

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 spring 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 seminar sponsored by the EPFSC,
- buy-ins on EPFSC ice contract sessions, and
- previous year's annual ice show registration fee.

The above must occur during the Ice Show Contract Year and while the skater is a Home Club member of the EPFSC. The annual ice show registration fee applies to the Ice Show Contract Year in which that ice show was performed. Similarly, ice sessions contracted to meet the minimum 3 sessions/week during the Winter contract preceding the ice show will apply towards next year's amount. The ice session or class must occur during the Ice Show Contract Year to count towards the skater's \$2000 minimum. The billing may not occur until later.

NOTE: Developmental ice, fundraising buyouts, rink monitoring buyouts, membership 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.

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

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

For ALL skaters meeting the Juvenile Free Skate 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 the purpose of 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. In the event there is a tie for the 7th highest points total, then there will be 8 solos 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 7 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 table below shows the testing points earned by a skater for each USFS test passed.

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

Level	Pattern Dance Testing Points	Required Dances for Level
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 skater may test the USFS Pattern Dance and Free Dance level as Solo or with a partner. Individual pattern dances passed (for example: European Waltz portion of the Pre-Silver level) are not counted towards testing points. The skater earns testing points only after they have passed all the individual dances required for that Pattern Dance level to be completed.

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-Field earns 30 points for their free skate level (3+6+9+12) and 42 points for their moves-in-the-field 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 or solo earned by points ranking, however they can submit ordinals for Pre-Juvenile events competed during the current Ice Show Points Year (but prior to passing the Juvenile Free Skate test).

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. To be included, ordinals must be clean copies with date, competition name, event and referee signature clearly visible.

All eligible skaters, including automatic soloists, are expected to select and submit their best ordinals for earning competition points. In order 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 (see Section 1.1).

Section 3.3.1 Ordinal Categories

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

CATEGORY 1 – WELL-BALANCED & IJS PROGRAMS

Short Program (IJS), Free Skate (IJS) or Free Skate (Well-Balanced) 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 Well-Balanced & IJS Programs	3	
Category 2 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 OTHER: Compulsory, Jumps, Spins, 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. There is a maximum of TWO ordinals allowed for 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 skater's number of places ahead of last. 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 tie-breaker in effect, then the ordinal will reflect the skater's final placement for the event.

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.

EXAMPLE FOR PLACEMENT WITH 6 or more SKATERS in the event:

- 1st place receives 5 points
- 2nd place receives 4 points
- 3rd place receives 3 points
- 4th place receives 2 points
- 5th place receives 1 point

EXAMPLE FOR PLACEMENT WITH 5 SKATERS in the event:

- 1st place receives 4 points
- 2nd place receives 3 points
- 3rd place receives 2 points
- 4th place receives 1 point
- 5th place does not receive any points

Groups with 4, 3, AND 2 SKATERS will be compiled in the same manner, with no points awarded to the last place finisher.

EXAMPLE FOR PLACEMENT WITH 5 SKATERS in an event with a TIE for 2nd place:

- 1st place receives 4 points
- 2nd place tie receives 2 points
- 4th place receives 1 point
- 5th place does not receive any points

There is no 3rd place skater in this ordinal since two skaters received 2nd place with no tie-breaker that successfully separated these two skaters. The skater in 1st place still finishes ahead of four other skaters. Both of the skaters tied for 2nd place only finished ahead of two skaters (the 4th and 5th place skaters).

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	1
Juvenile Open Juvenile	2
Intermediate	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., Intermediate and Novice), the placement points will be multiplied by the average weight for the mixed level. For example, a competition event with combined Intermediate and Novice levels would receive a 3.5 weight multiplier on the skater's placement points.

Section 3.3.4 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 and 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 3.3.5 Bonus Points

No bonus points will be awarded for participation in any exhibition, show or competition other than those specifically listed in this section.

Upper Great Lakes (UGL) Regional Competition

UGL Well-Balanced or IJS Event

A skater will receive 5 bonus points for participating in the Upper Great Lakes Regional Competition in a qualifying or non-qualifying Well-Balanced or IJS event that is Pre-Juvenile or higher level. The skater must represent the EPFSC as their Home Club at the event to receive the bonus points. An additional 5 bonus points will be awarded for placing 1st through 4th in the first round and advancing to the second round. The skater may also use this event as one of their Category 1 ordinals for competition points.

UGL Excel or Excel Plus Event

A skater will receive 5 bonus points for participating in the Upper Great Lakes Regional Competition in a non-qualifying Excel or Excel Plus event that is Pre-Juvenile or higher level.

The skater must represent the EPFSC as their Home Club at the event to receive the bonus points. There are no additional bonus points for advancing to the second round for Excel or Excel Plus events. The skater may also use this event as one of their Category 2 ordinals for competition points.

Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships (STATE)

STATE Well-Balanced or IJS Event

A skater will receive 3 bonus points for participating in the Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships in a Well-Balanced or IJS event that is Pre-Juvenile or higher level. The skater must represent the EPFSC as their Home Club at the event to receive the bonus points. The skater may also use this event as one of their Category 1 ordinals for competition points.

The TCFS Open is not the same event as the Minnesota State Figure Skating Championships and is therefore not eligible for bonus points or automatic solos (see Section 4.2).

Section 4. Automatic Solos

Eligible skaters have the opportunity to earn an automatic solo as described below. Please note that automatic soloists must also meet ALL eligibility rules and contracting requirements as described in Section 2, but are not required to pass the Juvenile 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 or IJS 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. Excel and Excel Plus free skate events are not eligible.

Section 4.2 Minnesota State Figure Skating Championship (STATE)

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 or IJS 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. Excel and Excel Plus free skate events are not eligible.

Section 4.3 Senior Free Skate Test

An automatic solo will be awarded to skaters whom have passed the USFS Senior FREE SKATE test. The Senior Free Skate test must be passed 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 Senior Skater within 5% of the 7th Qualifying Soloist (February 2012)

Additional soloists will be awarded if a skater has meet 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 5.2 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 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.