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**43rd Ron Carlson Marquette International Open**

**February 16-18, 2024**

**Berry Events Center, Northern Michigan University**

**West Fair Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855**

## **I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW**

The Ron Carlson Marquette International Open will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the [current rulebook](#), and/or current Compete USA handbook as well as any pertinent updates that 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.

Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, and or Learn to Skate USA® member, a collegiate club or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to the [rulebook](#) for more information.

## **MEIJER STATE GAMES:**

The Ron Carlson Marquette International Open is a participant in the Meijer State Game of Michigan. The Ron Carlson Marquette International Open is a qualifier for the 2024 State Games of America in San Diego, CA. For more information about the State Games of Michigan and State Games of America, please visit [www.stategamesofmichigan.com](http://www.stategamesofmichigan.com).

## **EVENTS OFFERED:**

Program requirements for the events listed below can be found here:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/program-requirements>

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate	6.0	95.00	35.00
Well Balanced Free Skate (No Test-Preliminary)	6.0	95.00	35.00
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	95.00	35.00
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	95.00	35.00
Jumps Challenge (Low Aspire–Gold)	6.0	95.00	35.00
Spins Challenge (Low Aspire–Gold)	6.0	95.00	35.00
Skating Skills (Pre-Pre–Gold)	6.0	95.00	35.00

<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance Compete USA (Snowplow Sam; Basic 1-6; Aspire 1-4)	6.0	65.00	30.00
Emotional Performance (No Test-Senior; Adult)	6.0	95.00	35.00
Character Performance Compete USA (Snowplow Sam; Basic 1-6; Aspire 1-4)	6.0	65.00	30.00
Character Performance (No Test-Senior; Adult)	6.0	95.00	35.00
Lyrical Pop Compete USA (Snowplow Sam; Basic 1-6; Aspire 1-4)	6.0	65.00	30.00
Lyrical Pop(No Test-Senior; Adult)	6.0	95.00	35.00
Comedic Impressions Compete USA (Snowplow Sam; Basic 1-6; Aspire 1-4)	6.0	65.00	30.00
Comedic Impressions (No Test-Senior; Adult)	6.0	95.00	35.00
<b>SOLO DANCE*</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)*	6.0	95.00	35.00
<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	6.0	65.00	30.00
Aspire 1-4 Program w/ Music	6.0	65.00	30.00
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	6.0	65.00	30.00
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	6.0	65.00	30.00

\*Music is skater's choice and must be downloaded

\*\*Updated rule changes beginning January 1, 2024 will be used at this competition.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY**

### **\*\*Singles: Excel, Specialty, and Compete USA Events:**

- **Skate Up: skaters may skate up one level higher than their minimum test requirement allows.**
- Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. At this competition, skating one level up from your highest test passed is permitted. Note: Athletes may not skate down in any event and must skate at the same level in all relevant events (i.e. Pre-Preliminary FreeSkate and Pre-Pre Spin Challenge is allowed, Pre-Preliminary FreeSkate and Preliminary Spins Challenge is NOT allowed.)
- Skaters are not permitted to enter an Excel free skate and a Well-Balanced free skate event at the same competition (example: Juvenile Girls Free Skate and Juvenile Girls Excel Free Skate). However, they are permitted to enter an Excel and Well-Balanced event of different types such as a short program (if stand-alone event option), specialty or showcase events (example: Intermediate Women Short Program and Intermediate Women Excel Free Skate).

### **OUR COMMUNITY**

U.S. Figure Skating is dedicated to fostering a culture of belonging and community that is welcoming for all individuals. We are committed to championing diversity, equity and inclusion and understand its value in combating discrimination and challenging inequalities necessary to develop champions both on and off the ice. We are actively working toward developing equitable practices and policies that foster safety and empower all individuals to authentically pursue their unique path in all areas of our sport. We stand firmly on the belief that our members are the most important asset to our organization and that our differences are meaningful and strengthen our sport. We believe that skating is for everyone.

### **NON-DISCRIMINATION:**

U.S. Figure Skating commits in policy, principle and practice to sustain a non-discriminatory approach on and off the ice for all members. We strive to provide equal opportunity for all despite their varied backgrounds, experiences and identities, and want all members to feel valued and respected at every level of organization. U.S. Figure Skating's SkateSafe® Program receives, investigates and addresses allegations of discrimination or harassment throughout its membership and the organization. Please refer to the [SkateSafe® Program Handbook](#) for further definition of harassment, discrimination and abuse.

By attending this event, all participants are willingly committing to upholding U.S. Figure Skating's Code of Ethics (*GR 1.01*) and Code of Conduct (*GR 1.02*), as detailed within the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#).

To report a concern of discrimination or harassment to U.S. Figure Skating, please visit [www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe](http://www.USFigureSkating.org/SkateSafe) or email [SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org](mailto:SkateSafe@USFigureSkating.org).

### **SKATESAFE COMPLIANCE:**

For full details about participant compliance requirements, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® webpage: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe#compliance>.

### **COACHES**

To be an eligible coach at a nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the applicable compliance requirements and verified by U.S. Figure Skating. Coach compliance falls into three categories, Coach/Choreographer, Learn to Skate USA Instructor, or Foreign Coach/Choreographer. Details regarding compliance requirements can be found [HERE](#). All compliance requirements must be met at the time of check-in to access the competition, no exceptions.

Coaches of foreign athletes: If you are a coach of a foreign athlete only, you are not subject to U.S. Figure Skating coach compliance and will only be asked to provide a letter of good standing for the federation your athlete represents.

### **III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

The entry fees: Compete USA are \$65.00 for the first event and \$30.00 for the second event. All others are \$95.00 for the first event and \$35.00 for each subsequent event. **Test qualifications will be effective January 28, 2024.** Registration is only available online:

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=144>. Secure online registration credit card payment (3.5% processing fee) Visa, Mastercard, or Discover.

**Online entry must be COMPLETED by 11:59 pm on Sunday, January 28, 2024.** When using the online registration, it is the skaters' and coaches' responsibility to verify that the skater has entered the correct event and level. Late entries, event changes or additions to entries made after the registration deadline of Sunday, January 28, 2024, will be assessed a \$25 change/add fee and will be accepted only at the discretion of the Chief Referee.

### **SINGLE SKATER EVENTS:**

Rule 3055 At non-qualifying competitions, if only one eligible competitor/team enters an event, the competitor/team will be offered the option to skate an exhibition, compete in an equivalent event one level above or one level below (as qualified by test level) or, for pre-juvenile and lower and adult bronze and lower singles events, compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender.

A. If said competitor chooses to skate an exhibition, judges will award their marks according to the rules and the applicable judging system used, and the competitor/team will receive first place.

B. If said competitor chooses to compete in an equivalent event against skaters of the opposite gender, the skater will be entered accordingly.

C. If said competitor/team chooses not to skate, the entry fee will be refunded, and the event will be canceled.

### **CRITIQUES/FEEDBACK:**

Please reach out to the competition chair if you would like to request a critique or feedback.

### **MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:**

All individual skaters must submit music electronically via EntryEeze. Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via EntryEeze by the music deadline of **Sunday, February 4, 2024**. Any music file submitted through EntryEeze after the deadline will incur a \$25 late fee. After you have paid for your events, 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." All music uploads must be in .MP3 format. If you need assistance please reach out to the competition chair.

Competitors must also have an available backup copy of their competition music on a cell phone and it must be immediately available rinkside whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an AppleLightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum.

### **REFUND POLICY**

Full refund minus the online processing fee, are available if withdrawal is prior to **Sunday, January 28, 2024 (11:59PM)**. After **January 28, 2024**, entry refunds are only available if the event is not held (See Rules 3055 3056, 3057, & 3058 apply) or will be considered with a written medical excuse from the attending doctor. The processing fee is not refundable for any reason.

### **LIABILITY:**

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA, Marquette Figure Skating Club, Berry Events Center and Northern Michigan University 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.

## **IV. COMPETITION DETAILS**

### **FACILITIES:**

Berry Events Center

West Fair Avenue Marquette, MI 49855

<https://nmu.edu/berryeventscenter>

The arena is completely enclosed and has one ice surface. It seats about 4,300 people. Dressing rooms will be available. Berry Events Center is a non-smoking facility; smoking will not be permitted inside of the Berry Events Center. A concession stand will be open for a majority of the competition.

### **LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:**

**IF OFFERING LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (GENERAL LOCKER ROOMS):**

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only, will be labeled with regard to specific use and where identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes under 11 years old that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy in the [SkateSafe® Handbook](#).

**IF OFFERING LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS (TEAM LOCKER ROOMS):**

The designated team coach, team manager, team service personnel and athletes competing at the skating event are allowed in the Locker Rooms/Changing Area designated for their team. The team coach, team manager, and team service personnel should remove themselves from the Locker Room/Changing Area while any Minor Athlete(s) are actively changing or undressing. All Locker Rooms/Changing Areas will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room/Changing Area monitor. If there are concerns regarding this policy, an athlete should change prior to arriving at the competition. The use of any recording and photographic devices inside a Locker Room/Changing Area is strictly prohibited. Any violation of this policy is punishable under the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe® policy and U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

**U.S. Figure Skating Travel Policy:**

All travel must strictly adhere to Two-Deep Leadership requirements. An Adult Participant cannot transport a Minor Athlete one-on-one and Two-Deep Leadership requirements must be adhered to at all times during In-Program travel, by transporting at least two minors or a second Adult Participant. An Adult Participant cannot share a hotel room or other sleeping arrangement with a Minor Athlete(s). Full details of the SkateSafe Travel Policy and any exceptions can be found starting on page 12 of the [SkateSafe Handbook](#).

**OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:**

Competition updates will be posted on the homepage of the Ron Carlson Marquette International Open EntryEeze page, <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=144>. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the website frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition. Day-of information will be posted at the registration table located on the concourse of the Berry Events Center. Event results will be posted online and can be accessed using a QR code posted around the rink and the registration table.

**SCHEDULE**

Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available.

**PRACTICE ICE:**

Practice ice sessions may be pre-ordered online (\$20.00 per/15 minute session) at the time of online competition registration. An email will be sent with a PIN number to access the practice ice in order to

select sessions. Notification of practice ice session times will be available online at [www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com) and will NOT be available by phone, mail, or email.

After online competition registration is complete and the schedule has been posted, any additional remaining practice ice sessions will be available for purchase online (\$22.00 per/15 minute session). Additional practice ice may also be available at the rink for purchase (\$25.00 per/15 minute session) and can be scheduled at the rink starting on February 16, 2024, at the registration desk.

#### **ONSITE CHECK-IN:**

The registration desk will be located at the Berry Events Center in the upper concourse and will be open one hour prior to the first scheduled practice until the close of events each day. Skaters should check in at the Registration Desk at least one hour prior to their first event. The posting of official notices, schedule changes, or updates on <http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=144> will be considered notice to all skaters, coaches, and parents.

#### **AWARDS:**

Ron Carlson Marquette International Open will be presenting awards to all skaters in each group. Meijer State Games of Michigan gold, silver, and bronze medals will be given for each group. Ribbons will be given to all other places. Groups will be no larger than 8 skaters (Snow Plow Sam-Freeskate 6: no larger than 6 skaters). Groupings will be according to 1) Level, 2) Age. A Club Team Trophy will be awarded to the club with the highest total placements in all events. Placements 1 through 5 will be used in the calculation, including CompeteUSA events.

Live results will be available at the competition. A link or QR code will be provided on the day of the competition.

#### **PHOTO/VIDEO:**

A photo area will be set up to take your own photos.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

**-Holiday Inn, 1951 US 41 West Marquette, MI has reserved a 15 room block available through January 27, 2024. Rate is \$159.00 +tax per night.**

- Opening Ceremonies for the Meijer State Games of Michigan will be held the weekend of February 9, 2024. All participants are invited to attend this event. Please note this event is not on the same weekend as the Ron Carlson Marquette International Open.

- February 16-18th is also the weekend of the U.P. 200 Dog Sled Race. Watching the U.P. 200 is a free, public event.

- Merchandise pre-orders can be made when you register for the Ron Carlson Marquette International Open on EntryEeze. Only pre-orders are available.

- Thank you to TravelMarquette for your support!





**CONTACT INFORMATION:**

<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=144>.

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

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