



2012 Red River Valley International Classic Synchronized Skating Competition

Location, Arena and Date: Moorhead Sports Center, 324 24th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560. February 12, 2012.

Entries: All applications must be postmarked by: December 17, 2011.

Applications should be sent to:

RRVFSC

Jean Paseka

2110 5th St S

Moorhead MN 56560

The entry fee is \$80.00 per event plus \$8.00 per competitor, including alternates. The entry fee for Basic Skills beginner is \$50 per team plus \$8 per skater. Please make checks payable to: RRVFSC.

If you have questions, please contact:

Jean Paseka, 218-236-5997 or email at jpaseka@cableone.net

General Rules: The Classic is sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and will be conducted under the rules set forth in the 2012 edition of the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook and this announcement. Particular note should be taken of these sections:

- Rule 3070: Eligibility to compete
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- Rule 2056: Events to be skated
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- Rules 7200-7290, 7500-7520: Requirements for each level
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- Rule 2910: Duration and Warm-up Periods of Synchronized Team Skating
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- Rule 7020: Clothing - Synchronized Team Skating
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- Rule 7021: The costume of the competitors must be modest, dignified, and appropriate for athletic competition, not garish or theatrical in design. The costume may, however, reflect the character of the music chosen.

- A. Ladies may wear a skirt or body suits or full-length trousers. Ladies skirts must not be below the top of the calf of the legs for safety reasons.

- B. Men must wear full-length trousers; no tights are permitted.

- C. The costume must not give the effect of excessive nudity for an athletic sport. The costume and make-up must not be theatrical and must not highlight any skater.

- D. Headdresses must be kept to a minimum. Any ornamentation attached to clothing or head must be firmly fastened so as not to fall off while skating under normal competitive conditions. There can be no props on the ice and hand props such as banners, canes, or pompoms are not permitted.

- Rule 7022: Sequins, rhinestones or jeweled trim may be used in moderation on the clothing of senior, junior and collegiate synchronized skating teams only. This adornment is allowed on the bodice only. Sleeves and skirts are to be void of adornment. Feathers or other materials that could be dislodged upon contact are not allowed. The use of adornments at all other levels is prohibited.
- Rule 7024: The use of hair pins and bobby pins is prohibited while skating in any synchronized skating competition.

Liability: U.S. Figure Skating, RRVFSC and Moorhead Sports Center accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships. This is in accordance with Rule 2300 of the 2012 edition of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Judging System: All events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.



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.

RESTRICIONS:

- *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.

RESTRICIONS:

- *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 7270
- C. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- D. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 19 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- E. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- F. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- G. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17, on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- H. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 12 and under 19 on the preceding July 1.
Free skate duration: 4 minutes
Well balanced program: Rule 7210
- I. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 14 on the preceding July 1.
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7200

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:

No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes that are skating on the ice at any given competition.

The chart below illustrates the levels 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 7200 – 7290 and 7500-7520, in addition to the statement above.

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

Awards: Synchronized awards are presented on-ice after the last team has competed. 1st-3rd place synchronized teams will receive a team trophy; additionally each team member will receive an individual medal with the exception of the Beginner teams. Beginner 1st-3rd place team members will receive individual medals only; no team trophy.

Practice Ice: Synchronized teams will have practice ice available for purchase in 15 minute segments at a cost of \$50.00 per 15 minutes. Practice will be Saturday evening, February 11th and Sunday, February 12th. Registration for practice ice will be online at www.rrvfsc.org when the referee has completed the competition schedule. Segments will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

Music: Rules governing music selection can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, including, but limited to, rules 7030 – 7044.

Only CDs will be accepted with one program per CD.

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

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

Competition music must be turned in at the registration desk and must be submitted no later than two hours prior to the event in which the team is skating. All music must be picked up at the completion of the competition. CDs will not be mailed back to competitors.

All teams must have an additional copy of their music available for practice sessions. Teams must also have an extra copy available at rink side during the actual competition event. The organizing committee will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of music but will take every precaution to ensure its safety.

Registration: The registration desk will be established in the front lobby of the Moorhead Sports Center on Thursday, February 9th with the first practice session. The desk will remain open during all scheduled events. Competitors are advised to arrive at the arena 45 minutes before the scheduled time of their event.

Admission: There is no admission fee for this event.

Food: Concessions are available at the Sports Center.

Accommodations: The host hotel is the Holiday Inn in Fargo located about 15 minutes from the rink. A limited number of rooms are on reserve for the competition. Please call the hotel direct (1-877-282-2700), ask for Pat, and identify yourself or group as participants in the RRV Figure Skating Classic when making reservations to receive the special rate (\$109.00) obtained for the competition. All meals for children 12 and younger are free at the Holiday Inn during your stay. Reservations need to be made by January 10th, 2012.

Competition Schedule: The competition schedule will be on our website: www.rrvfsc.org when it becomes available from our referee.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM APPLICATION
RED RIVER VALLEY INTERNATIONAL CLASSIC
FEBRUARY 12, 2012

All applications must be postmarked by December 17, 2011

Team Name _____ Team Registration #: _____ # of Skaters _____ (include alternates)

Club Name: _____ Team Coach _____ Coach USFS # _____

Return Mailing Address: _____ Coach Phone # _____

Circle Event Entering: Preliminary	PreJuvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior
	Basic Skills Beginner I	Basic Skills Beginner II	Basic Skills Beginner III				
TEAM MEMBER NAME (INCLUDE ALTERNATES)		USFS/SKATE CANADA #			BIRTHDATE		

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CLUB CERTIFICATION FOR SYNCHRONIZED TEAM: The named skaters are amateur members in good standing with the USFS/Skate Canada and are eligible to participate in this event.

Signature of Club Official _____ Title _____ Date _____

WAIVER OF CLAIM FOR INJURY: I hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue US Figure Skating, its Member Clubs, the Red River Valley Figure Skating Club, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, volunteers, and employees, and any sponsors and advertisers of any USFS sanctioned event in which I participate (each considered one of the Releasees herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or part by the negligence of the Releasees. This release, waiver of liability and express assumption or risk agreement does not apply to any liability, claims, demands, losses or damages arising out of the gross negligence of, or intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct of Releasees. If I, or anyone on my and/or my minor child's behalf, makes a claim which does not arise from the gross negligence of, or intentional, willful or wanton misconduct or Releasees against any of the Releasees, I will indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless each of the Releasees from any loss, liability, damage or cost which may incur as a result of such a claim. This waiver is for any and all activities before or after the Red River Valley International Classic competition and practice ice held February 9th through February 12th, 2012, and relating to said competition.

I acknowledge that I have read this waiver of liability and fully understand it.

A signed waiver from each team member (including alternates) must accompany the team application.

Signature of Applicant

Signature or Parent/Guardian (if skater under age 18)

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Synchronized team entry fee is \$80.00 per team (\$50.00 for Beginner teams) plus \$8.00 per skater (including alternates). Mail completed application form, check or money order (Canadian teams send money in US funds) and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: RRVFSC, Jean Paseka, 2110 5th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560.