



The 10th Annual
Winter Escapade Competition

Sanctioned by US Figure Skating – Sanction #C36680, BSC #36747

Hosted by

The Essex Skating Club of New Jersey

Saturday & Sunday, January 14 & 15, 2012

At the

Richard J. Codey Arena at South Mountain

560 Northfield Avenue,

West Orange, NJ

www.essexskatingclub.org

Solo Dance Series Announcement and Application Information



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U.S. Figure Skating Solo Dance Series Information**

WHEN: Saturday & Sunday, January 14 & 15, 2012
LOCATION: Richard J. Codey Arena at South Mountain, 560 Northfield Avenue, West Orange, NJ
ICE SURFACE: 200 x 85
CHAIRPERSON: Jill Mueller E-mail: escapadequestion@aol.com

SOLO DANCE SERIES OVERVIEW:

U.S. Figure Skating is pleased to announce the 2011-12 Solo Dance competition series. This program began in the 2010-11 season and is open to individual skaters within the Eastern, Midwestern and Pacific Coast sections. Skaters participating in at least two competitions within their respective sections accumulate points based upon placement that will be used to determine qualification of individual skaters to the National Solo Dance Championships.

Skaters can elect to compete in the pattern dances, free dance or both events during the Series season.

SOLO PATTERN DANCE EVENTS

	Preliminary	Pre-Bronze	Bronze	Pre-Silver	Silver	Pre-Gold	Gold
Dances to be skated	1. Canasta Tango 2. Rhythm Blues	1. Swing Dance 2. Fiesta Tango	1. Willow Waltz 2. Ten Fox	1. Fourteen Step 2. European Waltz	1. American Waltz 2. Silver Tango	1. Paso Doble 2. Starlight Waltz	1. Viennese Waltz 2. Argentine Tango
Testing Requirements	No Test or passed Preliminary	Passed Preliminary or Pre- Bronze	Passed Pre- Bronze or Bronze	Passed Bronze or Pre-Silver	Passed Pre- Silver or Silver	Passed Silver or Pre-Gold	Passed Pre- Gold or Gold

SOLO PATTERN DANCE TEST LEVEL:

All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above of their highest completed dance level. The determination of level will be based upon test level as of when you register as a 2011-2012 Solo Dance participant between September 15, 2011 and March 1, 2012**. Participants can register for the series on the U.S. Figure Skating website at www.usfigureskating.org.

The test level is determined by a skater completing all of the dance tests within that level. Skaters may not change levels once the deadline has passed and/or their individual form is submitted to U.S. Figure Skating. Participants may test during the Series season without penalty, but cannot change or move up levels during the October 1, 2011-August 26, 2012 Solo Dance Series season.

*** Test level may be either standard or solo dance. Adult dance, adult solo dance, master's dance and master's solo dance do not fulfill the testing requirements for this event.*

SOLO FREE DANCE EVENTS

	Juvenile Solo Free Dance	Intermediate Solo Free Dance	Novice Solo Free Dance	Junior Solo Free Dance	Senior Solo Free Dance
Free Dance Requirements	Requirements according to Juvenile Solo Free Dance Test as listed in the 2011- 12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 52	Requirements according to Intermediate Solo Free Dance Test as listed in the 2011- 12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 52	Requirements according to Novice Solo Free Dance Test as listed in the 2011- 12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 53	Requirements according to Junior Solo Free Dance Test as listed in the 2011- 12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 54	Requirements according to Senior Solo Free Dance Test listed in the 2011-12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 54
Testing Requirements	Complete preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo) and one of the following: juvenile free dance (solo or partnered) or juvenile MIF test	Complete bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo) and one of the following: intermediate MIF test or intermediate free dance test (partnered or solo)	Complete pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo) and one of the following: novice MIF test or novice free dance test (partnered or solo)	Complete silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo) and one of the following: junior MIF test or junior free dance test (partnered or solo)	Complete gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo) and one of the following: senior MIF test or senior free dance test (partnered or solo)

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY IN SOLO FREE DANCE / SOLO FREE DANCE TEST LEVEL

REQUIREMENTS: All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above of their highest completed free dance test (solo or partnered), but no higher. Skaters can also qualify by having passed the equivalent moves in the field test.

The determination of level will be based upon test level achieved when you register as a 2011-2012 Solo Dance participant between September 15, 2011 and March 1, 2012**. Participants can register for the series on the U. S. Figure Skating website at www.usfigureskating.org.

Skaters may not change levels once the deadline has passed and/or their individual form is submitted to U.S. Figure Skating. The 2011-12 Solo Dance Series Season runs October 1, 2011-August 26, 2012.

*** Test level may be partnered or solo standard pattern dance tests and standard free dance (partnered or solo). Adult dance, adult solo dance, adult free dance, master's dance, master's free dance and master's solo dance do not fulfill the testing requirements for this event.*

ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:

Each registered athlete may only compete in one level for the entire season. Skaters can elect to compete in the pattern dances, free dance or both events during the Series season

2011-12 SOLO DANCE SERIES SEASON DATES

The 2011-12 Solo Dance Series season will run from October 1, 2011-August 26, 2012. Skaters can compete at participating non-qualifying competitions during the season to accumulate points based upon placement at each event.

MUSIC:

Dance music selection for Pattern Dance events will be chosen from the Standardized music of the International Skating Union, per rule 6030, and will be provided by the Local Organizing Committee

(LOC).

AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places only.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE:

Athletes must be eligible members in good standing of U.S. Figure Skating, and may be members of the figure skating club of their choice.

ENTRY FEES:

Solo Pattern Dance

Preliminary – Pre Silver	\$85
Silver – Gold	\$95

Solo Free Dance

Juvenile - Intermediate	\$85
Novice – Senior	\$95

DVDs of the skater's events are available for purchase.

*******PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE 2 STEPS TO THE REGISTRATION PROCESS*******

STEP 1:

U.S. FIGURE SKATING SOLO DANCE SERIES REGISTRATION:

All skaters interested in participating in the 2011-12 Solo Dance Competition Series will need to complete a participation registration form and pay an additional fee to U.S. Figure Skating between September 15, 2011- March 1, 2012.

HOW TO REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE IN SOLO DANCE SERIES:

1. 2012 Solo Dance Series participant registration timeframe is from September 15 – March 1, 2012. The Deadline to register as a participant is midnight (Mountain time zone) on March 1, 2012.
2. Skaters can elect to compete in the pattern dances, free dance or both events during the Series season
3. Sign up to be a part of the 2012 National Solo Dance Series using the following link:
<http://fs12.formsite.com/USFSAIT/SYSWJrAvailability/index.html>
4. Solo Dance Series Registration costs \$15.
5. Following successful registration as a Solo Dance Series participant, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing your Solo Dance Series number to use when registering for competitions.
6. Register for each of the non-qualifying competitions you wish to compete in throughout the season. You are responsible for signing up for the events on your own.
7. U.S. Figure Skating will receive the results from each of the Solo Dance Series Competitions from the LOCs and will periodically post updated point standings throughout the season.
- 8. In order to earn points within the Series, you must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating as a Solo Dance Series participant prior to entering the Solo Dance Series Competition you plan to earn placement points at.**
9. Top six skaters in each level and section in solo pattern dance and solo free dance will advance to the 2012 National Solo Dance Championships in Colorado Springs, Colo., September 2012.

STEP 2:

ESCAPEDE REGISTRATION:

Competitors must register for the ESCapade competition on-line at www.entrypeeze.com. TO AVOID A LATE FEE, entry forms and fees must be completed no later than 11:59pm on SUNDAY DECEMBER 11, 2011. ENTRIES RECEIVED December 12–December 16, 2011 WILL BE ACCEPTED SOLELY AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COMPETITION COMMITTEE AND WILL REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL LATE FEE OF \$40 PER EVENT. The acceptance of your credit card/e-check payment will

serve as acknowledgement of your entry. The Local Organizing Committee reserves the right to limit entries. Incomplete entries will not be accepted. Paper/hard copy entries will not be accepted.

SCHEDULE: The tentative schedule will be posted on the Entryeeze website www.entryeeze.com on or about January 8, 2012. You will receive an email containing the date and time of your specific events. The list of competitors along with the tentative schedule will also be posted on the Winter Escapade website www.essexskatingclub.org/winter-escapade/ on or about January 8, 2012. Please check either website frequently for update information or changes in schedule.

COACHES: Only coaches who have their U.S. Figure Skating certification will be allowed in the rinks

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Essex Skating Club of NJ, clubs, organizers of this competition, Richard J. Codey Arena at South Mountain, its management, and employees undertake no responsibility for damage or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of & in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents, or guardians & officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person & property resulting from, caused by, or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its officers and trustees, and their entrees shall be accepted only on such condition.

REGISTRATION TABLE: Will open 1½ hours before the 1st scheduled event. Please register at the rink at least 1 hour prior to your first event.

AWARDS: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place competitors, respectively, in each event.

REFUNDS: (U.S. Figure Skating Rule # 3045 and 3047) Entry fees will be refunded only if an event is cancelled by the LOC. Under no other circumstances will a refund be given including conflicting family activities, injuries, illnesses, deaths in the family, or weather.

WARM-UP GROUPS:

Warm-up groups for events will be posted prior to the start of the competition and are subject to change up to 15 minutes prior to the start of an event, due to withdrawals.

GROUP SIZE:

Groups will not consist of more than 18 skaters. If more than 18 skaters are entered into one level, the skaters will be split as evenly as possibly into as many groups as are necessary to keep each group no larger than 18 skaters total.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The 6.0 judging system will be used for all events and levels for the Solo Dance Series events. The ISU judging system will not be used.

Notes on the conduct of the competition:

All dance events may be double-paneled at the discretion of the referee. When there are more than 18 athletes in a solo dance event, the event will be split so no flight has more than 18 skaters. Ladies will skate the ladies' steps and men will skate the men's steps, no exceptions.

SEQUENCES / PATTERNS SKATED:

Athletes will perform the number of patterns in accordance to the rules as described in the 2012 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. The number of sequences skated for Pattern Dance events will be based upon Rule 6075.

AWARDING OF POINTS:

Determining points: See US Figure Skating website www.usfigureskating.org for information on the Solo Dance Series point system.