

Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club

Ice Show Points Policy

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Section 1. EPFSC Ice Show Points Policy

The purpose of the Eden Prairie Figure Skating Club (EPFSC) point system is to determine skaters eligible for solos and small groups in the EPFSC Ice Show each year. It is designed to encourage skaters to:

- Maintain home club membership with the EPFSC and remain in good standing,
- Contract for EPFSC ice sessions as a home club member,
- Participate in United States Figure Skating (USFS) judged competitions, and
- Continue to progress through the USFS testing levels.

The Ice Show Points Committee will calculate points annually for all skaters eligible for solos and small groups. A skater's total points will include the sum of their:

- 1) seniority points,
- 2) testing points, and
- 3) competition points.

Seniority points are accumulated each year provided the skater has remained in good standing. Testing points are also cumulative across years for eligible USFS tests passed. Competition points are reset each year and earned from competition results only during the current Ice Show Points Year. The EPFSC Board reviews the Ice Show Points Policy on a regular basis.

1.1 Ice Show Points Deadline

The deadline for submitting documentation for competition points and for accruing seniority and testing points is set as either the:

- last EPFSC hosted test session for the calendar year, or the
- last day of the Fall contract proceeding the ice show.

The Ice Show Points Deadline will be 5:00 PM on the later of these two dates.

1.2 Ice Show Contract Year

The Ice Show Contract Year includes the previous Winter contract through the current Fall contract. The last day of the Fall contract proceeding the ice show will be used as the deadline for meeting the minimum \$2000 of EPFSC ice (see Section 2.1).

1.3 Ice Show Points Year

The Ice Show Points Year is defined as one day after last year's Ice Show Points Deadline through the current year's Ice Show Points Deadline. Shortly after the deadline, the Ice Show Points Committee will meet to calculate total points earned by each eligible skater. Note that competition results, testing and seniority points that occur after the Ice Show Points Deadline are not eligible for the current year, but can be used by the skater for the following year.

Section 2. Eligibility Rules

For a skater to be eligible for a small group or solo (either by points ranking or by automatic qualification), the skater must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Be a HOME CLUB MEMBER of EPFSC,
- Be a member in good standing as defined by EPFSC,
- Earn a minimum of 6 seniority points by the Ice Show Points Deadline,
- Contract a minimum of \$2000 of EPFSC ice during the Ice Show Contract Year as an EPFSC Home Club member, and
- Contract and skate a minimum of 3 sessions per week during the WINTER contract preceding the ice show.

Section 2.1 provides further details on dollars counted towards the minimum \$2000 of Club ice. Solos and small groups earned by points ranking have further eligibility rules regarding testing level described in Section 3.

2.1 Contracting Requirements

A skater must contract a minimum of \$2000 of Club ice during the Ice Show Contract Year as an EPFSC Home Club member. The following are included in meeting the minimum \$2000 requirement for a skater to be eligible for a small group or solo:

- EPFSC contracted ice sessions,
- EPFSC exhibition fees,
- off-ice classes or seminars sponsored by the EPFSC, and
- buy-ins on EPFSC ice contract sessions.

The above ice session, exhibition or class must occur during the Ice Show Contract Year and while the skater is a Home Club member of the EPFSC to count towards the skater's \$2000 minimum. Note that the billing may occur later (e.g., buy-ins).

NOTE: Developmental ice, fundraising buyouts, rink monitoring buyouts, membership fees, ice show registration fees, coaching fees, etc. are NOT included in the contracting dollars. Ice sessions, classes, or fees while the skater was an Associate Member of EPFSC are not included.

2.2 Adjustment for Rink Closures

In years when the community center or club cancels contract ice sessions for 2 consecutive weeks or more, then the requirements for minimum contracting dollars shall be pro-rated based on the duration of rink closures.

Example: Contract ice sessions were cancelled for 3 months during Spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the minimum contracting requirements for the 2021 Ice Show will be $(9/12) \times \$2000 = \1500 .

Section 3. Solos and Small Groups by Ice Show Points Ranking

To be eligible for a small group or solo, a skater must meet all Eligibility Rules detailed in Section 2. In addition, a skater must pass their USFS Juvenile Free Skate test by the Ice Show Points Deadline to be eligible for a small group. A skater must pass their USFS Intermediate Free Skate test by the Ice Show Points Deadline to be eligible for a solo earned by ice show points ranking. Automatic solos by qualification in Section 4 are not required to meet the Intermediate Free Skate test level but must meet all other eligibility and contracting rules in Section 2.

For ALL skaters meeting the Juvenile Free Skate or higher test level and Eligibility Rules in Section 2, the Ice Show Points Committee will calculate the skater's total points earned including seniority points, testing points and competition points. For total points ranking, Ice Show Points will be calculated for automatic soloists also. Therefore, skaters earning an automatic solo are still required to submit competition ordinals (see Section 3.3).

Solos will be awarded to the 7 skaters with the highest total ice show points that are Intermediate or higher Free Skate test level. In the event there is a tie for the 7th solo, then there will be 8 solos awarded that year. Small groups will be assigned at the discretion of the ice show director from the remaining eligible skaters.

Automatic soloists (as defined in Section 4) will be in addition to the top 7 solos awarded based on total points ranking IF they are not already included in the top 7. If they ARE also in the top seven for point earners, then there will be 7 soloists that year.

Section 3.1 Seniority Points

Skaters will accumulate 1 point for each two-month period they are a continuous HOME CLUB MEMBER of the EPFSC.

Skaters will receive 1 point on the following dates each year: January 1, March 1, May 1, July 1, September 1, and November 1. A maximum of 6 seniority points can be earned for each full year of membership. For skaters that became members during the calendar year, the seniority points are awarded based on their membership date. For example, if a skater joined the club between May 2 through June 30, the first point would be accumulated on July 1 of that year, and they would also earn 1 point on September 1 and another point on November 1 for a total of 3 points during their first membership year.

Seniority points are accumulated and retained year after year. However, if a skater does not maintain a continuous record of membership in good standing with the EPFSC as their Home Club, their prior accumulated seniority points will be lost and restarted at 0 at the beginning of their current period of continuous EPFSC membership in good standing record.

Section 3.2 Testing Points

Testing points are accumulated and retained year after year. The tables below show the testing points a skater will earn for each USFS test passed.

Level	Moves in the Field (MITF) Testing Points	Free Skate Testing Points	Pairs Testing Points
Pre-Juvenile	2	3	0
Juvenile	4	6	6
Intermediate	6	9	9
Novice	8	12	12
Junior	10	15	15
Senior	12	18	18

Level	Solo Free Dance Testing Points	Partnered Free Dance Testing Points
Juvenile	1	2
Intermediate	2	4
Novice	4	8
Junior	6	12
Senior	8	16

Level	Solo <u>or</u> Partnered Pattern Dance Testing Points	Examples of required dances for Level (subject to change per USFS)
Pre-Bronze	2	Swing Dance, Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango
Bronze	4	Hickory Hoedown, Willow Waltz, Ten-Fox
Pre-Silver	6	Fourteenstep, European Waltz, Foxtrot
Silver	8	American Waltz, Tango, Rocker Foxtrot
Pre-Gold	10	Kilian, Blues, Paso Doble, Starlight Waltz
Gold	12	Viennese Waltz, Westminster Waltz, Quickstep, Argentine Tango

The following restrictions apply to a skater's accumulated testing points:

- A skater can earn testing points for Solo Free Dance or Partnered Free Dance, but not for both.
- A skater can earn testing points for Solo Pattern Dance or Partnered Pattern Dance, but not for both.
- The skater will only earn points for the tests they took and passed. If a skater does not take a lower level test within a discipline, they do not earn those testing points. This will only be relevant for disciplines in which USFS rules allow a skater to "fast-track" or skip lower level tests based on their testing level in other disciplines.
- Individual pattern dances passed (for example: European Waltz portion of the Pre-Silver level) are not counted towards testing points. The skater must pass all the individual pattern dances required for that level to complete the level and earn its testing points.

The skater accumulates and retains their testing points year after year. For example, a skater with a testing level of Novice for USFS Free Skate and Senior for USFS Moves-In-The-Field earns 30 points for their free skate level (3+6+9+12) and 42 points for their moves level (2+4+6+8+10+12) giving them a total of 72 testing points.

Tests passed while not an EPFSC member are included in a skater's testing points.

Section 3.3 Competition Points

Skaters are encouraged to obtain competition ordinal sheets for proof of placement beginning for all Pre-Juvenile and above events. Skaters must have passed their USFS Juvenile Free Skate test to be eligible for a small group and their USFS Intermediate Free Skate test to be eligible for a solo earned by points ranking. If eligible for a small group or solo, a skater can submit ordinals for Pre-Juvenile events competed during the current Ice Show Points Year.

Skaters may submit a maximum of three ordinals from Pre-Juvenile and above events from any competition during the Ice Show Points Year in which the skater represented the EPFSC as their Home Club. The events can be from the same competition or different competitions and must adhere to the category limits described below. Skaters are required to submit competition ordinal sheets for proof of placement for these events. Ordinals must have competition date, name, event, and referee signature visible to be valid.

All eligible skaters, including automatic soloists, are expected to select and submit their best ordinals for earning competition points. To give the committee time to tabulate competition points, the deadline for submitting ordinals will be 2 - 3 weeks prior to the Ice Show Points Deadline. Competition ordinals from events occurring between the ordinal request deadline and the Ice Show Points Deadline must be submitted by the Ice Show Points Deadline (Section 1.1).

Section 3.3.1 Ordinal Categories

Competition ordinals allowed for submission are based on the following categories:

CATEGORY 1 – WELL-BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAMS

Well-Balanced Short Program and Free Skate (Long Program) events for singles or pairs are allowed in Category 1. These are the "high bar" events for the sport of figure skating, requiring difficult jumps, spins, footwork, choreography, artistry, and endurance. Up to three ordinals may be submitted from this category.

CATEGORY 2 -EXCEL & EXCEL PLUS FREE SKATE PROGRAMS

Excel and Excel Plus Free Skate events require jumps, spins, footwork, choreography, artistry, and endurance. The elements in Excel events align with USFS test level requirements. The elements in Excel Plus events allow skaters to build their skills for well-balanced and IJS events. Up to two ordinals may be submitted from this category, but the total of Category 1 and 2 ordinals submitted by a skater cannot exceed three.

CATEGORY 3 - ALL OTHER COMPETITION EVENTS

The other category includes competition events such as: compulsory, jumps, spins, free dance, pattern dance, artistic, light entertainment, moves in the field, etc. Team competition events are not allowed for ice show points ordinals. One ordinal may be submitted from this category, but the total of Category 1, 2 and 3 ordinals submitted by a skater cannot exceed three and the total of Category 2 and 3 ordinals submitted cannot exceed two. For example, if a skater turns in two Excel or Excel Plus free skate event ordinals, they may NOT also turn in a Category 3 ordinal. Any third ordinal submitted may ONLY be from a Category 1 event.

The table below summarizes the maximum number of ordinals allowed and related restrictions on ordinals submitted by category.

	Max # allowed	Restrictions
Category 1 (6.0 or IJS scoring) Well-Balanced Short Programs & Free Skate (Long) Programs	3	Excel & Excel Plus Free Skate programs with IJS scoring are NOT eligible for Category 1.
Category 2 (6.0 or IJS scoring) Excel & Excel Plus Free Skate Programs	2	If a skater turns in two ordinals from Category 2, then any 3 rd ordinal submitted may ONLY be from a Category 1 event.
Category 3 (6.0 or IJS scoring) OTHER: Compulsory, Jumps, Spins, Free Dance, Pattern Dance, Artistic, Light Entertainment, Moves, etc. <i>Team events are not allowed.</i>	1	If a skater turns in two ordinals from Category 2, then they may NOT submit any Category 3 ordinals. Maximum of TWO ordinals allowed in Category 2 + Category 3.
TOTAL =	3	

Section 3.3.2 Placement Points

One placement point will be awarded for each competitor the skater placed ahead of through the 6th place skater. If there are less than six skaters in the group, points are awarded based on the number of competitors placing below the skater. In groups with six or more skaters, points are only earned for finishing 1st – 5th place and no additional points are awarded for placing above competitors that are below 6th place.

In the event of a tie, placement points will be awarded based on the number of skaters (maximum of 5) the skater finished ahead of. They do not earn placement points for the other skater that they finished in a tie with. If there is a tiebreaker in effect, then the ordinal will reflect the skater's final placement for the event, and it is not considered a tie.

No points are earned for finishing last place in any group size. Competitors that withdrew from the event or were disqualified do not count for group size or placement points.

Section 3.3.3 Event Level Weight

Placement points received for an event will be multiplied by the "weight" assigned to the level of the event as follows:

Event level	Weight
Pre-Juvenile, Open Pre-Juvenile, Pre-Juvenile Plus	1
Juvenile, Open Juvenile, Juvenile Plus	2
Intermediate, Intermediate Plus	3
Novice	4
Junior	5
Senior	6

The weight is only based on the event level and is the same for Category 1, 2 and 3 events. If an event includes combined skating levels (e.g., Novice and Junior), the placement points will be multiplied by the average weight for the mixed level. For example, a competition event with combined Novice and Junior levels would receive a 4.5 weight multiplier on the skater's placement points. The event name on the ordinal must clearly show both levels.

Section 3.3.4 Bonus Points

No Bonus Points will be awarded for participation in the Upper Great Lakes Regional Competition, Minnesota State Figure Skating Championship, or any exhibition, show or competition.

Section 3.3.5 Competition Points Examples

Example 1:

Jane competed in an Intermediate level, Short Program (IJS) event and placed 1st out of four skaters. The competition points earned by Jane for this Category 1 ordinal are:

$$3 \text{ (placement points)} \times 3 \text{ (level weight)} = 9 \text{ points.}$$

Example 2:

Jim competed in a Novice level, Excel Free Skate event and placed 4th out of eight skaters. The competition points earned by Jim for this Category 2 ordinal are:

$$2 \text{ (placement points)} \times 4 \text{ (level weight)} = 8 \text{ points.}$$

Example 3:

Sally competed in a combined Junior/Senior level, Compulsory event and placed 2nd out of three skaters. The competition points earned by Sally for this Category 3 ordinal are:

$$1 \text{ (placement points)} \times 5.5 \text{ (level weight)} = 5.5 \text{ points.}$$

Sally would earn these same competition points regardless if she entered the event at the Junior or Senior level.

Example 4:

Fred competed in a Juvenile level, Spins event with six skaters and tied for 1st place. The competition points earned by Fred for this Category 3 ordinal are:

$$4 \text{ (placement points)} \times 2 \text{ (level weight)} = 8 \text{ points.}$$

Section 4. Automatic Solos

Eligible skaters can earn an automatic solo as described below. The automatic soloists must also meet ALL eligibility rules and contracting requirements as described in Section 2 but are not required to pass the Intermediate Free Skate test required in Section 3. Failure to meet any of the Section 2 eligibility and contracting rules will result in forfeit of their automatic solo.

As stated in Section 3, skaters earning an automatic solo are still required to select and submit their best event ordinals for calculation of competition points. These are necessary for the total points ranking and overall determination of number of solos to be awarded for the Ice Show.

Section 4.1 Upper Great Lakes (UGL) Regional Competition

An automatic solo will be awarded to skaters placing 1st through 4th in the FINAL round at the Upper Great Lakes Regional Competition in a qualifying or non-qualifying Well-Balanced Free Skate event that is Pre-Juvenile or higher level, provided that the skater places higher than at least one skater. The skater must represent the EPFSC as their Home Club at the event to be eligible for an automatic solo. Dance, Excel and Excel Plus events are not eligible.

Section 4.2 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championship

An automatic solo will be awarded to skaters placing 1st in the FINAL round at the Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships in a Well-Balanced Free Skate event that is Pre-Preliminary or higher level, provided that the skater places higher than at least one skater. The skater must represent the EPFSC as their Home Club at the event to be eligible for an automatic solo. Dance, Excel and Excel Plus events are not eligible.

Section 4.3 Senior Free Skate Test

An automatic solo will be awarded to skaters who have passed the USFS Senior FREE SKATE test by the Ice Show Points Deadline.

Section 4.4 Recognition for Graduating Seniors

Graduating seniors will receive special recognition from the Club during the Ice Show as follows:

- EPFSC will pay for an advertisement in the Ice Show program, highlighting the skater.
- The graduating senior will receive a minimum of a "step out" solo during their large group number.

Section 5. Addendums

Section 5.1 Dance Testing Points (approved November 12, 2019)

For the 2020 Ice Show, we will award 8 solos due to the current Ice Show Points Policy (*version 11/13/2018*) which disproportionally allocates Dance testing points compared to the difficulty of Free Skate and Moves-In-The-Field tests. The Ice Show Points Policy will be revised for the 2021 Ice Show.

Section 5.2 Senior Skater within 5% of the 7th Qualifying Soloist (February 2012)

Additional soloists will be awarded if a skater has met all eligibility and contracting requirements detailed in Section 2; and in addition, the skater must meet ALL of the following requirements:

- The skater is a graduating senior,
- The skater has passed the Novice Free Skate Test,
- The skater has been an EPFSC Home club member for at least 5 years, and
- The skater is within 5 percent of the 7th qualifying soloist's total points.

Section 5.3 Pairs Policy (June 2008)

The purpose of this addendum is to include specific consideration in our show point system for pairs skaters. All policies as set forth in the primary "Ice Show Points Policy" (above) apply to pairs skaters, except as indicated or emphasized below:

A pairs skater's points will be considered individually for qualification for ice show small groups and solos. This could mean that one partner in a pairs team qualifies for a small group or a solo and the other not.

For a pairs "team" to be considered for a pairs number in the ice show, both skaters must meet eligibility and contracting requirements and earn adequate points for consideration. It is the discretion of the ice show director if pairs skaters earn a spot in a small group, or a solo or a pairs performance.

Each individual skater must meet all eligibility and contracting requirements as set forth in the policy. Pairs skaters must pass either their Juvenile Pairs test or their Juvenile Free Skate test to qualify for ice show points consideration. Each individual skater will accumulate seniority points based on their home club member date with EPFSC.

At this time, there is no Pre-Juvenile Pairs test, so competition points will be earned beginning with Juvenile pairs events. Should Pre-Juvenile pairs events become a standard in competition, then points may be earned beginning with Pre-Juvenile pairs events. A skater may, however, still earn Pre-Juvenile points though basic skill competitions or compulsory events as outlined in the original policy.