



# HERSHEY OPEN 2009

## August 5 - 8, 2009 \* Sanction #

This application and all current competition information available at  
[www.hersheyfigureskating.org](http://www.hersheyfigureskating.org)

This non-qualifying competition is sanctioned by U. S. Figure Skating (USFS) and is open to all qualified eligible skaters who are current members in good standing with the USFS and Basic Skills Members. The competition will be governed by the rules of the USFS as specified in the 2009 USFS Rule Book. Program requirements at all levels will be according to the 2009 USFS Rule Book, however any rule changes marked as "Urgent" at the May 2009 Governing Council will apply. The purpose of this competition is to provide a fun competitive experience in figure skating for both youth and adults.

### **NEW THIS YEAR! MANUEVER TEAMS & IMPROV!**

**ENTRIES:** Entries must be submitted on the official Entry Form applicable for either individual events or team events. An "Accidents & Liability and Certification by Club Officer" form for every participant must be included with the application to be considered complete and on time. The entry and certification form may be duplicated. **Please note this is a large competition; we strongly urge you to register early.** Please mail all forms via U.S. standard postal service to:

Hershey Open 2009  
c/o Hershey Figure Skating Club  
P.O. Box 242  
Hershey, PA 17033

**\*\* ALL ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JUNE 2, 2009 \*\***  
(Certified mail and mail sent to any other address will not be accepted.)

**FEES:** **First Event - \$75.00; Each Additional Event - \$40.00 per event; Group Event - \$75.00 per group.** Payment must be included with application, in the form of check or money order payable to Hershey Figure Skating Club. All checks returned for nonsufficient funds are subject to a \$30.00 reprocessing fee. The entry fee plus the \$30.00 must be paid in cash or money order before the skater will be allowed to compete.

#### **EVENT**

**CHANGE FEE:** Please review your application closely with your coach to ensure you have entered the correct events/levels. After the tentative schedule is posted any change in your registration because of an error in your application will result in a \$25.00 fee per change.

**LATE ENTRIES:** Entry forms postmarked after the deadline date will be considered late entries and will only be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Committee. Late entries must include the late fee of \$50.00 to be considered. If a late entry is accepted, please note that you will receive the schedule and practice ice application at a later date than those who registered by the deadline.

#### **ACCIDENTS & REFUNDS:**

As per Rule #3235 of the USFS Rulebook, once entries have closed, entry fees are only refundable if the competition is not held. (Please note no refunds are provided for any other reason, including medical reasons.)

**TEST & AGE:** Age as of the June 2, 2009 (Entry Deadline).

#### **JUDGING SYSTEM:**

The 6.0 system will be used for all events at this competition.

#### **REGISTRATION & ADMISSION:**

The registration table will open each day, one hour prior to the first event of the day and will remain open throughout each day of the competition. Competitors need only register for their first event promptly upon arrival. No admission fee will be charged for spectators.

**RINK:** The Competition will be held at Hersheypark Arena (not Giant Center). The ice measures 200 feet by 85 feet, with rounded corners and a barrier. A snack bar will be open during the competition.

**LOCKER RMS:** Locker rooms will be available for both male and female competitors.

**MUSIC:** CD's or Mini Discs are required. CD's or Mini Disc must be labeled CLEARLY with competitor's name, event, and side to be played. All music media must contain only one program per media submitted. Music must be turned in at the CD/RESULT DESK one hour before the event. Competitors **MUST HAVE DUPLICATE CD/MINI DISC** with them. Music must be picked up at the CD/RESULT DESK by the end of the day. The HFSC assumes NO responsibility for unclaimed music by the end of the competition.

**SCHEDULE:** **Specific schedule WILL NOT be available prior to July 11. Please no phone inquiries.** A copy of the tentative schedule, the practice ice schedule, parking passes, and directions will be posted on the Hershey FSC website at **www.hersheyfigureskating.org**. Group assignments will be emailed to individual competitors.

**PRACTICE ICE:** The practice ice schedule will be available online at **www.hersheyfigureskating.org** when the tentative schedule is posted. To ensure the best availability of practice ice time be sure to mail in your practice ice request form promptly. No telephone requests or reservations will be accepted.

**AWARDS:** Medals will be awarded to all first, second, third and fourth place finishers in each event. A trophy and medal will be awarded to the first place finisher for final round events and second, third and fourth place finishers will receive a medal. Ribbons will awarded to first, second, third, and fourth place finishers in Manuever Team events.

**FINAL ROUND:** For each single free skating event (except for Beginner and Tots) made up of more than one group, an equal number of place finishers not to exceed the top 3, will advance to a final round. Final Round will consist of no more than 12 skaters.

**QUESTIONS:** Please visit the club website for schedule and updates: [www.hersheyfigureskating.org](http://www.hersheyfigureskating.org). **Competition questions?** Email [hersheyopen@hersheyfigureskating.org](mailto:hersheyopen@hersheyfigureskating.org). Please **do not** email for schedule information! This is a large competition, so please allow us several days to respond.

**PARKING:** **VERY IMPORTANT!** The entrance for the Ice Rink at Hersheypark Arena is also used for Hersheypark, Hershey's Chocolate World, and other attractions. The complex includes many very large parking lots for guests of the amusement park, and are a **20+ minute walk** to the Arena. Parking for Hershey Open attendees is directly in front of the Arena, but you **MUST** present a Hershey Open parking pass to the parking staff. These parking passes will be posted on the club website, [www.hersheyfigureskating.org](http://www.hersheyfigureskating.org). **Please be sure to print and bring your parking pass with you, or you will be charged for parking.**  
**PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR TRAVELING IN AND AROUND THE HERSHEY PARK AREA.**

### OFFICIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE HERSHEY OPEN 2009

This year we are pleased to offer you a special rate at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East. This hotel is located a short 10-15 minute drive from Hershey and includes a number of family-friendly amenities:

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| ➤ Kids Eat Free!                    | ➤ On-site Restaurant open 6:30 AM - 11:00 PM |
| ➤ Indoor and Outdoor swimming pools | ➤ Pizza available on premises                |
| ➤ Fitness Center                    | ➤ Many restaurants and shopping nearby       |
| ➤ Game Room                         | ➤ Complimentary High Speed Wi-Fi Internet    |

The special **Hershey Open rate is \$149.00** per night (taxes additional). Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-637-4817. When calling please indicate that you are with a group and ask for the block of rooms held under "Hershey Open". Or visit [www.hersheyfigureskating.org](http://www.hersheyfigureskating.org) for a link to make your reservations online (link available after May 1, 2009).

We recommend you make your room reservations as soon as possible. **Be sure to reserve your rooms no later than July 25, 2009 to received this special rate.**

### DISCOUNT HERSHEY PARK TICKETS

#### Summer 2009, The Boardwalk: The SEAquel!

The Boardwalk at Hersheypark is expanding with the introduction of two new water attractions, The Shore and Intercoastal Waterway!

**This year Hersheypark tickets are available at special discounted rates for Hershey Open competitors and attendees! To purchase your discount tickets, visit [www.hersheyfigureskating.org](http://www.hersheyfigureskating.org) after May 1, 2009.** Click on the link for Hershey Open Hersheypark Tickets. User name is: HPArena. Password is: TwinTurnpike2009. Tickets must be purchased online to receive the discounted rate. Rates are valid only for visits occurring August 3, 2009 through August 17, 2009.

## PARKING AND DIRECTIONS TO HERSHEY PARK ARENA HERSHEY, PA

**BALTIMORE/WASHINGTON:** I-83 North. To Rt. 322 East. To Hersheypark Drive.  
**NEW YORK:** I-78 West. To I-81 South. To Exit 80 (old exit 28) Grantville. To Rt. 743 South. To Hersheypark Drive.  
**PHILADELPHIA:** PA Turnpike West I-76. To Exit 266 (old exit 20) Lebanon/Lancaster. To Rt. 72 North. To Rt. 322 West. To Rt. 743 North. To Hersheypark Drive.  
**PITTSBURGH:** PA Turnpike East I-76. To Exit 247 (old exit 19) Harrisburg-East. To I-283 North to Exit 3. Follow to Rt. 322 East to Hersheypark Drive.

### FREE SKATING EVENTS

**Skaters may enter only one level. Skaters may skate up one test level. If you won your level last year, you must move up to the next level, except Senior. Short and long programs are separate events.**

Rule # 3630 – 3634 apply

There will **not** be a Final Round for Beginner and Tots Event.

<b>Event (Rule #)</b>	<b>Test Requirements</b>	<b>Program Time (+/- 10 seconds)</b>
Senior (3640 & 3643)	Passed Senior Free Skating test	Ladies: 4:00 Men: 4:30
Junior (3650 & 3653)	Passed Junior Free Skating Test	Ladies: 3:30 Men: 4:00
Novice (3660 & 3663)	Passed Novice FS Test	Ladies: 3:00 Men: 3:30
Intermediate (3670 & 3672)	Passed Intermediate FS Test	Ladies & Men: 2:30
Open Juvenile (Age 13 and over as of 6/02/09, no triple jumps) (3680 & 3681)	Passed Juvenile FS Test	Girls & Boys: 2:15
Juvenile (Age 12 and under as of 6/02/09, no triple jumps) (3680 & 3681)	Passed Juvenile FS Test	Girls & Boys: 2:15
Pre-Juvenile (3690 & 3691)	Passed Pre-Juvenile FS Test	Girls & Boys: 2:00
Preliminary (3700 & 3701)	Passed Preliminary FS Test	Girls & Boys: 1:30
Pre-Preliminary <b>A</b> With Axel. No double jumps permitted. (3710 & 3711)	Passed no higher than Pre-Prelim. FS Test	Girls & Boys: 1:30
Pre-Preliminary <b>B</b> No Axels or double jumps permitted. (3710 & 3711)	Passed no higher than Pre-Prelim. FS Test	Girls & Boys: 1:30
No-Test No Axel or double jumps permitted. (3720 & 3721)	No official USFSA Free Skating Test passed.	Girls & Boys: 1:30
Beginner Solo spins in an upright position (min 3 revolutions), jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front), single rotations jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. No combination jumps or jump sequences. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program.	Passed no higher than U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests	Girls & Boys: 1:30
Tots: Age 7 and under as of 6/02/09. Only waltz, Salchow, toe loop, 1/2 flip & 1/2 Lutz jumps permitted. Upright forward one and two foot spins, two bunny hop step sequence, spirals, and lunges permitted. No combination jumps or spins permitted.	No official USFSA Free Skating Test passed.	Girls & Boys: 1:30 (vocal music is permitted but is not required)

### SHORT PROGRAM

**Skaters may enter only one level. Skaters may skate up one test level.**

All short programs will be conducted according to the required elements for the 2008-2009 competition season.  
Please see your USFS Rule Book.

<b>Event (Rule #)</b>	<b>Test Requirements</b>	<b>Program Time</b>
Senior Short Program (3641 & 3642)	<b>As Governed by the 2009 USFSA Rule Book Rule # 3615, 3616, 3621</b>	Maximum duration 2:50
Junior Short Program (Junior Group A) (3651 & 3652)		Maximum duration 2:50
Novice Short Program (3661 & 3662)		Maximum duration 2:30
Intermediate Short Program (3671)		Maximum duration 2:00

## INDIVIDUAL COMPULSORY ELEMENTS

Skating is done on half the ice surface in the categories of Tots, No-Test, Pre-Preliminary, Preliminary, and Pre-Juvenile. Full ice surface will be utilized for Juvenile. No music will be utilized for this event. **Required elements may be skated in any order.** Additional jumps or spins are not permitted and will result in deductions if included. For this event, male skaters may be placed in with female skaters depending on the entry numbers.

<p><b>JUVENILE:</b>  <b>90 seconds. Skaters who have passed Juvenile FS but no higher.</b>                      1. Girls - Layback spin (5 revolutions min), Boys - Camel sit spin (5 revolutions min)                      2. Axel                      3. Spin combination with change foot, change of position (4 revolutions on each foot)                      4. Double Salchow                      5. Back power three turns                      6. Footwork sequence, straight line</p>	<p><b>PRE-JUVENILE:</b>  <b>80 seconds. Skaters who have passed Pre-Juvenile FS but no higher.</b>                      1. Lutz jump                      2. Sit spin (4 revolutions min)                      3. 5 step Mohawk sequence right and left                      4. Waltz jump, loop jump combination                      5. Girls – Layback spin (3 revolutions min), Boys – Camel sit spin (3 revolutions min)</p>
<p><b>PRELIMINARY:</b>  <b>60 seconds. Skaters who have passed Preliminary FS but no higher.</b>                      1. Camel spin (3 revolutions min)                      2. Loop jump                      3. Waltz jump-toe loop combination                      4. Consecutive inside and outside spirals                      5. Flip jump</p>	<p><b>PRE-PRELIMINARY:</b>  <b>60 seconds. Skaters who have passed Pre-Preliminary FS but no higher.</b>                      1. Waltz jump                      2. One foot spin (3 revolutions min)                      3. Consecutive forward inside and outside edges                      4. Toe loop                      5. Salchow</p>
<p><b>NO-TEST:</b>  <b>45 seconds. No test passed. Age 8 and older.</b>                      1. Two foot spin (3 revolutions min)                      2. Two (2) Bunnyhops                      3. Backward skating                      4. Full stops                      5. Stroking forward</p>	<p><b>TOTS:</b>  <b>45 seconds. No test passed. Ages 7 and under.</b>                      1. Two foot spin (3 revolutions min)                      2. Two (2) Bunnyhops                      3. Backward skating                      4. Full stops                      5. Stroking forward</p>

## THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT SOLO & GROUP EVENTS

This is a program with the emphasis on the Entertainment value, rather than technical content. Elements to be considered in judging will be illustration of character, music interpretation, costuming, and audience appeal. Vocal music is allowed. Test Requirements are the same as for the Free Skate. Skaters may skate up one Test Level. Props are optional. Skaters must carry their own props on and off the ice. **PLEASE NOTE:** You will not be able to drive to the back of the Arena to drop off the props. They must be carried down the stairs to the ice surface. For this event, male skaters may be placed in with female skaters depending on the entry numbers.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Test Requirement</b>	<b>Program Time</b>
That's Entertainment Level A	No-Test through Preliminary FS	Not to exceed 1:30 minutes
That's Entertainment Level B	Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile FS	Not to exceed 2:00 minutes
That's Entertainment Level C	Intermediate and Novice	Not to exceed 2:00 minutes
That's Entertainment Level D	Junior and Senior	Not to exceed 2:00 minutes
Adult	FS Level Adult Bronze and above	Not to exceed 2:00 minutes
<b>Group</b> That's Entertainment (Please complete the designated area on application)	No Test Restrictions 2, 3 or 4 Skaters per Group	Not to exceed 2:00 minutes

### IMPROV EVENTS

A program choreographed by the competitor, unassisted, to music supplied by the organizers. The music will be played twice during a warm-up on ice and once for each competitor off-ice prior to skating, but will NOT be heard by the skaters prior to the warm-up. All competitors in the group will interpret the same music. Skaters will be judged on originality, musical and artistic expression and ice coverage. No costumes or props allowed. Male and female skaters may be combined for this event.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Test Requirements</u>	<u>Max. Time</u>
Level A	No test through Preliminary Freestyle	1:00 minute
Level B	Pre-Juvenile through Juvenile Freestyle	1:00 minute
Adult	No Test Level Restrictions Age 25 or older	1:00 minute

### SPINS EVENT

Test requirements are the same as listed for Free Skate. Skaters may skate up one level. The listed spins must be performed in a program without music and in any order with connecting steps necessary to link the various spins together. Only spins are judged. All levels will be on 1/2 the ice surface. Male skaters maybe placed with female skaters for this event.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Elements To Be Skated (# of revolution are minimum)</u>	<u>Max. Time</u>
Intermediate	Camel spin (5 Rev), Spin combination with only one change of foot and at least one change of position. (5 Rev on each foot), <u>Ladies</u> : Layback spin (5 Rev in position, <u>Men</u> : Back scratch spin (5 Rev.)	1:30 minutes
Juvenile	Any flying spin (4 Rev), Camel spin (4 Rev per foot), Combination spin with one change of position (Each position minimum 4 Rev), Back scratch spin (4 revolution minimum)	1:15 minutes
Pre-Juvenile	Camel Spin, Sit change foot sit spin, Layback or forward scratch spin (Each position minimum 3 Rev)	1:00 minutes
Preliminary	Forward scratch spin, sit spin, camel spin (Each element minimum 3 Rev)	1:00 minutes
Pre-Preliminary	Forward one foot spin, camel spin, one foot back spin (Each element minimum 3 Rev)	1:00 minutes
No-Test	Two foot spin, One foot spin (optional free leg) (Each element minimum 2 Rev)	45 seconds

### MANEUVER TEAM EVENTS

Teams will consist of no fewer than 3 and no more than 5 skaters at the prescribed test level. No skater may perform more than two of the elements. Skaters on the team do not have to represent the same club.

<u>Events</u>	<u>Test Requirements</u>	<u>Elements To Be Skated</u>
Maneuver Level A	Tots & No Test	Waltz Jump 3 Consecutive Bunny Hops Spiral (Forward or Backward) Two-Foot Spin One-Foot Spin
Maneuver Level B	Pre-Preliminary & Preliminary	Salchow One-Foot Spin Waltz/Toe Loop Combination Jump Spiral (Forward or Backward) Sit Spin
Maneuver Level C	Pre-Juvenile & Juvenile	Axel Layback Spin Single/Single Jump Combination Spiral Step Sequence (at least 3 Spirals) Camel/Sit Spin Combination (no change of foot)
Adult	No Test Level Restrictions Age 25 or older	Salchow Spiral (Forward or Backward) Single/Single Jump Combination Camel/Sit Spin Combination (no change of foot) Waltz/Toe Loop Combination