# U.S. SOLO ICE DANCE INTERNATIONAL ATLANTA March 7-9, 2025



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## U.S. Solo Ice Dance International Atlanta 2025

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#### Hosted by Atlanta Figure Skating Club

The Atlanta FSC 2025 Magnolia International Solo Ice Dance will be conducted in accordance with the ISU International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines 2024/25 General Rules and Requirements, and the International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines 2024/25 Technical Rules and Level Requirements. Skaters must provide a passport or other proof of age to verify skaters meet age requirements as outlined in the International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines 2024/25.

## **Competition Venue**

All practice and competition will take place at The Cooler in Alpharetta, Georgia. The Cooler has two rink surfaces (both NHL size) with rounded corners and hockey barriers, and four locker rooms for each surface. All practice and competition events will be held on the NHL surface – 200' by 85'. There is no Pro shop. A snack shop in the facility is open peroidically.

Rink Name: The Cooler

Address: 10800 Davis Dr, Alpharetta, GA 30009

**Phone:** 1+ 770 649-6600

## **Event Requirements**

The requirements for International Solo Ice Dance Competitions will follow the requirements announced annually in the ISU International Solo Ice Dance Guidelines.

- General Rules and Requirements
- Technical Rules and Requirements
- Scale of Values

#### Events offered will be:

Basic Novice
 Intermediate Novice
 Advanced Novice
 Junior
 Senior
 2 Pattern Dances and 1 Free Dance
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 1 Rhythm Dance and 1 Free Dance
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The Pattern Dances and Rhythm Dance will be skated prior to the Free Dance. Age Requirements (**before July 1 preceding the competition**):

- Novice:
  - Basic Novice has not reached the age of fourteen
  - Intermediate Novice has not reached the age of sixteen
  - Advanced Novice has reached the age of ten and has not reached the age of eighteen
- Junior:
  - In International Solo Ice Dance Competitions, a Junior is a Skater who mas met the following requirements before July 1 preceding the competition:
    - A) Has reached the age of thirteen;
    - > B) Has not reached the age of twenty-one.
- Senior: Has reached at least the age of sixteen

## **Entry Fee**

The entry fee for all events will be \$200. Entry fees are required at the time of entry. The Atlanta Figure Skating Club will use an online registration and payment system for all registrations. If requested in advance, member federations will be allowed to wire registration funds directly.

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

## **Eligibility**

U.S. Figure Skating members must meet the criteria for 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.

## **Entries**

All entries must be submitted online by Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 11:59 PM ET

The announcement and the registration form link will be available on the ISU website and the official event website: <a href="https://www.atlantafsc.com/competitions/">https://www.atlantafsc.com/competitions/</a>

## **Competition Registration**

#### **Registration Deadline:**

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 @ 11:59 pm Eastern Time (ET) Late Registration Deadline (if offered): Saturday, February 9, 2025 @ 11:59pm ET + \$75 Late Fee

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, February 9, 2025 @ 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 <a href="https://m.usfigureskating.org">https://m.usfigureskating.org</a>
- 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 <u>memberservices@usfigureskating.org</u>.
- 3. Click EMS then "Competition Registration"
- 4. Choose "Atlanta FSC 2025 Magnolia International Solo Ice Dance" from the list of nonqualifying competitions.
  - a. If you need assistance completing your registration, contact productsupport@usfigureskating.org.
- 5. Select the appropriate event.

**Non-U.S. Skaters:** Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition (<u>click here for HOW TO</u>). This can be done by choosing the "Non-Member? Create Account" option on the <u>Members Only</u> login page.

## Panels of Judges

Each participating ISU Member may nominate one international judge or ISU judge educated in the ISU judging system. The organizer decides on the composition of the panel of judges. In case of too many nominated judges, the organizer reserves the right to reduce the number of judges. The Members concerned will then be notified of the result. The organizer will cover accommodation for accepted judges and invited officials.

To nominate a judge, please email hackneycatherine@gmail.com.

## **Judges, Referees and Technical Panel**

The Organizer will provide ground transportation, accommodation and meals for all invited judges, referees and technical panel officials. The Organizer will additionally cover economy roundtrip airfare for invited Technical Panel Officials (Referee, TC, TS, Data/Video).

## **Accommodations**

The official hotels for the Atlanta FSC 2025 Magnolia International Solo Ice Dance are:

#### **Homewood Suites by Hilton**

10775 Davis Dr Alpharetta, Georgia 30004 1+ 770 998-1622

#### **Sonesta ES Suites**

1325 N Point Dr Alpharetta, GA 30022 1+ 770 587-1151

#### **Home2 Suites by Hilton Alpharetta**

12075 Morris Rd Alpharetta, GA 30005 1+ 470 479-6699

Skaters and Coaches should book rooms on their own. Atlanta FSC is proud to offer non-local skaters and coaches discounted rates on local hotels.

#### **HOTEL RESERVATION LINK:**

\*\*For additional information please check the Atlanta Figure Skating Club website, www.atlantafsc.com. See below contact information for the Hotel and Transportation Chair in the Local Organizing Committee section.

## **Accreditation and Check-in**

Accreditation will take place at The Cooler. Check-in will open one hour prior to the first practice ice session on Thursday, March 6, 2025. Accreditation hours will be communicated to all athletes and coaches once the competition schedule is released. Accreditation will be given to all drawn judges, skaters and once coach per skater.

#### **Draws**

There will be a random draw for the starting orders, which will be posted no later than Thursday, March 6, 2025 on the competition website. The Free Dances will be skated in reverse order of placement after the Pattern Dances/Rhythm Dances.

#### **Expenses of Skaters, Coaches and Additional Federation Officials**

The Organizer will not cover any expenses of skaters, coaches or additional **federation officials**.

## **Results and ISU Minimum Score**

The ISU Judging System as described in the International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines will be used.

This is not an ISU Minimum Technical Score event.

## Liability

It is the sole responsibility of each Member participating in the Atlanta FSC 2025 Magnolia International Solo Ice Dance Competition to provide medical and accident insurance for their athletes, officials, and all other members of the Member's team. Such insurance must assure full medical attendance and also the return to their home country by air transport or by other expeditious means of the ill or injured person.

The Organizer (including but not limited to U.S. Figure Skating, the Atlanta Figure Skating Club, and The Cooler) assumes no responsibility for or liability with respect to bodily or personal injury or property damage incurred in connection by the skaters, officials or any other participating persons. 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, the Atlanta Figure Skating Club and its officers, or The Cooler and its staff.

## 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, February 28, 2025 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 and must be paid before the skater will be allowed to skate.

## **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.

#### **Tentative Schedule:**

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Practice Ice (available for purchase)

#### Friday, March 7, 2025

Practice Ice (available for purchase) Events begin

#### Saturday, March 8, 2025

Practice Ice (available for purchase)
Events continue

#### Sunday, March 9, 2025

Possible practice ice available Events conclude prior to 2:00 pm ET

## **Music Criteria**

Skaters are required to upload their music to the EMS competition portal no later than **Friday, February 14, 2025 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, February 28, 2025 at 11:59 pm ET.

#### **EMS Skater Music Upload How To: CLICK HERE**

If you need assistance, email <a href="mailto:productsupport@usfigureskating.org">productsupport@usfigureskating.org</a>

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 cell 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.

## **EMS Planned Program Content (PPC)**

#### DEADLINE: Friday, February 14, 2025 at 11:59pm ET

Skaters participating in Free Dance and Rhythm Dance events are required to submit their PPC in the EMS competition portal no later than **Friday**, **February 14**, **2025 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, February 28, 2025 at 11:59 pm ET.

#### **EMS PPC Upload How To: CLICK HERE**

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## **Locker Rooms and Changing Areas**

Locker rooms are not available to skaters as dressing/changing rooms at this competition. All athletes are expected to arrive at the arena ready (costume, hair, make-up etc.) Athletes will be provided with an area to put skates on but changing will not be permitted in these spaces.

## **Practice Ice**

Unofficial practice ice will be available for purchase. One unofficial practice ice will be included in your registration fee. A schedule of practice ice sessions will be posted on the Atlanta Magnolia Open Solo Ice Dance International Competition 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 unofficial practice ice in EMS will be available through the end of the Atlanta Magnolia Open Solo Ice Dance International Competition. The unofficial practice ice fee is \$20 for 20 minutes per skater through **Wednesday**, **February 5**, **2025 at 11:59 pm**. Afterwards, the unofficial practice ice fee will increase to \$25 per session per skater. No refunds will be issued for those who do not appear or are late for their reserved sessions. Practice ice sessions are non-transferable. Music will not be played during practice ice sessions.

## Photo / Video

Video by Pro Mix Sound and Video is included in the Atlanta FSC 2025 Magnolia International Solo Ice Dance Competition 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**

Joffe® 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> places of each event, and will be presented in the lobby at posted times 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. Skating orders and event results will be posted online.

# **Competition Souvenir Shirt**

Will be available for purchase through a vendor located in the lobby of the Cooler.

## **Travel**

Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport is approximately 33 miles (53 km) from the Cooler and local hotels. Travel time during non-peak rush hours is 45 minutes by car.

MARTA train station from the airport reaches up to North Springs where bus transport is available to nearby bus stop or ride-hailing app services, Uber or Lyft ride shares can be used for the rest of the commute.

Rental Car is available at Hartsfield Jackson International Airport through Hertz, Avis or Budget.

Club Website:

The Atlanta Figure Skating Club website is https://www.atlantafsc.com

## **Contact Info**

Direct all inquiries to competitions@atlantafsc.com

#### **Local Organizing Committee**

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# **Technical Information update 2024-2025**

International Solo Ice Dance Competition Guidelines - General Rules and Requirements 2024/25:

https://www.isu.org/docman-documents-links/isu-files/event-documents/solo-ice-dance/related-documents-6/32825-2023-2024-international-solo-dance-requirements-23-12-12/file

International Solo Ice Dance Competition Scale of Values:

https://www.isu.org/docman-documents-links/isu-files/event-documents/solo-ice-dance/r\_elated-documents-6/32826-2023-2024-international-solo-dance-sov-23-12-14/file

International Solo Ice Dance Competition - Technical Rules and Regulations 2024/25: https://isu.org/docman-documents-links/isu-files/event-documents/solo-ice-dance/related-documents-6/32827-2024-2025-international-solo-dance-levels/file