



September 25 - 26, 2010

SkateNation Plus
4350 Pouncey Tract Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060

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An open competition for all members in good standing
with US Figure Skating

Hosted by the Richmond Figure Skating Club
Sanctioned by US Figure Skating

Location, rink and date: The competition will be held at SkateNation Plus, 4350 Pouncey Tract Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060 on Friday, September 24, 2010 to Sunday, September 26, 2010. Falling Leaves 2010 is hosted by the Richmond Figure Skating Club. The competition rink is NHL regulation size, measuring 200 x 85 feet. There may be competition on Friday, September 24, 2010.

For directions, please visit: www.skatenationplus.net

Entries: Final deadline/postmark for all applications is **August 20, 2010**

REGISTER ONLINE by clicking the registration link at WWW.RICHMONDFSC.COM. Payment may be made with credit card via this secure online registration. Coaches will receive confirmation of registration via email. Notification of competition schedules will available at www.richmondfsc.com on or about Friday, September 10, 2010.

New Event for 2010:

Mini Ensemble Event for groups of 3-7 skaters. See page 9 for details.

The RFSC Competition Committee (LOC) will limit entries at each level and will close entries early if spaces for particular levels are filled. Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. You are encouraged to get your application in early to ensure your participation. Late applications will only be accepted if the cap has not been reached and at the discretion of the LOC. Late entries will incur a \$25 late fee. There will be NO REFUNDS unless the event is cancelled by the LOC. Full refunds including practice ice, **minus the online processing fee**, are available if the event is cancelled by the LOC. There will be NO medical refunds given. **If you register online, the processing fee is not refundable for any reason.** Those unable to register online may mail their applications to Falling Leaves 2010, 11634 Hickory Lake Terrace, Glen Allen, VA 23059. Applications received in the mail may only be paid with check or money order. There will be a \$15 fee for any mailed entries that are changed due to any errors made on the registration paperwork after the due date so, please check your registration form carefully before mailing it.

If you have questions, please contact the **Competition Coordinator: Robbie Condit** funinspace@live.com (804) 647-1218

Eligibility: The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Basic Skills Program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Basic Skills Program Club or any other Basic Skills Program Club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWPLOW SAM and BASIC SKILLS SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 8 must skate at highest level passed and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances. Skaters in other events may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

General rules: Falling Leaves 2010 is sanctioned by US Figure Skating and will be conducted under the rules set forth in the 2010 – 2011 edition of the Official Rulebook and this announcement. Particular note should be taken of these sections:

- Non-Qualifying Competitions
- Events in Non-Qualifying Competitions
- Membership and Eligibility Requirements
- Entries Non-Qualifying Competitions
- Conduct of Competitors

The competition committee reserves the right to cancel events that have one entry. A full refund will be given to those skaters whose events are cancelled in advance of the start of competition.

Judging System:

Vocal music is allowed in events judged with the 6.0 system (Open Juvenile and below).

Open Juvenile is judged with the 6.0 system. Freestyle event in singles and pairs at the Juvenile level or higher will be judged on the International Judging System. All Free Dance events at the Juvenile level or higher will be judged on the International Judging System. All freestyle events Pre-Juvenile and below will be judged using the 6.0 system of judging. All other categories, including compulsories, artistic, spotlight, dance, interpretive, jump and spin events will be judged using the 6.0 system. **Those skating freestyle events in the Juvenile Level and higher must submit a charted program outline or PPE. This form must be completed on-line at US Figure Skating by August 31, 2010.**

Liability: US Figure Skating, the Richmond Figure Skating Club, and SkateNation Plus accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. See rule 3222.

Officials:

Chief Referee:	Daren Patterson	Knoxville, TN
Chief Accountant:	Ann Morton Neale	Farmville, VA

Practice ice: Skaters will be able to choose their own practice ice sessions online after the schedule is posted. Additional practice ice will be available for sale online after those that pre-register for their sessions have chosen them. Skaters will be able to pick their own practice ice sessions online but you MUST indicate number of sessions you want online when you register and you MUST pay for them when you register online. You will receive an email with a PIN number in order to access your practice ice records and select your sessions. The Practice ice schedule will be available online starting on Tuesday or Wednesday, September 14th or 15th at which time you can go online, put in your PIN and select the number of sessions you have purchased. We will allow additional practice ice sales online for \$17.00 per session after those that pre-register for sessions have had time to select their sessions. Any remaining slots will be available for purchase during the competition and will cost \$17.00 at the rink.

Event Information

**** Program requirements at all levels will be according to the new 2010 - 2011 US Figure Skating Rulebook.**

Events included in the Falling Leaves Competition include: Free skating, Pairs, Compulsories, Artistic, Showcase, Couples Showcase, Mini Ensemble, Interpretive, Spins and Couples Dance.

FREE SKATING

All freeskate and long programs are allowed +/- 10 seconds, in accordance with the rules stated within the current US Figure Skating Rulebook. All short programs may not exceed the maximum time stated below.

Event	Requirements	Time
Senior Long (IJS)	Senior Freeskating Test (3640) Ladies/Men	4:00 / 4:30
Senior Short (IJS)		2:50 Max.
Junior Long (IJS)	Junior Freeskating Test (3650) Ladies / Men	3:30 / 4:00
Junior Short (IJS)		2:50 Max
Novice Long (IJS)	Novice Freeskating Test (3660) Ladies / Men	3:00 / 3:30
Novice Short (IJS)		2:30 Max
Intermediate Long (IJS)	Intermediate Freeskating Test (3670)	2:30
Intermediate Short (IJS)		2:00 Max.
Juvenile (IJS)	Juvenile Freeskating Test (3680) Skater must be under the age of 13	2:15
Open Juvenile	Juvenile Freeskating Test ages 13 and higher	2:15
Pre-Juvenile	Pre-Juvenile Freeskating Test (3690)	2:00
Preliminary	Preliminary Freeskating Test (3700)	1:30
Pre-Preliminary	Pre-Preliminary Freeskating Test (3710)	1:30
No-Test	Has not passed any freeskating test. No axels or double jumps permitted. At least one jump combination or series, a minimum of two spins of a different nature and one step or spiral sequence.	1:30
No-Test Limited	Has not passed any freeskating test. Half jumps, salchow, toe loops and combinations consisting of these jumps only. Upright forward one or two foot spins only. One step sequence and/or spiral sequence. No flying or combination spins are permitted.	1:30
Basic Skills	Please see page 4 of this announcement for complete information.	
Adult Gold	Passed Adult Gold free skating test. No triple jumps. (3780)	2:40 Max
Adult Silver	Passed Adult Silver free skating test. No double jumps permitted. (3790)	2:10 Max
Adult Bronze	Passed Adult Bronze free skating test. No axels or doubles. (3800)	1:50 Max
Adult Pre-Bronze	Pass Pre-Bronze or No Test. No axels or doubles. (3805)	1:40 Max
Adult Master Novice	Passed Intermediate Freeskating Test or higher (3770)	3:10 Max
Adult Master Junior	Passed Novice Freeskating Test or higher (3760)	3:40 Max
Adult Master Senior	Passed Junior Freeskating Test or higher (3750)	3:40 Max

TEST TRACK

Skaters may enter EITHER the new test track free skate program or the well-balanced track free skate program but NOT both during the same non-qualifying competition. Competitors will skate to music of their choice, vocal music permitted. 6.0 Judging will be used.

Deductions WILL be made for skaters including technical elements not permitted in the event description.

- 0.1 from EACH mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.
- 0.2 from the technical mark for each extra or lacking element.
- 0.1 for any spin with less than required revolutions.

Senior Test Tract	Three spins- one must be a spin in one position, one must be a flying spin (6 revolutions each), one spin combination consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (minimum each position and minimum 5 revolutions on each foot). At least four different double jumps One must be a double Lutz. Jump combinations and sequences allowed. Maximum of 8 jump elements for men and 7 for ladies. Men: Two different step sequences. Ladies: one step sequences and one spiral sequence. (see Rule 3640 for description). Skaters must have passed at least the US Figure Skating junior free skate test.	4:00/4:30 +/- 10 sec. Ladies/Men
Junior Test Tract	Three spins – one must be a spin in one position, one must be a flying spin (6 revolutions each) one combination spin consisting of all three basic spin positions and one change of foot (minimum 2 in each position and minimum 5 revolutions on each foot). Any single jumps. Double jumps may only be the double Salchow, double toe loop, double loop and the double flip. Jump combinations and sequences allowed. Maximum 8 jumping elements for men and 7 for ladies. One step sequence of advance difficulty, covering the full ice surface. (see rule 3650 for description). Skaters must have passed at least the US Figure Skating novice free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than junior free skate test.	3:30/4:00 +/- 10 sec. Ladies/Men
Novice Test Track	Three spins in any position (min 6 revolutions) one must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot (min 5 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins. Any single jumps. Double jumps may only be the double Salchow, double toe loop and the double loop. Jump combinations and sequences allowed. Maximum 7 jumping elements for men and 6 for ladies. One step or spiral sequence (see Rule 3660 for description). Skaters must have passed at least the US Figure Skating intermediate free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than novice free skate test.	3:00/3:30 +/- 10 sec. Ladies/Men
Intermediate Test Track	Three spins in any position (min 4 revolutions), one must be a combination spin with at least one change of foot (min 4 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins. Any single jumps. Double jumps may only be the double Salchow and the double toe loop. Jump combinations and sequences allowed. Maximum 6 jump elements. One step sequence straight line, circular or serpentine fully utilizing the ice surface. Skaters must have passed at least the US Figure Skating juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than intermediate free skate test.	2:30 +/- 10 sec.
Juvenile Test Tract	Three spins in any position (min 4 revolutions), one must be a combination spin with one change of foot (min 4 revolutions on each foot). May include flying spins. Any single jumps and jump combinations with not more than 1 ½ rotations. Axel permitted. Maximum 5 jump elements. One step sequence straight line, circular or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface. Skaters must have passed at least the US Figure Skating pre-juvenile free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than juvenile free skate test.	2:15 +/- 10 sec
Pre-Juvenile Test Track	Three spins in any position (min 3 revolutions), one must be a combination spin with change of foot optional (minimum of 3 on each foot or 6 total revolutions and no flying spins). Jumps with not more than one rotation (no axels). Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jumping elements. One step sequence straight line, circular or serpentine fully utilizing ice surface. Skaters must have passed at least the US Figure Skating preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than pre-juvenile free skate test.	2:00 +/- 10 sec
Preliminary Test Track	Two spins of a different nature, combination spins allowed (min 3 revolutions each and no flying spins), jumps with not more than one rotation (no axels). Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. Skaters must have passed at least the US Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed test higher than the preliminary free skate test.	1:30 +/- 10 sec.

Pre-Preliminary Test Track	Two spins held in one position only of a different nature no change of foot (min 3 revolutions and no flying spins). Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop). Single rotation jumps: Salchow, tow loop and loop only. Jump combinations and sequences with the above jumps are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. Skaters may not have passed test higher than US Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test.	1:30 +/- 10 sec
Beginner	Two upright spins, change of foot optional (min 3 revolutions), jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half loop), single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only. Jump combinations and sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. Skaters may not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests.	1:30 +/- 10 sec.
Limited Beginner	No test: Two upright spins, no change of foot (min 3 revolutions), jumps with not more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front). Jump sequences are allowed. Maximum 5 jump elements. Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program. Skaters may not have passed tests higher than US Figure Skating Basic Skills free skating badge tests.	1:30 +/- 10 sec

PAIRS

Must not have passed a higher Pair test than competing level. All long programs are allowed +/- 10 seconds, in accordance with the rules stated within the US Figure Skating Rulebook. All short programs may not exceed the maximum time stated below.

Event	Requirements	Time
Senior Long (IJS)	Both partners passed Senior Pair Test (4040)	4:30
Senior Short (IJS)		2:50 Max.
Junior Long (IJS)	Both partners passed Junior Pair Test (4050)	4:00
Junior Short (IJS)		2:50 Max.
Novice Long (IJS)	Both partners passed Novice pair Test (4060)	3:30
Novice Short (IJS)		2:50 Max.
Intermediate (IJS)	Both partners passed Intermediate Pair Test. Under age 18. (4070)	3:00
Juvenile (IJS)	Both partners passed Juvenile Pair Test. Under age 16. (4080)	2:30
Pre-Juvenile	Both partners passed Preliminary Pair Test and Pre-Juvenile MIF Test. Under age 14. (4090)	2:00

ARTISTIC

Event will be judged on artistic impression and interpretation of the music. The skater will provide the music. Vocal music is allowed. Costumes may enhance the program's mood or theme. No props are allowed on the ice. No jumps may exceed 1 ½ rotations. No more than three jumps are allowed in the program. Programs are allowed +/- 10 seconds in length. **Those skaters placing in the top three for this event will qualify to participate in the National Showcase Event held in 2011**

Event	Requirements	Time
Artistic A	No Test through Preliminary	1:30
Artistic B	Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile	2:00
Artistic C	Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior	2:15
Artistic D	Adult No Test through Adult Gold. Age 25 or older.	1:30

COUPLES DANCE

Dependant on the vote at ISU Congress. Requirements for the Short Dance will be announced and will replace the Original Dance. All dances and age requirements will be met with the 2010 rulebook. Each event listed is a separate event and will not be combined. All times listed are +/- 10 seconds. See the "Fees" section for special Dance Package pricing. All Juvenile through Senior Free Dance programs will be judged on the International Judging System (IJS).

Event	Requirements	Dance
Senior Short Dance	According to the ISU Communications #1567. 2010-2011 ISU Regulations	
Senior Free Dance (4:00)	2010-2011 ISU Regulations	
Senior Pattern Dance	According to the ISU Communications #1567. 2010-2011 ISU Regulations	
Junior Short Dance	According to the ISU Communications #1567. 2010-2011 ISU Regulations	
Junior Free (3:30)	2010-2011 ISU Regulations	
Junior Pattern Dance	According to the ISU Communications #1567. 2010-2011 ISU Regulations	
Novice Short Dance	According to the ISU Communications #1567. 2010-2011 ISU Regulations	
Novice Free (3:00)	2010-2011 US Figure Skating Rulebook	
Novice Pattern Dance	According to the ISU Communications #1567. 2010-2011 ISU Regulations	
Intermediate Compulsory	Both partners must have passed the Intermediate MIF test or higher, the Bronze dance test or higher, and the Intermediate free dance test. (4420)	Rocker Foxtrot
Intermediate Free (2:30)	2010-2011 US Figure Skating Rulebook	
Juvenile Compulsory	Both partners must have passed the Juvenile MIF test or higher, the Bronze dance test or higher, and the Juvenile free dance test. (4420)	Fiesta Tango
Juvenile Free Dance (2:15)	2010-2011 US Figure Skating Rulebook	
Pre-Juvenile Compulsory	Both partners must have passed two Preliminary dances but no higher than Pre-Bronze Pre moves in the field test. (4440)	Rhythm Blues

INDIVIDUAL COMPULSORY MOVES

No Music will be played. Elements may be skated in any order and performed only once.

Test requirements are the same as for Free Skating Events at the same level.

Skaters may "skate up" one test level. This is not team based.

There will be an emphasis on stroking (power and edge quality) at all levels.

Event	Requirements	Time
Juvenile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Axel 2. Circular footwork 3. Combination spin w/one change of foot & one change of position. 4. Double Toe Loop. 5. Split jump, stag or falling leaf 6. Double/single or single/single combination jump. 	1:30 MAX Full Ice
Pre-Juvenile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flip combination jump (Flip with loop or toe loop) 2. Axel 3. Layback or cross foot spin 4. Lutz jump 5. Sit spin/back sit spin (min. 3 rev. of each) 6. Straight line footwork 	1:30 MAX Half Ice
Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lutz jump. 2. Single / Single jump combination (Axel permitted) 3. Front scratch/back scratch 4. Flip jump 5. Sit spin (min. 3 rev.) 	1:30 MAX Half Ice
Pre-Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Salchow 2. Single/Single jump combination (no Axel) 3. Loop Jump 4. Sit spin 5. Forward inside spiral (either foot) 	1:00 MAX Half Ice
No Test	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waltz Jump 2. Half Flip 3. One foot spin 4. Any forward spiral 5. Back inside consecutive edges (2 per foot) 	1:00 MAX Half Ice
Adult Gold	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lutz/loop combination 2. Axel 3. Waltz/half loop/flip combination 4. Camel/sit spin 5. Straight line footwork sequence 6. Layback or attitude spin 	2:00 MAX Full Ice
Adult Silver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Loop jump 2. Flip jump 3. Single/single combination jump 4. Camel spin 5. Combo spin w/one change of position (change foot optional) 	1:30 MAX Half Ice
Adult Bronze	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toe loop 2. Salchow 3. Waltz/toe loop combination 4. Straight Line Footwork 5. Sit spin 	1:00 MAX Half Ice
Adult Pre-Bronze	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Toe loop 2. One foot upright spin 3. Waltz jump 4. Half flip 	1:00 MAX Half Ice

BASIC PROGRAM EVENT: BASIC 1 – BASIC 8

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All **Basic Skills 1-8** skaters must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including MIF or individual dances.

The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise specified. To be skated on full ice. **Vocal music is allowed.** The skater may use elements from a previous level. A deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Time is 1:00 (one minute) +/- 10 sec.

Event	Requirements
Basic 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward two foot glide 2. Forward two foot swizzles 6 -8 in a row 3. Backward wiggles 6-8 in a row 4. Forward snowplow stop
Basic 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward one foot glide - either foot 2. Two foot turn in place - forward to backward 3. Backward two foot swizzles 6 - 8 in a row 4. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line across width of ice 5. Moving snowplow stop
Basic 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward stroking 2. Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 6 - 8 consecutive 3. Moving forward to backward two foot turn in either direction 4. Backward one foot glide - either foot 5. Two foot spin
Basic 4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counter clockwise 2. Forward crossovers 6-8 consecutive both directions 3. Forward outside three turn - R & L 4. Backward stroking 5. Backward snowplow stop - R or L
Basic 5	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Backward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counterclockwise 2. Backward crossovers 6-8 consecutive in both directions 3. One foot spin - min of three revolutions 4. Side Toe hop -either direction 5. Hockey stop
Basic 6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward inside 3-turn - R & L 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward arabesque spiral on a straight line R or L 4. Lunge - R or L 5. T-stop - R or L
Basic 7	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward inside open Mohawk - R to L and L to R 2. Ballet Jump either direction 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position clockwise and counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot
Basic 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three turns R & L 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka in either direction 4. Combination move - clockwise or counter clockwise - two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one-foot upright spin - optional free foot position

FREE SKATE EVENT: FREE SKATE 1-3

The skating order of the required elements is optional. To be skated on full ice. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc. unless otherwise specified. **Vocal music is allowed.** The skater may use elements from a previous level. A deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.

Time: 1:30 +/- 10 seconds

Freestyle 1	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advanced forward stroking 4-6 strokes 2. One-foot upright scratch spin from back crossovers- minimum three revolutions 3. Waltz jump from back crossovers 4. Half flip jump
Freestyle 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward outside spiral R or L 2. Beginning back spin 3. Waltz jump, side toe hop, waltz jump 4. Toe loop
Freestyle 3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward crossovers in a figure 8 2. Back spin-minimum three revolutions 3. Salchow 4. Waltz jump/Toe loop or Salchow/toe loop

SPIN EVENT

Skaters may skate up one level. All levels will present a program without music incorporating the spins specified for their level. Programs shall not exceed the stated times, but may be shorter without penalty. Basic Skills through Intermediate will be on half-ice and Novice through Senior will be on full ice. Footwork sequences are allowed to connect moves, but will not be marked. Spins may be performed in any order.

Event	Requirements	Time
Basic Skills/No Test	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One-foot back upright 2. Two-foot spin 3. Forward scratch spin 	1:00 max
Pre-Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward sit 2. Back scratch 3. Spin combo w/ only one change of position (change of foot optional) 	1:00 max
Preliminary	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward camel 2. Forward sit 3. Forward scratch/Back scratch 	1:15 max
Pre-Juvenile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward camel/Forward sit combination 2. Forward sit/Back sit combination 3. Layback or cross foot spin 	1:15 max
Juvenile	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward camel/Back sit combination 2. Flying camel 3. Spin combination with only one change of foot and one change of position 	1:15 max
Adult Pre-Bronze	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One foot upright (optional free foot) 2. Two foot spin 3. Pivot of choice 	1:00 max
Adult Bronze	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One foot upright 2. One foot back spin 3. Forward sit or broken leg spin 	1:00 max
Adult Silver	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward camel spin 2. Layback, attitude or forward sit spin 3. Spin combination with only one change of position (change of foot is optional) 	1:15 max
Adult Gold/Masters	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Forward camel spin 2. Jump spin 3. Spin combination with one change of foot and at least one change of position 	1:15 max

INTERPRETIVE

The Interpretive event will be judged on creativity, choreography, technical skills, entertainment and the ability of the skater to think on his/her feet. Skaters will hear an undisclosed piece of music three times and will skate to it on the fourth playing. Skaters may not communicate with anyone other than the Monitor once they've heard the music. Skating times are +/- 10 seconds.

Those skaters placing in the top three for this event will qualify to participate in the National Showcase Event held in August 2011.

Event	Requirements	Time
Interpretive Level A	Basic Skills	1:00
Interpretive Level B	No Test Through Preliminary (single jumps only, no axels)	1:15
Interpretive Level C	Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile	1:30
Interpretive Level D	Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior	1:45
Interpretive Level E	Adults, age 25 and older. No Test through Adult Gold.	1:15

SHOWCASE (Including new Mini Ensemble Event)

Showcase programs emphasize the entertainment value, not the technical content. Elements to be considered in judging include interpretation of music and/or character, costuming and audience appeal. Vocal music is allowed. For this event, skaters must skate their freeskating test level except in the Mini-Ensemble category where any test level is permitted. Props are allowed, but should be appropriate and used to enhance the theme of the program. No costumes or props with feathers or water will be permitted on the ice. Skaters must carry their own props on and off the ice. For this event male skaters may be placed in with female skaters depending on the number of entries. Skaters are allowed 30 seconds to get any props on the ice and to be in position to skate. They also have 30 seconds from the completion of their program to remove any props from the ice. All Program times are +/- 10 seconds. **Those skaters placing in the top three for this event will qualify to participate in the National Showcase Event held in August 2011.**

Event	Requirements	Time
Showcase Level A	Basic Skills	1:00
Showcase Level B	No Test Through Preliminary (single jumps only, no axels)	1:30
Showcase Level C	Pre-Juvenile and Juvenile	1:30
Showcase Level D	Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior	2:00
Showcase Level E	Adult Showcase. Age 25 and older. No Test through Adult Gold.	1:30
Showcase Level F	Mini-Ensemble. For groups of 3-7 skaters performing a showcase program. Skaters may be of any test level.	3:00

COUPLES SHOWCASE

The same rules apply as listed above for Showcase. This event is for two skaters of the same or different gender. The couple must skate at the highest level attained by either skater. Example: A No-Test Skater and a Pre-Juvenile skater must skate at the Pre-Juvenile level. All Program times are +/- 10 seconds. **Those skaters placing in the top three for this event will qualify to participate in the National Showcase Event held in August 2011.**

Event	Requirements	Time
Couples Showcase Level A	Basic Skills Through No Test, Adult Pre-Bronze	1:30
Couples Showcase Level B	Pre-Preliminary Through Juvenile, Adult Bronze and Adult Silver	1:30
Couples Showcase Level C	Intermediate, Novice, Junior and Senior, Adult Gold	2:00

Awards: Medals will be awarded to the top four placements in each event, only. Additional ribbons will be awarded to 5th place and beyond in the Basic Skills category only.

Music: Rules governing music selection can be found in the USFS Official Rulebook, Sections 4220 and 3500. Only CDs (standard Compact Disk format) will be accepted. CDs must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length.

Each CD must have only ONE track on it. Any CD with more than one track will not be accepted. While all possible care will be taken, the LOC assumes no responsibility or liability due to lost, damaged or unclaimed music sources.

Please ensure that all CDs that are burned from a computer will play as regular music CDs and are not .mp3 or other music file types that will only play on a laptop or IPOD. Test your CDs beforehand to ensure they will play on a regular CD player.

Competition music must be turned in at the registration desk and must be submitted no later than one hour prior to the event. All music must be picked up at the completion of the competition. Cassettes and CDs will not be mailed back to competitors.

All skaters must have an additional copy of their music available for practice sessions. Skaters should also have an extra copy available quickly during the actual competition event.

SCHEDULE:

Skaters and Coaches schedules will be posted on www.Richmondpsc.com on or about September 10, 2010. Notification of competition schedules will NOT be available by phone, mail or email.

The posted schedule does NOT reflect the actual skating order, but indicates the groups and approximate times for each event. The accountants will draw the official skating order the day of or night before the competition and that skating order will be posted when participants arrive to skate. The printed program does NOT show the actual skating order, only a list of groupings and approximate skate times. The LOC does not assume responsibility for changes in travel plans that may result from schedule changes.

Skaters are required to check the official bulletin board for changes in events and times. Posting of such changes or other announcements shall be considered sufficient notice to competitors. Skaters are responsible for being present at their own events, and it is suggested that they be ready to skate at least one hour before the scheduled time as times posted are tentative and often run ahead of the actual times.

FEES

IJS (Int'l Judging System) EVENTS

\$105 for any first event
\$55 for each additional IJS event.

NON-IJS EVENTS

\$80 for the first event entered.
\$45 for each additional event entered.

BASIC SKILLS AND FREE SKATE 1-3 EVENTS

\$45 for the first event entered.
\$20 for each additional event entered.

COUPLES DANCE

One Event - \$80 per Couple
Two Events - \$105 per Couple
Three Events - \$130 per Couple

- Short Program and Long Program are considered separate events. Pairs skaters and couples showcase participants should split the fee (50% each). If a competitor is skating in both Singles and Pairs events, then the Singles event will be considered the first event. Each pairs skater should include 50% of the fee within their application payment.
- Skaters participating in the Mini Ensemble event will pay \$50 per group, plus \$10 per skater.

For any mailed in applications, please make checks payable to: Richmond Figure Skating Club. Fees must accompany the entry form. There will be a \$25 fee charged for all returned checks.

Registration: The registration desk will be found just inside the front entrance to the rink. Registration will open at least one hour before the first event and will remain open until the end of the competition each day. Skaters should plan to arrive and register at least 1 hour in advance of their scheduled skating time.

Videotaping/photography: "Photographic Miracles" will be taking still photos of skaters that can be viewed and printed the day of the competition. Video services will also be available. Video will be available in DVD format the day of the competition.

Souvenirs: A variety of t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available during the competition from Northwest Designs Ink, Inc. Other souvenirs, apparel and other skating related items will also be available for purchase during the competition.

Admission: There is no admission fee for the competition. Bleacher seating is available. Upon arrival, coaches should pick up credentials at the registration desk.

Food: The rink cafe will be open. Additionally, there are several fast food and full service restaurants within walking distance from the rink. Outside food and drink should not be brought into the rink.

Suggested Accommodations: All of the following hotels are less than 5 minutes from the rink.

- **Host Hotel: Hilton Homewood Suites – Richmond West End Innsbrook, 4100 Innslake Drive Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 237-6003**
- Marriott Courtyard, 3950 Westerre Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23233 (804) 346-5427
- Hampton Inn, 10800 West Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23060. (804) 747-7777 or (800) HAMPTON
- Comfort Suites, 4051 Innslake Drive, Glen Allen, VA 23060. (804) 217-9200 or (888)558-7750
- Hilton Gardens, 4050 Cox Road, Glen Allen VA 23060. (804) 521-2900 or (800) HILTONS
- Amerisuites, 4100 Cox Road, Glen Allen, VA 23060. (804) 747-9644 or (800) 833-1516
- Homestead Studio Suites, 10961 W. Broad Street, Glen Allen, VA 23060 (804) 747-8898.

Directions to the Hotels:

From SkateNation Plus, exit out of the parking lot at the light turning right onto Pouncey Tract Road. Turn left onto Broad Street and head East for approx. 1.25 miles. After you pass under I-64, go two stop lights to Cox Road. For the **Homestead Suites**, turn left onto Cox and right on Innslake – follow Innslake around the curve and hotel will be on the right. For the **Hampton, Comfort Suites, Hilton and Amerisuites**, turn left onto Cox. The Hilton **Gardens and Amerisuites** will be on the left and the **Hampton Inn and Comfort Suites** will be on the right. For the **Marriott Courtyard**, follow Broad Street one more light east of Cox Road and it will be on the right next to Panera Bread.

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Falling Leaves 2010 Competition Entry Form

Skater Information (please print or type)

Competitor's Name:		Male or Female:	Date of Birth:	
Address:		City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:		Email Address (please print neatly as email is used extensively):		
Home Club:			US Figure Skating #	
Name of Coach:			Coach's Phone:	
Name of Partner:		Partner's Club:		

**For Mini-ensemble events, please list all skaters in the group on page 2 of the application.*

Highest Test Passed (as of 8/17/2010): **Freeskating** _____ **Pairs** _____
 (note: Skaters may "skate up" one level) **MIF** _____ **Dance** _____

Please circle the event(s) you wish to enter:

Freeskating	Pairs	Compulsories	Basic Skills	Artistic	Showcase	Dance
No Test Limited	Pre-Juvenile	No Test	Basic 1	Artistic A	Level A	Pre-Juv Compulsory
No Test	Juvenile (IJS)	Pre-Preliminary	Basic 2	Artistic B	Level B	Juvenile Compulsory
Pre-Preliminary	Intermediate (IJS)	Preliminary	Basic 3	Artistic C	Level C	Juvenile Free (IJS)
Preliminary	Novice Short (IJS)	Pre-Juvenile	Basic 4	Artistic D	Level D	Intermediate Comp.
Pre-Juvenile	Novice Long (IJS)	Juvenile	Basic 5		Level E	Inter. Free (IJS)
Open Juvenile	Junior Short (IJS)	Adult Pre-Bronze	Basic 6		Level F	Novice Short (IJS)
Juvenile (IJS)	Junior Long (IJS)	Adult Bronze	Basic 7			Novice Free (IJS)
Inter. Short (IJS)	Senior Short (IJS)	Adult Silver	Basic 8			Novice Pattern (IJS)
Inter. Long (IJS)	Senior Long (IJS)	Adult Gold				Junior Short (IJS)
Novice Short (IJS)					Test Track	Junior Free (IJS)
Novice Long (IJS)					Ltd. Beginner	Junior Pattern (IJS)
Junior Short (IJS)	Free Skate	Spins	Interpretive	Couples	Beginner	Senior Short (IJS)
Junior Long (IJS)	Fre skate 1	Basic Skills/NoTest	Level A	Showcase	Pre-Prelim	Senior Free (IJS)
Senior Short (IJS)	Fre skate 2	Pre-Preliminary	Level B	Level A	Preliminary	Senior Pattern (IJS)
Senior Long (IJS)	Fre skate 3	Preliminary	Level C	Level B	Pre-Juvenile	
Adult Pre-Bronze		Pre-Juvenile	Level D	Level C	Juvenile	
Adult Bronze		Juvenile	Level E		Intermediate	
Adult Silver		Adult Pre-Bronze			Novice	
Adult Gold		Adult Bronze			Junior	
Adult Master Novice		Adult Silver			Senior	
Adult Master Junior		Adult Gold/Masters				
Adult Master Senior						

Checks should be made payable to:

Richmond Figure Skating Club

Please send all forms and fees to:

Falling Leaves 2010
11634 Hickory Lake Terrace
Glen Allen, VA 23059

All fees and entry forms must be postmarked by:

AUGUST 20, 2010

Fees: Please see the "Fees" section of the application for details.

Pairs and Dance skaters should split the fee (50% each). Each pairs skater should include 50% of the fee with their application. If a competitor is skating in both Singles and pairs events, then the Singles event will be considered the first event.

IJS – First Freestyle Event Juvenile through Senior: \$105: _____

Non-IJS - First Freestyle Event No Test – Pre-Juvenile: \$80 _____

First Non-Freestyle Event No Test through Senior: \$80 _____

First Event (Basic Skills) \$45: _____

Couples Dance Pkg 1 Dance \$80, 2 Dances, \$100 3 Dances, \$125: _____

_____ **Additional Freestyle Events Juvenile through Senior: \$55** _____

_____ **Additional Non-Freestyle Events (No Test to Senior) @\$45 each:** _____

_____ **Additional Events (Basic Skills) @ \$20 each** _____

Mini Ensemble Event: \$50, plus _____ skaters @ \$10 each: _____

Total Enclosed: (check or money orders only) _____

List skaters in Mini-Ensemble:

Certification of Competitor by Home Club Official (required):

I hereby approve the entry of the skater named on this application and certify that he/she is eligible to compete in accordance within the rules of USFS, and that the entrant is a member in good standing of the Home Club.

SIGNED _____ TITLE _____ DATE _____

Home Club _____ Home Club # _____

(If you are a Basic Skills Skater, the Skating Director may sign, otherwise, an officer of your home club should sign. If you cannot obtain a signature, then you must ensure that your Skating Director or club officer emails permission for you to compete and verification of your standing to: funinspace@live.com prior to the competition.)

Certification by Athlete and Parent/Guardian (Required)

Athlete: I agree to conduct myself, both on and off the ice, in a manner that will reflect favorably upon this competition and upon the sport of figure skating, and that is consistent with the high standards of the sport. I agree to respect the person and property of others.

Athlete/Parent/Guardian: I understand that US Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries, or loss of property suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of, and in consideration of, the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury 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 which they may have against any officials, US Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its Officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

Athlete's Signature _____ **Date** _____
(SIGNATURE REQUIRED)

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ **Date** _____
(SIGNATURE REQUIRED if athlete is under age 18)