

Eighth Annual
Synchronized Skating Kick-Off Classic

Saturday, November 17, 2007
Wings Stadium, Kalamazoo, MI

Sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Skating Club

Sanctioned by US Figure Skating

8th Annual

Synchronized Skating Kick-Off Classic Competition

Location, Arena and Date: The competition, hosted by Southwest Michigan Skating Club, will be held on November 17, 2007 at the Wings Stadium Complex, Kalamazoo, Michigan. The competition will take place in the 5,000-seat arena. The competition surface and warm-up surface both measure 85 X 200 ft.

Entries: All applications must be **postmarked by: October 1, 2007**. Applications should be sent to:

Corey Thompson
6615 Westshire Street
Portage, MI 49024

The entry fee is \$75 per event plus \$20 per competitor, including alternates. The entry fee for beginner is \$50 per team plus \$5 per skater. All fees are due when applications are submitted and must be payable in U.S. dollars only. Returned check charge of \$30. Please make checks payable to: **Southwest Michigan Skating Club**

All teams **MUST** submit Entry Form 3 (Liability Waiver / Certification by Club Officer) either with their application or at the registration desk at least two hours before they are scheduled to compete.

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the sponsoring club.

If you have questions, please contact:

Charles Buxton
(269) 344-3194
E-mail: kickoffclassic2@yahoo.com

General Rules: The Kick-Off Classic is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and will be conducted under the rules set forth in the 2007-2008 edition of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and this announcement. Particular note should be taken of these sections:

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

Liability: U.S. Figure Skating, Southwest Michigan Skating Club, and Wings Stadium accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships. This is in accordance with Rule 3222 of the 2008 edition of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

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

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. **Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be submitted online by November 10.** Team coaches / contact people can complete it via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org



SECTION 1: BASIC SKILLS / BEGINNER EVENTS

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

"The purpose for the competition is to promote a FUN, introductory competitive experience for the beginning skater."

A. Basic Skills Beginner 1

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

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

Required elements:

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

RESTRICTIONS:

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

B. Basic Skills Beginner 2

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

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

Required elements:

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

RESTRICTIONS:

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

C. Basic Skills Beginner 3

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

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

Required elements:

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

RESTRICTIONS:

- No changes or direction and traveling within elements.

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

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



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

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

K. Collegiate: A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
 Program duration: 4 ½ minutes.
 Well-balanced program: Rule 4720

L. Open Adult: A team of 8 to 12 skaters. The majority of skaters must be 19 years or older on the preceding July 1.
 Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
 Well-balanced program: Rule 4780

M. Masters: A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 35 on the preceding July 1.
 Program duration: 3 minutes.
 Well-balanced program: Rule 4740

N. Adult: A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 21 and the majority of the team must be at least 25 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
 Program duration: 3 ½ minutes
 Well-balanced program: Rule 4730

Note to teams regarding moves in the field test requirements:

Minimum moves in the field test levels are not being required at this competition.

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

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

Awards: Awards will be made on the basis of final round placement. All members of teams placing first, second, third and fourth will be awarded medals. We do not expect that there will be preliminary rounds. The junior and senior short program / free skates are separate events.

Practice Ice: Will be held on the Stadium, Annex, and Cube surfaces of Wings Stadium. All surfaces are 85 x 200 feet. Ice will be available on Friday evening from 8 pm to 11 pm on the Annex and either the Cube or Stadium surfaces and Saturday morning from 7 am to 8:15 am on the Stadium and Annex surfaces. Ice time will be sold in 15-minute segments on a first come, first serve basis for \$70.00 per segment. Teams will be notified of their assigned time(s) by e-mail on or before November 4, 2007

Music: Rules governing music selection can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, rules 2660-4791.

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

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

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

Two (2) copies of competition music must be turned in at the registration desk by 9 am on November 17 or no later than two hours prior to the event in which the team is skating. All music must be picked up from the registration desk at the completion of the competition. CDs and cassettes will not be mailed back to competitors.

All teams must have an additional copy of their music available for practice sessions. The organizing committee will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of music but will take every precaution to ensure their safety.

On-Ice Critique Sessions: Critique sessions with the judges will begin shortly after the conclusion of the competition. The 15-minute segments will be available on a first come, first serve basis for \$70.00 per segment.

Registration: The registration desk will be located at the lower level of the Players Entrance and will be open from 7:30 pm to 11 pm on November 16 and from 6:30 am to 6 pm on November 17. The Coach or Team Manager for each team must register by 9 am on the 17th or at least two hours before the team competes and turn in the team's music to receive the team packet.

Videotaping: The competition will be videotaped by Ledin Video.

Souvenirs: A number of vendors will be present in the concourse of the Stadium. Competition programs and pins will be available for purchase.

Admission: Teams will receive competitor ribbons for all skaters and alternates, as well as two (2) coach ribbons and two (2) manager ribbons. There will be an admission fee at the door of \$5.00 for spectators (those 62 and over \$4.00). No admission cost for children 5 and under.

Food: There is a restaurant (The Ice House) that overlooks the Annex surface. There are also snack bars in the Annex and the Wings concourse.

Accommodations: A list of hotels within a five-minute drive of the rink is attached. Each of the facilities has rooms "blocked" for the Kick-Off Classic on a first come, first serve basis.

Transportation: The Wings Stadium complex has plenty of parking available in the north and south lots, as well as bus parking directly across the street.

Competition Schedule: The event schedule will be available on the club's web site (www.swmichskatingclub.org "Events") no later than November 5, 2007.

Contact Information: For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair: Charles Buxton (269) 344-3194 kickoffclassic2@yahoo.com

Practice Ice: Charles Buxton (269) 344-3194 kickoffclassic2@yahoo.com

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ENTRY FORM 2: Team Entry Form

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

* Required only for beginner teams. No skaters on a beginner team may have passed higher than preliminary. Not required for other teams at this competition.

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

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ENTRY FORM 3: Liability Waiver / Certification by Club Officer

Team Name:	Level:
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U.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

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

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

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

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ENTRY FORM 4: Practice Ice

Ice will be available on Friday evening from 8 pm to 11 pm on the Annex and Wings or Cube surfaces and Saturday morning from 7 am to 8:15 am on both Annex and Wings surfaces on a first-come, first-served basis. Practice is available in 15-minute segments for \$70.00 per segment.

Please complete a separate Practice Ice form for each team. This form may be reproduced as needed.

Team name: _____

Division entered: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Please indicate whether you prefer Friday evening or Saturday morning as your first choice. Please note that Saturday morning practice ice may be limited depending on competition start time.

Please circle preference: Friday evening Saturday morning Either

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ENTRY FORM 5: On-Ice Judges Critique

Critiques will begin about 20 minutes after the conclusion of the competition (probably about 4 pm) and will be conducted on both the Annex and Stadium surfaces. The cost for each 15-minute segment is \$70.00.

Please complete a separate Critique Ice form for each team. This form may be reproduced as needed.

Team name: _____

Division entered: _____

Contact person: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

2007 Kick-Off Classic Hotel Information

The hotels listed below are holding rooms for this year's Kick-Off Classic. Please identify yourself as a Kick-Off Classic participant when you contact the facility to ensure you are given the block rate!

All rates include breakfast and the hotels are a five-minute drive to the rink!

Country Inn & Suites

1912 E. Kilgore Road

Portage, MI 49002

269.382.2303

\$79.00+tax – King suites, 2 Queens, 1 King or 1 Double

Book by Nov 1

Lee's Inn & Suites

2615 Fairfield Road

Portage, MI 49002

269.382.6100

\$64.00+tax – 2 Queens

Book by Oct 19

Kalamazoo Comfort Inn

3820 Sprinkle Road

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269.381.7000

\$99.99+tax

Book by Nov 1

Other Hotels in the Vicinity

Best Western Hospitality Inn

3640 East Cork

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269.381.1900

Fairfield Inn By Marriott

3800 E Cork St

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269.344.8300

Clarion Hotel

3600 East Cork

Kalamazoo, MI 49001

269.385.3922



FACILITY POLICY

No outside food or beverages are allowed anywhere in the Wings Stadium Complex.

Our Catering Department is available to take care of any of your food and drink needs. Our Menu is available upon request and ranges from Rib and Chicken Dinners to Cakes and Cookies. If there are specific food needs or you would like something that is not on our menu, please don't hesitate to ask.

We also have the Icehouse Bar and Grille available for food and drinks. If a group of 8 or more pre-orders are preferred.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call Cheryl Mouton, Assistant Director of Food and Beverage, Wings Stadium Complex, at (269) 345-1125 x243.