and sixth placements (each member of a team in team skating events will receive a medal/ribbon). Awards will be presented off-ice at the photographer's table after the results for the event are posted.

FACILITIES: The Skate Houston 2012 Basic Skills Competition will be held at the dual ice surface, Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center, 16225 Lexington Blvd., Sugar Land, TX 77479. Each surface is 200' x 85' with rounded corners. The complex contains a pro shop, restaurant, and locker rooms for changing skating outfits. It is a free standing facility and can be chilly. Please be prepared to dress accordingly.

REGISTRATION: The Registration Table will be located in the lobby of the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center and will be open during practice ice sessions on Thursday, March 22, 2012. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the registration table will open approximately one hour before the first competition event of the day and remain open until the completion of the final event of the day.

MUSIC: Regular sized CD's (**CD-R not CD-RW, No Mini CDs, CDs must not be formatted in a .wav format**) only will be used and must be clearly marked with the skater's name, event, and running time of the music. The official competition CD, recorded at an adequate volume, must be turned in at the Registration Table at the time of check-in. One event should be recorded on the CD, and a separate CD is required for each competition event. A duplicate CD will be needed for use during practice ice sessions and should be readily available at event time. CD's may be picked up at the Music Table at registration in the lobby following each event. Every reasonable care will be taken, but the Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club cannot accept responsibility for CD's.

PRACTICE ICE: A limited amount of practice ice will be available before and during the competition on Sunday, March 26th, 2012. **Basic Skills 1-8 will be on Sunday only.** Rates are \$12.00 per 20 minute session for Basic Skills and Special Olympian competitors. Professionals are allowed on the ice during Basic Skills and Special Olympian Practice Ice sessions only, and music will NOT be played on those sessions. To reserve practice ice please, purchase sessions online with your EntryEeze registration. If available additional 20 minute Practice ice sessions may be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis at the Practice Ice Table when you check, at a rate of \$15.00 for Basic Skills and Special Olympian Competitors. Once the competition schedule has been finalized you will receive an e-mail notifying you that it is time to select your specific practice ice days and times. Additional practice ice sessions *may* become available for purchase at a later date or at the event. This will depend on a variety of factors including number of events, ice availability, and schedule constraints.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO TAPING: DVD's, awards photographs, and action photographs will be available through the official event photographer(s). A photographer will also be available to take individual photographs by appointment. Orders for DVDs, awards photographs, action photographs, and individual photographs may be placed at the video / photography tables. Hand-held personal video equipment for personal use only will be permitted in the bleacher areas only. Personal video equipment may not be plugged into arena outlets or extension cords. Flash or artificial lighting is not allowed during competition events or practice sessions. **The competition committee reserves the right to restrict personal video taping to your skater's events only.** Photos of skaters on the awards podium are available through the official competition photographer. **Personal photographs are not permitted to be taken while skaters are on the awards podium.**

PLUSH FLOWERS/PROGRAM ADVERTISEMENTS: Programs and plush type flowers will be available for purchase during the competition. Program advertisers will receive a free program. Forms to advertise in the program are in this announcement. Don't forget to wish your skater or club good luck, or to thank a coach for all they've done!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: A tentative schedule of events and practice ice times will be posted on the TGCFCSC website at www.texasgulfoastfsc.org and on the club bulletin board at Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center

OFFICIAL NOTICES: An official Skate Houston bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center. Competitors and coaches are responsible for periodically checking the bulletin board for schedule changes, important announcements, and/or additional information. Competitors should report to the ice monitor approximately 45 minutes prior to their scheduled event time. Information will be posted on <http://www.texasgulfoastfsc.org>.

LIABILITY: US Figure Skating, the Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club, Officials of the Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club, Competition Officials, and the Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center shall be held harmless from any loss, damage, and/or injury that may be sustained by anyone in any manner while participating in any activities of this competition. Your signature on the entry form will indicate your acceptance of this stipulation.

ADMISSION: The competition is open to the general public for viewing at no charge. **Absolutely NO Flash photography!**

HOTELS: Please e-mail skatehouston@texasgulfoastfsc.org if you require hotel information.

DIRECTIONS TO RINK: Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center, 16225 Lexington Blvd, Sugar Land, TX 77479

From The Woodlands go south on I45, take the Sam Houston Tollway/Beltway 8 westbound and remain on it until you reach I-59. Merge onto I59 South signposted for Victoria. Go 5.7 miles and take the TX-6 exit and turn left onto TX-6 S. Go 0.6 miles and Turn right onto Lexington Blvd. The SLISC complex will be on your left in about 0.2 miles and you will need to make a u-turn before Austin Parkway.

From San Antonio take Interstate10 eastbound, take exit- number 743 and turn south onto TX-99 Grand Parkway for 15.3 miles. Turn left onto US-90 ALT E for 2.1 miles. Turn slight right onto Tx-6 S. Go 2.2 miles under I-59. Turn right onto Lexington Blvd. The SLISC complex will be on your left in 0.2 miles and you will need to make a U turn.

BASIC ELEMENTS EVENT: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

Each skater will have the option to perform one element at a time

- In the order listed below (no excessive connecting steps) **OR**
- Will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee

To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice

No music

All elements must be skated in the order listed

Time: 1:00 or less

<p>Snowplow Sam - Tots:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March followed by a two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles 2-3 in a row 3. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles 2-6 in a row 	<p>Basic 5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counterclockwise 2. Backward crossovers 4-6 consecutive – both directions 3. Basic one foot spin – free leg held to side of spinning leg - minimum three revolutions 4. Side Toe hop -either direction 5. Hockey stop
<p>Basic 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward two foot glide and dip 2. Forward snowplow stop 3. Forward two foot swizzles 6 -8 in a row 4. Backward wiggles 6-8 in a row 	<p>Basic 6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward inside three turn - R & L 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward spiral on a straight line - R or L 4. Lunge - R or L 5. T-stop - R or L
<p>Basic 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward one foot glide - either foot 2. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line - across width of ice 3. Moving snowplow stop 4. Two foot turn in place forward to backwards 5. Backward two foot swizzles 6 - 8 in a row 	<p>Basic 7:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward inside open Mohawk - R to L and L to R 2. Ballet Jump - either direction 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position clockwise and counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot
<p>Basic 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward stroking 2. Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 4 – 6 consecutive 3. Backward one foot glide - either foot 4. Forward slalom 5. Two foot spin – minimum 3 revolutions 	<p>Basic 8:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three turns R & L 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka - either direction 4. One (1) Combination move - clockwise or counter clockwise –two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one-foot upright spin – free foot held to side of spinning leg or crossed position – minimum three revolutions
<p>Basic 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward outside three turn - R & L 2. Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counter clockwise 3. Forward crossovers 4-6 consecutive both directions 4. Backward stroking – 4-6 strokes 5. Backward snowplow stop - R or L 	

BASIC PROGRAM EVENT: SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 8

The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise specified.

To be skated on full ice

Vocal music is allowed

The skater may use elements from a previous level

A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level

Time: 1:00 +/- 10 seconds

<p>Snowplow Sam - Tots:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. March followed by a two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles 2-3-in a row 3. Backward wiggles 2-6 in a row 4. Forward snowplow stop 	<p>Basic 5:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward crossovers 4-6 consecutive in both directions 2. Basic one foot spin – free leg held to side of spinning leg - minimum three revolutions 3. Side Toe hop - either direction 4. Hockey stop
<p>Basic 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles 6-8 in a row 3. Backward wiggles 6-8 in a row 4. Forward snowplow stop 	<p>Basic 6:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward inside 3-turn - R & L 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward arabesque spiral on a straight line R or L 4. Lunge - R or L 5. T-stop - R or L
<p>Basic 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward one foot glide - either foot 2. Two foot turn in place - forward to backwards 3. Backward two foot swizzles 6 - 8 in a row 4. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line – 2-3 each foot 5. Moving snowplow stop 	<p>Basic 7:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standstill forward inside open Mohawk - R to L and L to R 2. Ballet Jump either direction 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position clockwise and counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot
<p>Basic 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward stroking 2. Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 4 -6 consecutive 3. Backward one foot glide - either foot 4. Forward slalom 5. Two foot spin – minimum three revolutions 	<p>Basic 8:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three turns R & L 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka in either direction 4. One (1) Combination move - clockwise or counter clockwise - two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step down, cross behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one-foot upright spin – free foot held to side of spinning leg or crossed position – minimum three revolutions
<p>Basic 4</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward crossovers 4-6 consecutive both directions 2. Forward outside 3 turn - R & L 3. Backward stroking 4. Backward snowplow stop - R or L 	

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FREE SKATE 1-6 COMPULSORY EVENT

In program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional

To be skated on ½ ice

No music is allowed

The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels.

A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level

Time: 1:15 or less

Free skate level 1 Compulsory	Free skate level 4 Compulsory
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advanced forward stroking - 4-6 consecutive 2. Basic forward outside edges and forward inside consecutive edges - 2-4 outside and 2-4 inside 3. One-foot upright scratch spin from backward crossovers – minimum three revolutions 4. Waltz jump from backward crossovers 5. Half flip jump 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets-R or L 2. Sit spin – minimum three revolutions 3. Loop jump 4. Waltz jump/loop jump
Free skate level 2 Compulsory	Free skate level 5 Compulsory
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward outside or inside spiral - R or L 2. Waltz Three's - R or L, 2-3 sets 3. Beginning back spin - entry optional 4. Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump series 5. Toe loop jump 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Camel spin – minimum three revolutions 3. Forward upright spin to back upright spin – minimum three revolutions, each foot 4. Loop/loop jump 5. Flip jump
Free skate level 3 Compulsory	Free skate level 6 Compulsory
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward crossovers in a figure 8 2. Advanced forward outside swing rolls 4 - 6 consecutive 3. Back spin – minimum three revolutions 4. Salchow jump 5. Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Five step Mohawk sequence - 1 set alternating pattern (refer to Basic Skills Curriculum Free skate 6) 2. Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of 4 revolutions total 3. Split jump or stag jump 4. Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow combination 5. Lutz jump

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FREE SKATE EVENT: FREE SKATE 1-6

The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times element is executed, or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise stated.

Vocal music is allowed.

The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels.

A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level

Time 1:30+/-10sec

Freeskate 1	Freeskate 4
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advanced Forward stroking. 4-6 strokes 2. One foot upright scratch spin from back crossovers – minimum three revolutions 3. Waltz jump from back crossovers 4. Half flip jump 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive R or L 2. Sit spin – minimum three revolutions 3. Loop jump 4. Waltz jump/loop jump
Freeskate 2	Freeskate 5
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward outside spiral R or L 2. Beginning back spin 3. Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump 4. Toe loop 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Camel spin – minimum three revolutions 2. Forward upright spin to back upright spin – minimum three revolutions each foot 3. Loop/loop combination jump 4. Flip jump
Freeskate 3	Freeskate 6
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward crossovers in a figure 8 2. Back spin – minimum three revolutions 3. Salchow 4. Waltz jump/Toe loop or Salchow/toe loop 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Camel/sit spin combination, min of 4 revolutions total 2. Split or stag jump 3. Waltz jump/1/2 loop /Salchow combination 4. Lutz jump

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Freeskate Artistic Program 1-6 – with music

Groups will be divided by number of entries and ages if possible.

Skaters must enter at the same level as their free skate event. If a free skate event is not being entered, skaters must enter at their current test level or one level higher.

Program duration 1:30 +/- 10 seconds

Skated on full ice and vocal music is permitted

Skaters will be judged on musical interpretation and feeling, expression, and how the skating relates to the music. Show costumes are permitted, as long as they do not touch or drag on the ice. Only hand held props are allowed. Props must remain in the skater's hand(s) at all times. 6.0 Judging will be used. Deductions will be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

Elements: 3 jump maximum. ½ rotation jumps only, plus the following full rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop.

May not have passed any official U.S. Figure Skating tests.

COMPULSORY EVENT, TEST TRACK & WELL BALANCED LEVELS

In program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional
 To be skated on ½ ice -
 The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels
 A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level
Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program
 No music is allowed

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Limited Beginner	1. Waltz jump 2. ½ jump of choice 3. Forward two foot or one foot spin – minimum three revolutions (free leg position optional) 4. Forward or backward spiral	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests	1:15 MAX
Beginner	1. Toe loop jump 2. Salchow jump 3. Forward scratch spin 4. Forward or backward spiral	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests	1:15 MAX

TEST TRACK MUSIC EVENT

FREE SKATING QUALIFICATIONS AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Skaters may enter EITHER the new test track free skate program or the well-balanced track free skate program but **NOT** both during the same nonqualifying competition. Competitors will skate to music of their choice, vocal music permitted.

Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

- from EACH mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description
- from the technical mark for each extra or lacking element
- for any spin with less than required revolutions

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	QUALIFICATIONS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Limited Beginner	Two upright spins, no change of foot (min 3 revolutions), jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). Jump sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests	1:30 +/- 10 seconds
Beginner	Two upright spins, change of foot optional (min 3 revolutions), jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front), single rotation jumps: Salchow and Toe Loop only. Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests	1:30 +/- 10 seconds

Adult Basic Skills Levels

The Adult Basic Elements event is skated in a program format, on ½ ice without music. The skating order of elements is optional. A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Male and female competitors can be combined at the discretion of the referee if entries are not sufficient to create separate events. Time is 1:00 +/- 10 seconds. To be eligible, skaters must have passed no higher than Adult 4.

The Adult 1-4 Basic free skate program is on full ice with music. Vocal music is allowed. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times executed or length of glides, number of revolutions etc. unless otherwise stated. The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels. A .2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Male and female competitors can be combined at the discretion of the referee if entries are not sufficient to create separate events. Time is 1:40 MAX. To be eligible, skaters must have passed no higher than Adult 4.

LEVEL	ELEMENTS	PROGRAM LENGTH
Adult 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward swizzles 2. Forward one-foot glides, one time skater's height: R & L 3. Two-foot turns 4. Snowplow stops: R or L 5. Forward curves on two feet 	Elements 1:15 MAX Free Skating 1:40 MAX
Adult 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward stroking 2. Forward crossovers, clockwise and counter clockwise 3. Backward one-foot glide: R or L 4. Forward pivot 5. Forward Chasses on a circle 	Elements 1:15 MAX Free Skating 1:40 MAX
Adult 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward crossovers, clockwise and counter clockwise 2. Inside Mohawk, either direction 3. Backward snowplow stops: R and L 4. Forward progressives 5. Beginning two-foot spin 	Elements 1:15 MAX Free Skating 1:40 MAX
Adult 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward three turns, outside or inside: R & L 2. Alternate backward crossovers with two-foot transition 3. Footwork sequence: 3-5 forward crossovers to an inside Mohawk; 3-5 backward crossovers; step forward inside the circle 4. Power three turns: one direction only 5. Backward Chasses on a circle 	Elements 1:15 MAX Free Skating 1:40 MAX

BEGINNER SKATING

OVERVIEW: The beginner competition program is for Basic Skills level skaters who are interested in a first competition or “team” experience, taking the Synchro 1-4 badges a step further. Beginner teams compete at Basic Skills competitions and non-qualifying synchronized competitions around the country.

The beginner level will be offered at non-qualifying synchronized skating competitions and U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills competitions. The intent of the level is to provide a place for Basic Skills or pre-preliminary level skaters to start. Teams competing in this level should be at approximately the **Synchro 4** level from the Basic Skills program, but not yet ready for preliminary, pre-juvenile or open juvenile. In order to safely practice and compete at this level, it is recommended that skaters have passed or can easily perform elements through at least Basic 5.

ELIGIBILITY RULES: All skaters on the team must either be full U.S. Figure Skating members or members of the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills program. The team may choose to represent a U.S. Figure Skating club or their Basic Skills Program/Club. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete, but must be registered with the host Basic Skills Program/Club or any other Basic Skills Program/Club of their choice. In order for the team to be eligible for this event, no skaters on the team may have passed higher than the preliminary or adult bronze test in any discipline.

LEVELS (AGE / NUMBER OF SKATERS):

- Beginner 1: 8-16 skaters, the majority of the team under 9 years old
- Beginner 2: 8-16 skaters, the majority of the team 9-11 years old
- Beginner 3: 8-16 skaters, the majority of the team at least 12 years old.

Required Elements – Each level has specified required elements that must be completed:

LEVEL	CIRCLE	LINE	BLOCK	WHEEL	INTERSECTION
BEGINNER 1 Majority under 9; 1 ½ - 2 minutes	Must contain a two foot turn. Must contain a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide.	Must cover the ice and must have only forward skating.	Must cover the ice, and must have only 1 configuration.	4-spoke or “S” wheel with backward pumps.	Two lines facing each other, 2-foot glide at point of intersection.
BEGINNER 2 Majority 9 – 11; 1 ½ - 2 minutes	Must include the combination move from Basic 8. (1 direction only, don’t need to repeat)	Must cover the ice and may include forward and backward skating.	Must cover the ice and must have 1 or 2 configurations.	Wheel of choice with backward pumps.	Two lines facing each other, 1-foot glide at point of intersection.
BEGINNER 3 Majority 12+; 2 – 2 ½ minutes	Must include the combination move from Basic 8. (1 direction only, don’t need to repeat)	Must cover the ice and must include forward and backward skating.	Must cover the ice and must have 2 or 3 configurations.	Wheel of choice with backward pumps, chasses, or crossovers.	Two lines facing each other, 1-foot glide or forward lunge at point of intersection.

PROGRAM DURATION: Teams will skate a program to music of their choice of 1 ½ – 2 minutes. There are no restrictions or requirements on music choice.

JUDGING OF THIS EVENT: The main emphasis of this level is mastering the basic skills of synchronized skating: control in the elements, straight lines, unison, use of guiding and shadowing, etc. The focus is **not** on difficulty of the steps or transitions.

BASIC SKILLS THEATRE ON ICE 1 – 4

Figure Skating Basic Skills competition. In order to safely practice and compete at the various levels, it is strongly recommended that skaters have mastered the elements of the Basic Skills level at which they are skating. (See program requirements.) Props, Scenery and theatrical make up are not allowed.

ELIGIBILITY RULES: All skaters on the team must either be full U.S. Figure Skating members or members of the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills program. It is strongly suggested teams register with U.S. Figure Skating, but this is not required. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete, but must be registered with a Basic Skills program or as full members of U.S. Figure Skating. In order for the team to be eligible for this event, no skaters on the team may have passed higher than the pre-preliminary moves in the field or adult pre-bronze test in any discipline.

AGE/NUMBER OF SKATERS: Skaters may not have reached 18 years of age as of Sept.1 of the current skating season. Teams should be comprised of 8 to 16 skaters.

PROGRAM DURATION: Teams will skate a program to music of their choice (vocals are allowed). 1½ min. +/- 10 sec. There are no restrictions or requirements on music choice but each level has a different THEME, CHOREOGRAPHIC PROCESS and MOVEMENT or GESTURE. (See program requirements).

JUDGING: The main emphasis of each level is mastering the basic skills of Theatre on Ice and showing control in the skating skills from the badge levels required. The focus is not difficulty, but the performance and expression of the three required elements. When possible, judges should be selected from those who have participated in a PSA or USFS schools/seminars where Theater on Ice has been discussed, or have some familiarity with the discipline of Theatre on Ice.

BASIC SKILLS THEATRE ON ICE

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS: The competitive programs shall create a story based on the theme while demonstrating the choreographic process and gesture or movement. Programs should contain skating skills from the Basic Skills program levels listed. Elements from higher levels are not allowed. Elements from lower levels are encouraged. Coaches should refer to the US Figure Skating Basic Skills Instructor's Manual for further details on the elements.

Props, scenery and theatrical makeup are not allowed.

TOI/CE 1

THEME: JOY

CHOREOGRAPHIC PROCESS - REPETITION

MOVEMENT OR GESTURE - RAPID MOVEMENT

Program length is 1 ½ min. +/- 10 sec.

Skaters should demonstrate elements from the Basic Skills Program 1-4.

Elements from higher levels are not allowed.

TOI/CE 2

THEME: FEAR

CHOREOGRAPHIC PROCESS - CASCADE

MOVEMENT OR GESTURE - ROUND MOVEMENT

Program length is 1 ½ min. +/- 10 sec.

Skaters should demonstrate elements from the Basic Skills Program 5-8.

Elements from higher levels are not allowed.

TOI/CE 3

THEME: ANGER

CHOREOGRAPHIC PROCESS - MIRROR

MOVEMENT OR GESTURE - SHARP MOVEMENT

Program length is 1 ½ min. +/- 10 sec.

Skaters should demonstrate elements from the Basic Skills Free Skate 1-3.

Elements from higher levels are not allowed.

TOI/CE 4

THEME: GROWTH

CHOREOGRAPHIC PROCESS - CANON

MOVEMENT OR GESTURE - SLOW MOVEMENT

Program length is 1 ½ min. +/- 10 sec.

Skaters should demonstrate elements from the Basic Skills Free Skate 4-6.

Elements from higher levels are not allowed.

Please refer to the Basic Skills Instructor's Manual for more detailed information on TOI 1-4.

SKATE HOUSTON 2012 SPECIAL OLYMPIAN COMPETITION EVENTS

SPECIAL OLYMPIAN FREE SKATE			
All free skate events are performed with music of the skater's choice on full ice surface. Vocal music is allowed.			
EVENT	LEVEL	REQUIREMENTS	TIME
1.	Level 1	Program as per Special Olympic level one requirement.	1 min
2.	Level 2	Program as per Special Olympic level two requirements.	1½ min
3.	Level 3	Program as per Special Olympic level three requirements.	2 min
4.	Level 4	Program as per Special Olympic level four requirements.	2 min
5.	Level 5	Program as per Special Olympic level five requirements.	2½ min

SPECIAL OLYMPIAN ARTISTIC			
All Artistic events are performed with music (vocal music allowed) on full ice surface. Costumes may be of any type as long as they fit the music and are not a safety hazard. Props, if used, must be hand held at all times. Judging will be based on entertainment value as well as on originality, creativity, musical interpretation and artistic expression. No props allowed during warm-up.			
EVENT	LEVEL	REQUIREMENTS	TIME
6.	Level 1	Program as per Special Olympic level one requirements.	1 min
7.	Level 2	Program as per Special Olympic level two requirements.	1 min
8.	Level 3	Program as per Special Olympic level three requirements.	1 min
9.	Level 4	Program as per Special Olympic level four requirements.	1½ min
10.	Level 5	Program as per Special Olympic level five requirements.	1½ min
11.	Pairs		2 min

SPECIAL OLYMPIAN COMPULSORY MOVES			
All compulsory moves events are performed without music on 1/2 ice surface. Required elements must be skated in the order listed. Each skater has only one attempt to complete each element. Times listed are maximum times.			
EVENT	LEVEL	REQUIRED ELEMENTS	TIME
12.	Level 1	1) Forward swizzles for a distance of 10 meters; 2) Backward swizzles for a distance of 10 meters. 3) One-foot snow plow stop.	1 min
13.	Level 2	1) Forward stroking; 2) Forward to backward turn; 3) Backward stroking; 4) Backward to forward turn; 5) Forward stroking; 6) T-Stop.	1 min
14.	Level 3	1) Forward outside edges; 2) Forward inside edges; 3) Forward outside three-turn on the right foot; 4) Forward outside three-turn on the left foot.	1 min
15.	Level 4	1) Back outside edges; 2) Backward inside edges; 3) Forward crossovers; 4) Inside Mohawk; 5) Backward crossover, step forward, repeated two times, left and right foot; 6) Waltz through step sequence	1 min
16.	Level 5	1) LBO 3-LF1 Mohawk (repeat); 2) RBO 3-RF1 Mohawk (repeat); 3) RFOI change edge - LFI 3; 4) RFIO change edge - LFO 3; 5) LFOI change edge - RFI 3; 6) LFIO change edge - RFO 3	1 min

SPECIAL OLYMPIAN SOLO DANCE			
Test level, according to the Special Olympics Winter Rules for Figure Skating, will be determined at close of entries. Skaters may skate at their current level or one level higher".			
EVENT	LEVEL	DANCE / DANCE REQUIREMENTS	# PATTERNS
17.	Level 1	Canasta Tango – All Level 1 compulsory dances will be skated to music.	2 patterns
18.	Level 2	Cha Cha – All Level 2 compulsory dances will be skated to music.	2 patterns
19.	Level 3	Hickory Hoedown – All level 3 compulsory dances will be skated to music.	2 patterns
20.	Level 4	Fourteen Setp – All level 4 compulsory dances will be skated to music.	2 patterns

TEXAS GULF COAST SKATE HOUSTON 2012 BASIC SKILLS COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____
Last First

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Area Code/Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

U.S. Figure Skating Number _____ Home Club _____

Program Affiliation _____ Current Skating Level _____

Last U.S. Figure Skating Level Passed _____

Coach's name/ Phone # _____ Coach's E-mail _____

Highest test passed: Freeskate _____ MIF _____ Pairs _____ Dance _____ Basic Skills _____ ISI _____ Special Olympian _____

Please check and circle the events you are entering. Please read carefully the eligibility requirements in announcement.

Basic Elements: *(Check one only)*

- _____ Snowplow Sam
- _____ Basic 1 _____ Basic 2
- _____ Basic 3 _____ Basic 4
- _____ Basic 5 _____ Basic 6
- _____ Basic 7 _____ Basic 8

Basic Program – with music: *(Check one only)*

- _____ Snowplow Sam
- _____ Basic 1 _____ Basic 2
- _____ Basic 3 _____ Basic 4
- _____ Basic 5 _____ Basic 6
- _____ Basic 7 _____ Basic 8

Freeskate Compulsories:

- _____ Freeskate 1
- _____ Freeskate 2
- _____ Freeskate 3
- _____ Freeskate 4
- _____ Freeskate 5
- _____ Freeskate 6
- _____ Ltd. Beginner
- _____ Beginner

Free Skate 1-6 Program w/music:

- _____ Freeskate 1
- _____ Freeskate 2
- _____ Freeskate 3
- _____ Freeskate 4
- _____ Freeskate 5
- _____ Freeskate 6

Freeskate 1-6 Artistic Program:

- _____ Freeskate 1 _____ Freeskate 4
- _____ Freeskate 2 _____ Freeskate 5
- _____ Freeskate 3 _____ Freeskate 6

Practice Ice:

_____ 1 Basic Skills Practice Ice Session
 Would you like extra practice ice if available? **Yes/No**

Adult Basic Elements:

- _____ Adult 1
- _____ Adult 2
- _____ Adult 3
- _____ Adult 4

Adult Basic Free Skate Program:

- _____ Adult 1
- _____ Adult 2
- _____ Adult 3
- _____ Adult 4

Test Track Free Skate Program

- Freeskate Program:**
- _____ Ltd. Beginner
 - _____ Beginner

ENTRY FEES DUE: ENTRY FEE IS \$35.00 PER EVENT

No of events entering _____ X \$35= _____
 Basic Skills Practice Ice Session Limit One at \$12 _____
 \$15 Fee if not current US Figure Skating Basic Skills Member _____
 \$15 Hardcopy Registration Processing Fee _____
 Program Advertising Fees (Attach form) _____
 Competition Souvenirs (Attach order form) _____
 Late Fee of \$25 if mailed after February 10, 2012 _____
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED _____

Make checks payable to TGCFCSC. Mail this entry form and all fees due, before February 10th, 2012. Entries postmarked after this date must include the late fees. Competitors who are not full members of US Figure Skating or the Basic Skills program must submit \$15 and the Basic Skills Program application form to be forwarded to US Figure Skating. Send to: TGCFCSC, Skate Houston 2012, PO Box 17273, Sugar Land, TX 77496-7273. ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE UNLESS AN EVENT IS CANCELLED.

Certification of Competitor: The Competitor is eligible to enter the events checked. It is agreed that:

The undersigned approves of the entry and agrees that US Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competition 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 all claims which they may have against any official, US Figure Skating, Texas Gulf Coast figure Skating Club TGCFCSC and its officers, and the Sugar Land Ice and Sports Center and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

 Parent/Guardian Signature Date

 Instructor/ Coach Signature Date

 Program Director/Club Officer Date

 Competitor Signature Date

TEXAS GULF COAST FIGURE SKATING CLUB - SKATE HOUSTON 2012 SPECIAL OLYMPIAN COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Birth date: ____/____/____
Last First

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Area Code/Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

U.S. Figure Skating Number _____ Home Club _____

Program Affiliation _____ Current Skating Level _____

Last U.S. Figure Skating Level Passed _____

Coach's name/ Phone # _____ Coach's E-mail _____

Highest test passed: Freeskate ___ MIF ___ Pairs ___ Dance ___ Basic Skills ___ ISI ___ Special Olympian ___

Please check and circle the events you are entering. Please read carefully the eligibility requirements in announcement.

Compulsory Moves:

(Check one only)

- _____ Level 1
- _____ Level 2
- _____ Level 3
- _____ Level 4
- _____ Level 5

Freeskate Program:

(Check one only)

- _____ Level 1
- _____ Level 2
- _____ Level 3
- _____ Level 4
- _____ Level 5

Artistic:

(Check one only)

- _____ Level 1
- _____ Level 2
- _____ Level 3
- _____ Level 4
- _____ Level 5
- _____ Pairs

Solo Dance

(Check one only)

- _____ Level 1
- _____ Level 2
- _____ Level 3
- _____ Level 4

Practice Ice:

- _____ Special Olympian
- _____ Practice Ice Session

ENTRY FEE IS \$30.00 PER EVENT

No of events entering _____ X \$35 _____

Special Olympian Practice Ice Limit One @ \$12 _____

\$15 Hardcopy Registration Processing Fee _____

Competition Souvenirs (Attach order form) _____

Program Advertising Fees (Attach order form) _____

\$25 Late entry fee if mailed after February 10th, 2012 _____

TOTAL FEES DUE _____

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Program Director/Club Officer Date

Instructor/ Coach Signature Date

Competitor Signature Date

**POSTMARK BY FEBRUARY 10, 2012
SKATE HOUSTON 2012 SYNCHRONIZED/TOI TEAM SKATING ENTRY FORM**

Team Name: _____ Team Coach / Manager _____
 Address _____ Telephone: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
 Home Club: _____ Home Rink: _____
 Day Phone: () _____ Evening Phone: () _____
 Email: _____

Please indicate division/event below.

SYNCHRO Basic Skills Event Entered

BEGINNER 1 _____
 BEGINNER 2 _____
 BEGINNER 3 _____

THEATER ON ICE Event Entered

TOI/CE 1 _____
 TOI/CE 2 _____
 TOI/CE 3 _____
 TOI/CE 4 _____

Team Members' Names - USFSA # - Age

Team Members' Names - USFSA # - Age

1)	13)
2)	14)
3)	15)
4)	16)
5)	17)
6)	18)
7)	19)
8)	20)
9	21)
10)	22)
11)	23)
12)	24)

Team Coach/Manager: The undersigned approves this entry and per USFSA rules agrees to hold harmless the USFSA, the Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club, Competition Officials, and the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center from any and all loss, damage and/or injury that may be sustained in any manner while participating in any activities of this competition.

Signature (must be over 18): _____ Date: _____

CLUB CERTIFICATION (If team represents a club): The above named team has permission to represent our club in the Synchronized event.

 Club Officer's Signature and Title

 Home Club

Team Coach/Manager: The undersigned approves this entry and per USFSA rules agrees to hold harmless the USFSA, the Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club, Competition Officials, and the Sugar Land Ice & Sports Center from any and all loss, damage and/or injury that may be sustained in any manner while participating in any activities of this competition.

Signature (must be over 18): _____ Date: _____

CLUB CERTIFICATION (If team represents a club): The above named team has permission to represent our club in the Theatre on Ice event.

 Club Officer's Signature and Title

 Home Club

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____



Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills Registration Form

Learn the FUN-damentals of Figure Skating! Basic Skills competitions are open to all skaters who have not passed the Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field U.S. Figure Skating test. Membership is \$10 for the remainder of 2011-2012 season (now through June, 2012) or join through June, 2012 for \$25 (annual dues for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012 is \$20).

You'll receive all these great goodies:

- Official Basic Skills membership card
- Basic Skills Record Book with stickers
- Official Basic Skills member patch
- Year patch
- Sports accident insurance coverage
- General information about ice skating

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____

E-mail _____

Previous Membership # _____

Date of Birth _____

Gender (M or F) _____

Coach _____

Primary Rink(s) _____

Mail application and fee to:

Texas Gulf Coast Figure Skating Club
P.O. Box 17273
Sugar Land, Texas 77496-7273
<http://www.tgcfsc.org>

TEXAS GULF COAST SKATE HOUSTON 2012

**COMPETITION PROGRAM ADVERTISING FORM
Business Ads, Special Ads, and Pre-Designed Personal Ads**

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER: (____) _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

TYPE	MAXIMUM SIZE (Width x Height in Inches)	RATE	CHECK AD(S) DESIRED
<u>Business / Special Ads</u>			
Full Page	(8.5 x 11.00)	\$100.00	_____
Half Page	(8.5 x 5.50)	\$75.00	_____
Quarter Page	(4.25 x 5.5)	\$50.00	_____
Business Card	(2.75 x 2.00)	\$25.00	_____
Inside Front Cover	(8.5 x 11.00)	\$150.00	_____
Inside Back Cover	(8.5 x 11.00)	\$150.00	_____
Outside Back Cover (6 colors)	(8.5 x 11.00)	\$200.00	_____

Pre-Designed Ads (Ad will be business card size – enter desired comments below)

List Text _____ \$15.00 _____

TOTAL ADVERTISING COST..... \$

Business and Special advertising rates are based upon camera-ready copy (black on white) and the exact size and shape of the ad. Ads that must be reduced or enlarged must include an additional \$15.00 fee. All photographs must be black and white glossies; no negatives will be accepted. **THE DEADLINE FOR ALL ADS IS FEBRUARY 18, 2012.**

Enter Total Advertising Fees on Competition Entry Form and submit this order form with your entry.