

2026 EDWARD G. PICKEN ICE DANCE CLASSIC

Member of 2026 National Solo Dance Series

April 30-May 3, 2026



Hosted by:



Located at:



**1800 Michael Faraday Ct
Reston, VA 2019**

Sanctioned by:



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I. COMPETITION OVERVIEW

The 2026 Edward G. Picken Ice 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](#).

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, 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 U.S. Solo Ice Dance International is being held in conjunction with the 2026 Picken Ice Dance Classic. For the international competition, see the separate announcement. Competitors may sign up for the solo ice dance combined events in both the domestic and international competitions.

SERIES INFORMATION:

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

This competition is a U.S. Figure Skating 2026 [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 count in the standings.

Please refer to the 2026 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.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Refer to the current [U.S. Figure Skating rulebook](#) and the 2026 [Solo Dance Series](#) handbook for age / test requirements.

Skaters must meet the minimum test requirements for the events level, but not exceed the maximum permissible test requirement.

EVENTS OFFERED:

SOLO DANCE (participating in series)	JUDGING	1ST Event Price	2ND Event Price
Solo Pattern Dance	IJS	\$210	\$190
Solo Combined Dance	IJS	\$310	\$290
Shadow Dance	IJS	\$210	\$190
PARTNER ICE DANCE	JUDGING	1ST Event Price	2ND Event Price
Combined Dance (Juvenile – Novice)	IJS	\$400	\$380
Pattern Dance (Preliminary – Novice)	IJS	\$230	\$210
Free Dance (Pre-Juvenile – Senior)	IJS	\$230	\$210

Prices shown for shadow dance and partner ice dance are per team.

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 two categories, Coach Compliance (includes choreographers) and Learn to Skate USA® Instructor Compliance. 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.

With EMS, coaches must be included within a skater/team's registration or updated through their EMS Skater Portal via "[My Coaches](#)" or "Team Personnel." All coaches declared at the time of registration will be included in the registration confirmation email. Note: There is no registration approval process within EMS as the data (membership and test level) is tied to the U.S. Figure Skating database. Non-compliant coaches will receive automated email reminders through the start of the competition.

EMS Coach Resources:

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

SkateSafe®—MANDATORY ATHLETES

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e., partner dance, shadow dance) with at least one Minor Athlete must complete SafeSport™ Training.

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

III. REGISTRATION INFORMATION

ONLINE REGISTRATION VIA EMS:

Online registrations will be accepted via [EMS](#). Payment must be made at the time of registration by credit card only. Each transaction includes a 3% processing fee, and this will not be refunded under *any* circumstance.

Registration Deadline*: **Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 11:59 pm Eastern Time (ET)**

Late Registration Deadline*: **Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET + \$80 Late Fee**

*The Local Organizing Committee (LOC) reserves the right to close entries at any time if capacity is reached. At the discretion of the LOC and the Chief Referee, late entries may be accepted and are subject to a \$80 USD late fee. If late registration is opened, it will close by Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 11:59 pm.

1. Go to www.usfsaonline.org
2. Enter your U.S. Figure Skating member number and password
 - a. If you need assistance with your member number and password, contact Member Services at memberservices@usfigureskating.org.
3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
4. Choose **"2026 Picken Ice 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 registered 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 and who haven't used EMS before 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.

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. To sign up after the deadline, please email pickenclassic@gmail.com. There is a \$25 fee for the test credit packet (please note your club may assess additional fees to process test credit).. Please include your email. Signups will not be taken once the competition begins. **Test credit packets will be printed after the free dance event 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.

CRITIQUES:

Critiques will not be available for any events in the U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series.

Critiques may be offered for partner free dance if scheduling allows it. In this case, the critiques would take place in a designated area soon after the completion of the free dance.

MUSIC SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Competitors are required to upload their music to EMS no later than **Friday, April 10, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature and subject to a **\$55 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 must be paid prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

Any **changes** to the music after April 10, 2026 will be subject to the \$55 fee.

EMS SKATER MUSIC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

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
- 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.

Competitors must also have available a 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 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) SUBMISSION/UPLOAD:

Competitors participating in free dance and rhythm dance events are required to submit PPC in EMS no later than **Friday, April 10, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET**. After this date, skaters will be locked out of this feature in EMS and subject to a **\$55 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 prior to receiving the skater credential onsite.

EMS PPC UPLOAD HOW TO: [CLICK HERE](#)

If you need assistance, email productsupport@usfigureskating.org

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after the entry deadline (March 29, 2026 at 11:59 pm ET) unless no competition exists or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for skater withdrawals for any reason, including medical. Credit card processing fees will not be refunded under any circumstances.

All fees, including late fees, must be paid. If a skater has unpaid fees, 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.

Contested credit card charges will incur a \$25 fee. This fee is nonrefundable and must be paid before the skater will be allowed to skate.

LIABILITY:

U.S. Figure Skating, Learn to Skate USA®, 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.

IV. COMPETITION DETAILS

FACILITY:

Rink Name: SkateQuest
Address: 1800 Michael Faraday Ct, Reston, VA 20190
Website: www.skatequest.com
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). All competition events and practice ice will be held on the Olympic surface.

There is a Pro shop and a snack shop in the facility.

LOCKER ROOMS AND CHANGING AREAS:

All athletes should arrive at the arena ready (costumes, hair, make-up etc.). Athletes will be provided with ready rooms to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE & UPDATES:

Information can be found on the competition website at: www.washingtonfsc.org/competitions

Skating orders and event results will be posted online only. The link to starting orders and results will be available on the competition website and onsite at the event. A tentative schedule of events will be posted online prior to the competition.

Updates during the event will be on the white board located at the registration desk. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent and coach to check the white board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information pertaining to the competition.

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.

Tentative Schedule:

Thursday, April 30, 2026

Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Friday, May 1, 2026

Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Events continue

Saturday, May 2, 2026

Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Events continue

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Practice Ice (available for purchase)

Events conclude prior to 3:00 pm ET

PRACTICE ICE:

Unofficial practice ice will be offered at the discretion of the Chief Referee based on the number of registered participants and ice availability. A schedule of practice ice sessions will be posted in Picken Ice 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 Ice Dance Classic competition. The practice ice fee is **\$20 for 20 minutes per skater** through **Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 12:00 pm noon**. For shadow and partner dance teams (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 and for ice dance only (no free skate). No music will be played during practice ice.

ONSITE CHECK-IN:

Check-in will open about 30 minutes before the first event each day. The registration desk will be located at the arena's main entrance.

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.

The Washington Figure Skating Club will be presenting the Alydia Livingston Memorial Trophy to the the winner of the Juvenile Solo Ice Dance Combined event.

The Club will also be presenting the Judy Reiner Trophy to the winner of the Senior Solo Combined Dance event to honor our long-time official, and avid supporter of ice dance.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY:

Video by [Looking Glass Productions](#) is included in the Picken Ice Dance Classic registration fee. Information for downloading the video (no music included) will be sent out after the competition. Information on live streaming 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 please only film your skater's performance and for personal use. 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.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL STAFF:

The local organizing committee has contracted with AMR® to provide a professional emergency medical technician rink-side during the event in case of medical emergency.

TRAVEL INFORMATION:

Skaters and coaches are to provide their own transportation and book rooms on their own.

LODGING

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

<https://booking.roomvy.com/events/da71f037-60d0-485f-815f-e2ee217d7c7c>

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) RAIL

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.

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](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition website: www.washingtonfsc.org/competitions

Direct all inquiries to PickenClassic@gmail.com

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