



**SECTIONAL  
CHAMPIONSHIPS  
ANNOUNCEMENT**



*Wichita Ice Center  
Wichita, Kansas  
Hosted by Wichita FSC  
November 17 – 22, 2009*

*U.S. Figure Skating*



## 2010 Qualifying Competition Season

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### TECHNICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

#### 1. GENERAL

The 2010 U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition season consists of a total of 14 events. These include 12 qualifying events (nine regional championships, three sectional championships), the 2010 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships (juvenile and intermediate) and the 2010 AT&T U.S. Figure Skating Championships (novice, junior and senior). All 14 events are sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and conducted according to the most current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, 2010 edition, with changes and clarifications as posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site and this announcement. Compliance with these rules as updated or amended is the responsibility of the participants. U.S. Figure Skating reserves the right to incorporate revisions to the international judging system (IJS) made by the ISU for junior and senior events and by U.S. Figure Skating to novice events and below.

The qualifying and national championship competitions are only open to competitors who (1) Are current members of U.S. Figure Skating (2) Meet the eligibility requirements according to U.S. Figure Skating Rule 3035 (3) Meet all age and test requirements pertaining to the event you are entering and (4) Meet the citizen and residency requirements as stated in Rule 3065.

Non-U.S. citizens who have already received a letter of permission from the chair of the Competitions Committee and were accepted to compete in the U.S. Figure Skating qualifying system are eligible to register. All other non-US citizens seeking eligibility must meet the requirements set forth in Rule 3065.

#### **Important Notice for All Coaches**

All coaches must comply with the coaches' registration policy in order to be allowed to instruct/coach at all qualifying competitions. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show proof of registration plus membership in both U.S. Figure Skating and PSA in order to receive a credential. Each local organizing committee (LOC) will ask to see each coach's registration, membership cards and a photo ID at check in. A list of all coaches who have successfully registered will be available at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/Shell.asp?sid=41529>. If they have not registered, they will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions.

#### **Important Notice for All Pairs and Dance Teams**

All pairs and dance teams will begin their qualifying at their respective sectional championships (unless they have been notified of a bye advancing them directly to the U.S. Championships). These events will no longer be offered at the regional championships.

**SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Eastern Sectional Championships**

**University of Delaware FSC; Newark, Del.; Nov. 17–22, 2009**

**Midwestern Sectional Championships**

**Wichita FSC; Wichita, Kan.; Nov. 17–22, 2009**

**Pacific Coast Sectional Championships**

**Jackson Hole FSC; Jackson, Wyo.; Nov. 17–22, 2009**

The national championships will be organized for all qualifiers in:

**2010 U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships**

**Dec. 14–19, 2009**

**Strongsville, Ohio**

**2010 AT&T U.S. Figure Skating Championships**

**Jan. 14–24, 2010**

**Spokane Arena**

**Spokane, Wash.**

## **2. REGISTRATION**

### **A. METHOD**

#### **Online Electronic Registration (Required)**

Online registration is the ONLY method available for entry into the 2010 U.S. Figure Skating qualifying competition season. All competitors competing at the sectional championships had to register for the 2010 qualifying competition season by the deadline of Sept. 1, 2009.

To update all mandatory forms (Planned Program Content Form, Competition Music Form, Medical Registry, Media Form) for the 2010 qualifying competition season, proceed in the following manner:

- Log on to [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org)
- Click on “Online Event Reg,” then “Event Manager”

### **B. BYES**

No medical byes will be considered. Competitors awarded a bye to their sectional championships or the U.S. Championships will receive official notification in writing from U.S. Figure Skating. All competitors wishing to compete in the 2010 qualifying competition season, including those who receive a bye, must enter by the Sept. 1, 2009 deadline.

### **C. ENTRY FEES**

#### **Sectional Championships Qualifying Entry Fees**

Those singles skaters advancing, regardless of method, from their regional championships to the sectional championships will incur an additional \$150 entry fee plus \$10 administrative fee. This total will automatically be charged to the credit card that paid the initial entry fee.

All pairs and dance teams were charged the \$150 entry fee plus administrative fee during the initial registration process; therefore, no additional entry fee for these teams will be charged. Singles skaters who receive a bye from their regional championships directly to the sectional championships will only be charged the sectional entry fee of \$150 plus the \$10 administrative fee. Those who received a late bye after the close of entries and paid the initial \$130 entry fee (and the administrative fee) will be charged an additional \$20 to cover the cost of the sectional entry fee.

Your registration fee is not considered valid until all appropriate entry and administrative fees have been paid and all required forms have been completed online to U.S. Figure Skating.

### **D. PAYMENT**

Online payment via credit card is the ONLY accepted form of payment.

For those competitors advancing to the sectional championships from the regional championships, the credit card used during the initial entry registration will be automatically charged the additional sectional entry fee. If an alternative card must be used for the sectional entry fee, please contact Lindsay Mulvey, U.S. Figure Skating, at 719.635.5200.

**Once entered, all withdrawals are considered final. A skater may not reenter even if the withdrawal occurs prior to the entry deadline on September 1, 2009.**

### 3. TECHNICAL DETAILS

#### A. CONDUCT OF EVENTS

For the 2010 season, all events and levels at all championship competitions (regional, sectional, U.S. Junior Championships, U.S. Championships) will be conducted in accordance with the international judging system (IJS).

#### B. AGE AND TEST QUALIFICATIONS

All age and test requirements can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook starting with Rule 3640 (senior singles) and on the U.S. Figure Skating web site at [http://www.usfigureskating.org/New\\_Judging.asp](http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp).

#### C. TECHNICAL ELEMENTS

The well-balanced program charts for all levels and disciplines are posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site at [http://www.usfigureskating.org/New\\_Judging.asp](http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp). As referenced earlier in this announcement, U.S. Figure Skating will incorporate all changes made by the ISU with regard to well-balanced programs. Please refer to this web site often for continuous updates.

All competitors entering into the 2010 qualifying competition season are required as part of their online registration to submit a planned program content sheet (PPCS) detailing the elements in their program(s). You may update your PPCS at [www.usfsaonline.org](http://www.usfsaonline.org) up to one week prior to the start of your competition.

#### D. MUSIC

##### COMPETITION MUSIC INFORMATION (Required component of online registration)

U.S. Figure Skating requires all competitors to fully complete a competition music information form as part of the online registration process.

The following information is required for each piece of music used in the composition of the short program/original dance and free skate/free dance: composer, orchestra, duration of music, record label/number (optional but highly recommended if obtainable).

##### COMPACT DISCS (CDs)

For all qualifying events during the 2010 season, CDs are the only acceptable media. CDs must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length. **Each CD must have only ONE (1) track on it. In the case of a short program and free program, two (2) separate discs must be used.** Any disc with more than one (1) track will NOT be accepted! Lead in time (time before the music begins) on CDs may not exceed two (2) seconds.

##### New for 2010

Each CD must be in a paper CD sleeve with a see through window (obtainable at any office supply store), also labeled with the skater's name and event. Standard hard plastic jewel cases or other CD holders are no longer acceptable. CDs that are not properly identified will NOT be accepted. **Due to compatibility and reliability reasons, music may NOT be submitted on re-recordable "CD-RW" discs.**

Competition music must be turned in at the registration desk at the time of registration. At the Championships, competitors will not receive their credentials at registration until they turn in their music. The originals used at the Regional Championships will be forwarded to the

Sectional Championships and the U.S. Junior Championships for those advancing. Those qualifying from the Sectional Championships will have their original music forwarded on to the U.S. Junior Championships/U.S. Championships.

Skaters receiving byes to the U.S. Championships must mail their competition music on CD no later than one (1) month (Dec. 13, 2009) prior to the start of the U.S. Championships to the following address:

Pete Zurlinden  
U.S. Championships Music Tech  
2950 Los Olivos Lane  
La Crescenta, CA 91214-2813

CD's are to be mailed in "CD Mailers", which can be obtained at the post office or any office supply store.

All competitors must have at least one (1) additional copy rinkside at practice sessions and during the actual competition event. The LOC will accept no responsibility for damage or loss.

U.S. Figure Skating will supply current dance music for compulsory dances.

#### **E. OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD**

The official bulletin board will contain any announcements or changes, and it is the responsibility of the competitors to check it often for official notices. Please refer to the local portion of the announcement for further information regarding the bulletin board.

#### **4. ADVANCEMENT TO U.S. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (Strongsville, Ohio)/U.S. CHAMPIONSHIPS (Spokane, Wash.)**

##### **QUALIFIERS**

##### **For all competitors advancing to the U.S. Championships**

Representatives from the 2010 AT&T U.S. Figure Skating Championships will be present to distribute information packets, ensure that all competitors advancing receive and submit the required information and answer any other questions pertaining to the U.S. Championships in Spokane, Wash. A room at each sectional championships has been assigned for those skaters advancing to the U.S. Championships. Representatives from the LOC and U.S. Figure Skating shall be available to assist.

The fifth- and sixth-place finishers in singles, pairs and dance for novice-/junior-/senior-level competitors are the first and second alternates to the U.S. Championships. They will receive their announcement on site but do not need to submit any paperwork unless contacted by U.S. Figure Skating.

##### **Juvenile and Intermediate Pairs and Dance**

All juvenile and intermediate pairs and dance will have their first competition at the sectional championships rather than the regional championships. The top eight placed teams at each sectional championship will advance to the U.S. Junior Figure Skating Championships. All teams advancing will receive instructions for downloading the U.S. Junior Championships announcement from [www.usfsonline.org](http://www.usfsonline.org).

The ninth- and tenth-place teams at each sectional championships will be considered the first and second alternates for the U.S. Junior Championships. They will receive instructions for downloading the announcement but do not need to submit any paperwork unless contacted by U.S. Figure Skating.

**Alternates do not need to mail in any paperwork or required forms unless contacted by U.S. Figure Skating.**

## **5. INSURANCE/LIABILITY**

### **A. LIABILITY**

U.S. Figure Skating, the host club(s) and/or interclub association, the organizing committee and the ice arenas being utilized for these events accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships (U.S. Figure Skating Rule 3222).

## **6. ANTI-DOPING**

Anti-doping tests will be conducted at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, held in Spokane, Wash., Jan. 14-24, 2010. Senior-level competitors only are eligible to be tested. If selected, testing is mandatory.

## **7. CONTACTS**

For further information, requests should be addressed to:

### **A. U.S. FIGURE SKATING**

U.S. Figure Skating  
Kevin Leonardo  
[kleonardo@usfigureskating.org](mailto:kleonardo@usfigureskating.org)

Chair, Competitions Committee  
Rick Kern  
[eyeskate@att.net](mailto:eyeskate@att.net)

### **B. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE**

Please refer to the additional information located on the following pages for detailed contact information for the local organizing committee hosting your specific championships.

## 2010 MIDWESTERN SECTIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- **General Event Information:**
  - The Wichita Ice Center has two ice surfaces. The "Olympic" rink is 100'x200' with 1000 fixed stadium seats and the "NHL" rink is 85'x200' with bleacher seating. The rinks can be quite cold, so it is advisable to bring warm apparel. There is a snack bar on the lower level and ample parking may be found adjacent to the rink and across the street by the baseball park.
  
- **Registration Desk**
  - The registration desk will be located on the upper level at the north end of the complex. It will be open throughout the week. Competitors should check-in at the registration desk upon their arrival to receive their credentials and other important information. Registration will be open on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thereafter the registration desk will open one hour prior to the start of the competition and remain open until the close of events daily.
  - Credentials
    - Security will be on hand and entry will be limited to credentialed and ticketed individuals only.  
**Competitor Credentials:** Competitors will not receive credentials until their competition music has been turned in to registration.  
**Chaperone Credentials:** Each skater may name one chaperone to receive credentials free of charge. One additional chaperone credential may be purchased for \$40.00. Chaperones will not have access to skater locker rooms or staging areas.  
**Coaches Credentials:** Each singles entrant may designate a maximum of two coaches for credentials; each pair and dance team may designate a maximum of three coaches for credentials. One coach credential per competitor will be provided free of charge; all others are \$40.00 each. All coaches must be current U.S. Figure Skating and PSA members in good standing and show proof of coach's registration in order to be credentialed. Coaching credentials will allow access to all venue areas, including coach's hospitality.  
**Changes:** Changes to chaperone and or coach designations may be made at the registration desk. Competitors will be limited to one chaperone and one coach designation change. Only a skater who is not a minor, or a parent or legal guardian of a minor skater may designate or change an official chaperone or coach.

For further information contact Leigh Chambers at [chair@mids2010.org](mailto:chair@mids2010.org)

- **Official Announcement Posting/Official Bulletin Board**
  - A bulletin board will be located in the registration area. It is the responsibility of the skater, parent and coach to check this board upon arrival and periodically during the competition for changes of schedule or other important information. Postings on the Official Bulletin Board will constitute official notice to all competitors and coaches of schedule changes other competition information. No event will start prior to the posted start time; however, skaters should be at the arena and checked in at least 45 minutes prior to their event.

- **Awards**
  - Medals will be awarded to the first through fourth place finishers and trophies will be awarded to the first place winner. Check the bulletin board for award schedule and location.
- **Tickets**
  - All-Event Passes are available for \$40 and daily tickets for \$15/per day.
- **Credentialing**
  - See statement above.
- **Video/Photography**
  - Competition performance videotaping and DVD sales will be provided by the official videographer assigned by U.S. Figure Skating. The LOC is not responsible for any arrangements made with the official videographer. All U.S. Figure Skating Championship Competitions (including the Sectional Championships) will be professionally videotaped and photographed. Videotaping of the competition in any form is not permitted. Photographs are permitted for personal use only, but for the safety of the skaters, **no flash photography** is allowed. Any resale of photography is strictly prohibited.
- **Facilities and Logistics**
  - Arena – Wichita Ice Center (see above for specifics)
  - Practice Ice
    - Practice Ice sessions will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2009. All official practice ice sessions will be 30 minutes long and music can be played. One 20-minute warm-up session will be provided on the day of the competition without music. Packages are listed below:
    - All Singles, Novice - Senior Pairs and Juvenile - Novice Dance events include two 20-minute warm-ups and two 30-minutes official practice ice sessions. Cost for a singles competitor is \$75. Each dance and pairs competitor is \$75.
    - Junior - Senior Dance events include three 20-minute warm-ups and three 30-minutes official practice ice sessions. Cost for each junior - senior dance competitor is \$95.
    - Juvenile and Intermediate Pairs events include one 20-minute warm-ups and one 30-minute official practice ice session. Cost for each pairs competitor is \$45.
    - Unofficial practice ice sessions may be purchased at a rate of \$15 per 30 minutes for singles competitors or \$12.50 per 30 minutes for pairs/dance competitors per competitor (team total \$25). No music will be played on unofficial practice ice. Competitors may purchase more than one unofficial practice ice however all pre-purchased packages will receive priority. **All practice ice can only be purchased online at [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org).** Official practice ice may be purchased anytime after the completion of the first week of regional competitions. The

deadline to purchase official practice ice is Oct. 31, 2009. A schedule will be posted online as soon as it is available – please check the website at [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org) often for updates and information including the date for unofficial practice ice purchase to start. There will be no refunds for practice ice. Any questions regarding practice ice should be directed to Christie Chambers at [practice@mids2010.org](mailto:practice@mids2010.org).

○ Travel

- All competitors, chaperones, and coaches will be responsible for their own transportation. Wichita Mid-Continent (ICT) airport is 15 minutes from Wichita Ice Center and is serviced by most national car rentals.

Homeland Security has very strict guidelines for transporting sports equipment, including prohibiting ice skates from your carry-on luggage. For complete information, visit [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov).

For further information on travel and local attractions, see [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org). This site will continue to be updated as more information becomes available.

• **Hotels**

- Reservations must be made no later than Oct. 31, 2009 in order to secure the special rates for this event. Please call the hotel directly and mention “**2010 Midwestern Sectionals**”

- **Broadview Hotel (Official Hotel)**

400 W. Douglas  
Wichita, KS 67202  
Phone 800-362-2929

Rate:

Double-Double or King \$89

- **Holiday Inn & Suites Downtown Convention Center**

221 E. Kellogg  
Wichita, KS 67202  
Phone 316-295-8023

Rate:

Double-Double or King Executive \$89  
Two Room King Suite \$99

- **Cambridge Suites**

711 S. Main  
Wichita, KS 67213  
Phone 316-462-3950

Rate:

Executive Suite \$76  
1 BR or 2 BR Suites \$87  
Penthouse Suite \$115

- **Hyatt Regency**  
400 W. Waterman  
Wichita, KS 67202  
Phone 316-293-1241

Rate:  
Double-Double \$109

- **Courtyard by Marriott**  
820 E 2nd Street North  
Wichita, Kansas 67202  
Phone 316- 264-5300

Rate:  
Queen -Queen \$124

- **Schedule**
  - Tentative schedule is included
  - Final Schedule will be available online at [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org).
- **Questions**
  - Please contact the Local Organizing Committee Chairman Leigh Chambers at [chair@mids2010.org](mailto:chair@mids2010.org) or check the website for updates/information at [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org).
  - Chief Referee of the 2010 Midwestern Sectional Championships is Dann Krueger ([skatekrueger@aol.com](mailto:skatekrueger@aol.com))
- **Medical Services**
  - Medical personnel will be on-site during the competition and will assist with immediate medical needs. Coverage will be provided by Via Christi Health Systems St. Francis campus – Emergency Department. If necessary, 911 will be called. The nearest hospital, Via Christi – St. Francis campus, is approximately two miles from the arena.
- **Program Advertising**
  - See Form A
- **Souvenir Program Goodwill Advertising**
  - See Form A
- **Official Program and Media Information**
  - All qualifying skaters, whether advancing through a BYE or advancement from the regional championships, are required to provide two (5"x7") head/shoulder photos labeled with the name of the competitor(s), home club, event level, and coach. Preferred forms are electronic media (i.e. jpeg files via email or on a CD). Please email the image(s) to Sean Zernickow at [program@mids2010.org](mailto:program@mids2010.org) or if sending a printed photo, please mail to Local Organizing Committee, 3033 N. Hedgetree Ct., Wichita, KS 67226. Submission of the photos and media

information must be emailed or postmarked no later than the Thursday following your regional championship.

- **Advance Ticket Sales**
  - Advance event pass will be available online at [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org). Deadline for advance purchase is Oct.31, 2009. Tickets may be purchased at the arena for a slightly higher charge. All seating is general admission. Free admission to children ages 4 and under. Tickets will be held at registration and will given to the skater upon registration. Costs for the tickets are: All-Event Pass (5 years and up) - \$40. One Day Pass (5 years and up) - \$15.
- **Additional Chaperone and Coaches Credentials**
  - These may be requested online at [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org). Further details will be available in your sectional packets.
- **Volunteers**
  - Volunteer positions are available throughout the event for anyone interested. Please contact Amanda Zernickow at [volunteers@mids2010.org](mailto:volunteers@mids2010.org) or [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org) for further details.
- **Competitor's Party/Special Event**
  - Please visit [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org) for more information.
- **Merchandise**
  - 2010 Midwestern Sectional Championships apparel will be available in limited quantities for purchase on the upper level at the LOC boutique. We are accepting preorders of official merchandise in order to ensure the proper size/selection. All merchandise is available at [www.mids2010.org](http://www.mids2010.org). Deadline for pre-orders is Oct. 31, 2009.



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Camera ready artwork on CD, disk, or email attachment is preferred in Adobe or .jpg format. You may also provide camera ready, black and white hard copy of your advertisement. For further information or questions, please contact Sean Zernickow at program@mids2010.org.