

2024 EDWARD G. PICKEN DANCE CLASSIC

Member of 2024 National Solo Dance Series

April 25-28, 2024



Hosted by:



Located at:



**1800 Michael Faraday Ct
Reston, VA 20190**

Sanctioned by:



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The 2024 Edward G. Picken Dance Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current rulebook, as well as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating website.

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

The Washington Picken International is being held in conjunction with the Picken Dance Classic. For the Washington Solo Ice Dance International competition, see separate announcement.

Contact Info

Direct all inquiries to pickenclassic@gmail.com

Competition Chair:	Sherry Chen
Co-Competition Chair:	Sherry Lewis
Chief Referee:	Mary Anne McGivern
Chief Accountant:	Amy Fairchild
Technical Accountant:	Michael Wolek

Facility

Rink Name:	SkateQuest
Address:	1800 Michael Faraday Ct, Reston, VA 20190
Phone:	(703) 709-1010

SkateQuest has two rink surfaces with rounded corners and hockey barriers, and four locker rooms for each surface. One surface is 200' by 85' (NHL) and the other is 200' by 100' (Olympic). This year the competition events will be held on the Olympic surface.

There is a Pro shop and a snack shop.

Series Information

Edward G. Picken Dance Classic is offering solo dance events and partner dance events.

This competition is a U.S. Figure Skating 2024 Solo Dance Series (SDS) event. Skaters must register to participate in the Solo Dance Series prior to the start of designated competitions in order to have their points recorded and seen in standings.

Please refer to the [2024 Solo Dance Series information](#) for current Series rules, levels, music, costume requirements, event requirements, and selected pattern dances.

All solo dance events are open to all skaters regardless of entry into the Solo Dance Series.

The points from the Washington Picken Solo Ice Dance International event will not be recorded in the standings for the U.S. Figure Skating 2024 Solo Dance Series.

Events Offered and Entry Fees

Skaters who are registering in a Washington Picken Solo Ice Dance International event are not permitted to register in the Solo Combined Dance at Picken, but are allowed for all other events in this announcement.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING EVENTS			
SOLO DANCE	JUDGING	1ST EVENT	2ND EVENT
Solo Pattern Dance (Prelim – International)	IJS	\$210	\$190
Solo Combined Dance (Juv – Sr) Pattern or Rhythm Dance & Free Dance	IJS	\$310	\$310
Shadow Dance (per team)	IJS	\$210	\$190
PARTNER DANCE (per team)	JUDGING	1ST EVENT	2ND EVENT
Combined Dance (Juv – Nov) Pattern & Free Dance	IJS	\$400	\$400
Pattern Dance (Prelim – Nov)	IJS	\$230	\$210
Free Dance (Pre-Juv – Nov)	IJS	\$230	\$210

At the discretion of the LOC and the Chief Referee, late entries may be accepted and subject to a \$75 late fee.

Eligibility

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules of U.S. Figure Skating. Skaters must be a currently registered member of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club, or an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. For non-U.S. citizens, please refer to Rule 3061 in the current rulebook for more information.

Test Level and Age Restrictions/Requirements

Refer to the current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook and the 2024 Solo Dance Series handbook for age / test requirements.

Competition Registration

Registration Deadline:

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 @ 11:59 pm Eastern Time (ET)

The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) reserves the right to close entries early if maximum capacity is reached. At the discretion of the LOC and the Chief Referee, late entries may be accepted and are subject to a \$75 late fee. **If late registration is opened, it will close by Saturday, March 30, 2024 @ 11:59 pm or when capacity has been filled.**

All Entries will be accepted via the EMS competition portal with credit card only.

Each transaction includes a 3% credit card fee. **Credit card processing fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.**

1. Go to <https://m.usfigureskating.org>
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services a memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose "Edward G. Picken Dance Classic" from the list of competitions.
 - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.

Partnered Events: Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. **The registering partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.**

Foreign Skaters: Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click here for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Non-Member? Create Account” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

Mandatory Athlete SkateSafe® Training

Athletes aged 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (e.g., shadow dance, partner dance) with at least one minor athlete must complete SkateSafe® training prior to the entry deadline.

Minor athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online SkateSafe® training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be SkateSafe® compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. Please email SkateSafe@usfigureskating.org or call 719-635-5200 for instructions or questions regarding parental consent.

For full details about SkateSafe® compliance, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe.

Refund Policy

Entry fees will not be refunded after the registration deadline date unless the event is canceled. Refunds will not be issued for skater withdrawals under any reason. Credit card processing fees will not be refunded under *any* circumstances.

Additional Fee-Related Policies

All fees including late fees, must be paid by **Friday, April 19, 2024 11:59 pm ET**. If a skater has unpaid fees after that date, the LOC may withdraw the skater from all entered events. No refund will be available if the LOC withdraws a skater due to unpaid fees. No payments will be accepted at the competition.

Contested credit card charges will incur a \$25.00 fee. This fee is nonrefundable.

Schedule

Skaters may be scheduled on any day or time during the announced dates of the competition. The competition schedule will be posted online in EMS before the start of the competition. Participants will be notified via email once available. Events will be held Friday, April 26, Saturday, April 27 and Sunday April 28. Practice may be available on Thursday, April 25.

Music

Skaters are required to upload their music to the EMS competition portal no later than **Friday, April 5, 2024 by 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid before Friday, April 19, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET.

EMS Skater Music Upload How To: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

Music Criteria

All music must meet the following criteria. If you have questions about what format you have, please contact your coach and get a new version of your music that meets the criteria listed below.

- File Format: MP3
- Bit Rate: 192 kbps or higher and Sample Rate: 44,100 kHz
 - This will be verified by the music chair and they may request you upload a corrected file.
- Leaders and trailers (the silence or "dead space" before and after the actual start and end of the program music) may not exceed two (2) seconds. Excessive leaders and trailers may disrupt the playing of the music during competition.

Backup Music at Event

Skaters must also have available a backup copy of their competition music on a mobile phone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning 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.

Planned Program Content (PPC)

Skaters participating in Free Dance and Rhythm Dance events are required to submit their PPC in the EMS competition portal no later than **Friday, April 5, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$25 late fee**. The late fee will automatically be added to each skater's cart who doesn't meet this requirement by the deadline. Late fees will not be removed under any circumstances and must be paid before Friday, April 19, 2024 at 11:59 pm ET.

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Liability

U.S. Figure Skating, Washington Figure Skating Club, and SkateQuest 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. All entrants, their parents and guardians and officials agree to assume all risks of injury or illness 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 that they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, Washington Figure Skating Club and its officers, SkateQuest and its staff.

Onsite Check-In

Check-in will open about 45 minutes before the first event. The registration table will be located at the arena's main entrance.

Locker Rooms and Changing Areas

Locker rooms are available to skaters as dressing/changing rooms at this competition.

Per U.S. Figure Skating policy, locker rooms are for athletes only, and are labeled with regard to specific ages and gender. Athletes age 11 years or younger may be accompanied by one parent of the same gender to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s).

All Locker Rooms will be monitored. If any concerns arise, immediately contact the Locker Room monitor.

Practice Ice

Unofficial practice ice will be offered at the discretion of the Chief Referee based on the number of registered participants. A schedule of practice ice sessions will be posted in Picken Dance Classic EMS website soon after the competition schedule is published, along with the date/time when the practice ice reservation system will be activated. At that time, all purchases can be made through EMS.

The sign up for practice ice in EMS will be available through the end of the Picken Dance Classic competition. The practice ice fee is \$20 for 20 minutes per skater through Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 12:00 pm. For shadow and partner dance team (2 skaters per team), the practice ice fee is \$40 for 20 minutes. Afterwards, the practice ice fee will increase to \$25 per session per skater (or \$50 per session per dance team). No refunds will be issued for those who do not appear or are late for their reserved sessions. Practice ice sessions are non-transferable. No music will be played during practice ice.

Photo / Video

Video by Looking Glass Productions is included in the Picken Dance Classic registration fee. Information for downloading the video will be sent out after the competition. Information on live streaming, if any, will be provided later.

Action photos by Melanie Heaney Photography are provided for an additional fee. Skaters will receive an email about pre-orders before the competition.

Spectators are reminded that flash photography is dangerous to skaters and is strictly prohibited. Personal video cameras are permitted but may only be used to film your skater's performance and for personal use only. Only battery-powered video units are allowed; electrical cords, tripods (or similar devices) are not permitted in the arena. Personal video filming is only permitted from the audience stands. Filming from the coaching area or hockey boxes is not allowed.

Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.

Emergency Medical Staff

AMR® is contracted to provide a professional emergency medical technician rink-side during the event in case of medical emergency.

Awards

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th places of each event, and will be presented in the mezzanine after the official results are certified. Skaters or designees who are not able to make the award ceremony may pick up their medal at the registration desk afterwards. Awards not collected by the close of the competition will be forfeited.

Official Notices

An official bulletin board will be maintained in the rink for competition notifications such as schedule modifications. **Skating orders and event results will NOT be posted.** It is the responsibility of each skater and coach to check the bulletin board for any schedule changes and/or additional information. A tentative schedule of events will be posted online prior to the competition. Event results will be posted online.

Coaches

Coaches must meet all compliance requirements at the time of check-in, and will be provided a credential to access the competition. **Only compliant coaches are permitted rinkside and allowed to put skaters on events.**

With EMS, a coach must be included within a skater's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "My Coaches." The coach(es) declared at the time of registration will be included on the skater's registration confirmation email.

EMS Coach Resources may be found here:

- [My Competitions](#)
- [My Skaters](#)
- [Coach Schedule](#)

For more information regarding coach compliance, please visit the [Coach Compliance](#) page.

Test Credit

Skaters who meet the requirements for test credit may sign up for Test Credit in EMS (listed as Miscellaneous Merch under IJS). Test credit EMS availability will close at registration deadline. There is a \$25 fee for the test credit packet. Please include your email. Signups will not be taken at the competition. **Test credit packet will be printed after the free dance and must be picked up at the registration desk before the end**

of the competition. Test credit packets not collected by the close of the competition will be forfeited.

Skaters: Please remember that your test credit packet needs to be submitted to your home club test chair for processing.

Competition Souvenir Shirt

Remember to pre-order your Picken Dance Classic T-Shirt while registering on EMS (listed under Merchandise 6.0 competition shirts). This commemorative t-shirt by Crab & Anchor Apparel will include all of the skaters' names on the back.

The pre-order t-shirts will be available for pick up at the Picken competition. Limited number of shirts may be for sale at the competition, but availability is not guaranteed. Those who request to have their pre-order shirts mailed to them after the competition will incur additional fees for shipping & handling.

Good Luck Wishes

Clubs, Families, and Friends can wish their skater(s) "good luck" or give a "shout out" in the Picken program book. The program book is 5.5" width x 8" height (a standard sheet of paper folded in half) and in full color. A printed copy of the Picken program book will be provided free to each skater at check-in.

Pricing:

- \$10 for up to 200 characters (2-3 lines)
- \$25 for quarter page
- \$40 for half page
- \$70 for full page
- \$100 for full page on front inside cover, back outside cover, or back inside cover

To advertise in the Picken Program Book:

- Send all visuals or wording to pickenclassic@gmail.com.
- Send payment via Zelle or PayPal to: wfsc@rcn.com.
- If you select a full-page ad on front inside cover, back outside cover, or back inside cover, please include your location preference in your email.

Due date to send visuals and payment: Friday, April 5, 2024.

Travel

Hotel

Washington FSC is proud to partner with HBC Event Services to offer non-local skaters and coaches discounted rates on local hotels.

[HOTEL RESERVATION LINK](#)

(<http://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=70998>)

Please call HBC Event Services at (505) 346-0522 and/or support@hbceventservices.com if you have any questions and/or have any special hotel requests.

Air Travel

There are a couple of options for flying into the Washington DC area. The closest airport, Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD), is approximately 6 miles from SkateQuest. Other nearby airports are Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA), which is approximately 22 miles from the arena, and Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI), which is approximately 51 miles from the arena.

Washington Metropolitan Area (Metro) Train

The nearest Metro rail station is the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station, located 0.5 miles from SkateQuest. Both the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station and the Washington Dulles International Airport Metro Station are located on the Silver Line.