

Announcing the
**ISI FLAG CITY OPEN
TEAM COMPETITION**



The Cube
3430 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840

Endorsed by Ice Skating Institute

ENTRY DEADLINE: October 21, 2011

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2011 ISI FLAG CITY OPEN TEAM COMPETITION

- DATES:** November 19-20, 2011
- LOCATION:** The Cube, 3430 N. Main St., Findlay, OH 45840
- APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Entries must be POSTMARKED by October 14, 2011. Skaters MUST have a current ISI membership. Applications submitted without a current ISI number will not be processed until an ISI number is received. All entrants must be registered to their highest test level with ISI on or before **October 21, 2011**, and must be registered at the level they wish to compete. All competitors must compete at their highest test level **passed** and comply with equivalency chart levels. Ages for the purposes of grouping will be the skater's age as of **November 19, 2011**. Incomplete applications will not be processed until all information is received. **There will be a \$10.00 charge to change events after application deadline** (i.e. change FS 3 to FS 4). There is no charge to scratch from an event; refunds will not be given.
- FEES:** The fee for an individual entry is \$45.00. The family entry fee is \$70.00. The family entry includes up to 3 **immediate** family members with each family member skating in one event. Each additional entry (for both individual and family entries) is \$10.00. All synchronized team fees are \$35.00 per team plus \$8.00 per skater. Entries postmarked after **October 14, 2011** must include a \$20.00 late fee and will only be accepted on an "as available basis."
- ENTRY FORM:** The competition entry form should be postmarked on or prior to **October 14, 2011**. All checks should be made payable to **Silver Blades Figure Skating Club**. **No refunds** will be given after the registration deadline unless cancellation is due to the skater's medical condition. A doctor's excuse will be required to receive a refund and an administrative fee will be assessed. **No refund will be given for any reason after November 11, 2011.** ISI membership number and test level must be entered in the appropriate places on the entry form. False information will result in disqualification. Coaches or Rink Manager's signature is required to verify the entry form information. The competition director may refuse entries or teams unwilling to supply an adequate number of judges.
- EVENT SCHEDULE:** The final event schedule will be sent to the team coach no later than one week before the competition. **Please check with your team coach for your competition times.** Updated schedules will also be posted online at www.findlaysiailverblades.com.
- ELIGIBILITY:** The ISI Flag City Open Competition is open to Individual or Professional members of the ISI whose membership is current up to and including the date of the competition. Skaters with current *weSKATE* Club registration can participate in Tot, Pre-Alpha and Alpha level events only.

Members of USFS who are individual or professional members of ISI and have all their ISI tests passed and registered with ISI headquarters are eligible to compete in accordance with the ISI/USFS joint statement of policy. USFS members should obtain written permission from their home club 30 days prior to the competition. Please see conversion chart below.

USFS Adults over 21 who have passed the Preliminary Test may compete in Freestyle 3.

CONVERSION CHART



FREESTYLE

USFS Test Passed:	May compete no lower than:
Pre-Preliminary	Freestyle 3/Open Bronze
Preliminary	Freestyle 4/Open Silver
Pre-Juvenile	Freestyle 4/Open Silver
Juvenile	Freestyle 6/Open Gold
Intermediate	Freestyle 6/Open Gold
Novice	Freestyle 7/Open Platinum
Junior	Freestyle 8/Open Platinum
Senior	Freestyle 8/Open Platinum

DANCE

USFS Test Passed:	May compete no lower than:
Preliminary	Dance 3
Pre-Bronze	Dance 3
Bronze	Dance 4
Pre-Silver	Dance 5
Silver	Dance 6
Pre-Gold	Dance 8
Gold	Dance 9

COMPETITION STANDARDS: EVENTS

The ISI Flag City Open Competition will be conducted in accordance with the ISI rules and regulations set forth in the 2010 ISI Handbook and will include the ISI Test & Competition Rule Revisions for 2012. Artistic Skating, Couples, Rhythmic, Dance (Solo & Mixed), Solo Compulsories, Ensemble, Jump/Spin, Freestyle (Tots, Pre-Alpha-Delta, FS 1-10, Open Freestyle Bronze-Platinum), Footwork, Interpretive (*Gliding Across the USA Theme*), Stroking, Synchronized Team Compulsories & Freeski (Skating & Formation), Team Compulsories, Spotlight (Indiv, Couple & Family) – Character, Light Entertainment & Dramatic Solo. Skaters will be divided by age, level and gender. We reserve the right to combine ages & genders based on enrollment. In an event where there is only one entry, the skater will compete and place according to the rules of ISI Competition Standards and must earn 80% of the total points possible to place first in the category. We reserve the right to cancel events due to low enrollment.

MUSIC:

All programs MUST be on a CD – cassette tapes cannot be accommodated. All CDs should be turned in at the registration desk upon arrival and properly labeled on the face of the CD, clearly marked with the skater's name. **Please do not use re-writable CDs.** Only one program per CD. Please make sure to bring back-up copies in case of technical difficulties.

REGISTRATION:

The registration desk will open on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 and 20 at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until the end of each day's events. All competitors should register when they arrive at The Cube to pick up the competitor's packet. **Competitors should check-in with ice monitors one hour prior to their competition time.**

JUDGES:

A panel of three judges will be used for each event. Each participating arena must provide at least one judge for every 10 entries. Each judge is required to fulfill at least a two hour judging assignment per 10 entries. All judges must be current professional members of the ISI and qualified to judge by passing ISI Judges' Certification exams. It is considered unethical for a coach to bring a team of skaters if that coach is not a professional member of the ISI and to judge without certification. **If you are unable to fill your judging assignment, you must find your own replacement and inform the Competition Director.** The Competition Director will deduct team points if the team does not supply an acceptable number of judges, or if the scheduled judge does not fulfill their obligations. Please make sure to submit the enclosed Judges' Registration form to Tracy Koehler.

PRACTICE ICE:

Details will be provided prior to the competition date. If time allows, practice ice will be available at The Cube on November 19 and 20 from 7-7:40 a.m. Practices will be 20 minutes long at a cost of \$8.00/session and each session will be capped at 25 skaters. More information will be sent to you via email upon receipt of your application. We reserve the right to refuse reservations after space has been filled. Music will not be played during this time. All sessions are on a first come, first served basis.

ACCOUNTING REVIEW:

Request for competition reviews must be made in writing by the Team Coach, no more than 1 hour after the results have been posted. All requests must include a \$50.00 fee.

AWARDS:

Medals will be provided for first through fifth places in all events and will be distributed during the resurface times throughout the competition. Trophies will be awarded to the top three (3) overall Teams at the conclusion of the competition on Sunday, November 20, 2011.

DISTRICT 7 SERIES:

The ISI Flag City Open Competition is the **second** competition of **five** included in the 2011-2012 ISI District 7 Championship Series. Register for the series using the attached Series application. Participants are awarded points for placement in each event they take part in at participating competitions over the season. Champions will be awarded at the last series competition in Newark, OH March 3-4, 2012. See series applications for more details.

TEST SESSION

If time allows and if there are enough interested skaters to hold a test session, there will be a test session scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 20 immediately following the competition events.

AREA HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Drury Inn & Suites

(off I-75)
820 Trenton Ave.
Findlay, OH 45840
(419) 422-9700
1-800-325-0720

Rate: \$89.95 plus tax

Mention Silver Blades FSC/Flag City

Skating Competition or #2128471

(cut off date 10/18)

The Findlay Inn & Conference

(downtown Findlay area)
200 E. Main Cross St.
Findlay, OH 45840

(419) 422-5682

Rates: Call for best rate

Holiday Inn Express

(off I-75)
941 Interstate Dr.
Findlay, OH 45840

(419) 420-1776

Rates: Call for best rate

Mention Silver Blades FSC/Flag

City Skating Competition

COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

ARTISTIC SKATING

This event is open to skaters tested Freestyle 1 and above. There are no required moves in Artistic Skating. Emphasis should be placed on the creative and innovative design of a skating program. Strong edges, body positions, flow, music interpretation, rhythm, choreography, and artistry should be the main focus of an artistic program. **There will be no grade for technical merit.** Divisions are as follows;

FS 1-3/Open Bronze _____ Duration = 1.5min _____ FS 4 elements & below

FS 4-5/Open Silver _____ Duration = 1.5min _____ FS 6 elements & below

FS 6-10/Open Gold & Platinum _____ Duration = 2.0min _____ Any maneuvers

* Timing starts with any action after the music starts.

Artistic Skating differs from Dramatic Spotlight in that Dramatic Spotlight focuses on emotional themes, costumes, props, etc. Artistic Skating is designed to highlight the artistry of skating fundamentals.

COUPLES

Age groupings for couple skaters will be determined by the age of the older skater. **Couple skaters are permitted to compete in both similar and mixed categories of an event. Skaters entering both events must have two separate programs.**

Skaters competing together in couple competition who have passed ISI Freestyle tests may not be more than one test level apart. (Example: A Freestyle 4 and a Freestyle 5 skater may compete together, but a Freestyle 3 and a Freestyle 5 skater cannot compete together.)

DANCE – CHOICE – Solo and Mixed

For ALL dance events, the skater can choose which dance from their level they would like to compete. Please note the specific dance on their application. If a skater does not choose a dance, they will be placed in a group with other skaters at their level. As long as the skater has passed the individual ISI dance test, they can compete that dance in competition events (i.e. Solo, Similar, Mixed or Pro Partner). The skater is no longer required to complete all dances in the higher dance test level to compete any dance(s) at that higher level. If the skater has completed the dance level, he/she can choose from the following dances in each level of competition:

- Dance 1: Chasse Sequence, Progressive Sequence
- Dance 2: Swing Rolls, Dutch Waltz
- Dance 3: Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues
- Dance 4: Fiesta Tango, Cha Cha, Swing Dance
- Dance 5: Hickory Hoedown, Willow Waltz, Ten Fox
- Dance 6: European Waltz, Fourteen Step, Foxtrot
- Dance 7: Rocker Foxtrot, American Waltz, Tango
- Dance 8: Kilian, Blues
- Dance 9: Paso Doble, Quickstep, Starlight Waltz
- Dance 10: Viennese Waltz, Westminster Waltz, Argentine Tango

ENSEMBLE

A group of 3-7 skaters that use music & themes with elaborate costumes and props to enhance the theme. Program length is 3 minutes.

FREESTYLE:

TOTS - Open to any skater who has not passed the Pre-Alpha test. The program length will be 1 minute and include all of the required compulsory maneuvers from the test level. Maneuvers from Tot 1-4 may be performed in *any order*.

Coaches will be allowed on the ice during practice, and if necessary, during competition for the TOT LEVEL ONLY. This is an introduction for beginning skaters to competition and is intended to be FUN!!!! All participants will receive a medal.

FREESTYLE: PRE-ALPHA through DELTA

Pre-Alpha - Delta skaters programs will be timed and duration will be judged. Timing begins with any action after the music starts.

Pre-Alpha - Delta skaters are required to perform one additional move from Freestyle 1.

Pre-Alpha skaters may use a one or two foot snowplow stop.

In **Beta**, the foot must be lifted off the ice for back crossovers; cutbacks do not meet the competition requirements.

In **Gamma**, three strokes must precede the mohawk combination for a total of seven steps. See rulebook for diagram.

In **Delta**, the edges must be performed consecutively. At least 2 outside and 2 inside edges should be completed in any order as long as a long axis is maintained. The lunge must be completed with a one foot glide and done in a straight line.

Program length is 1 minute for all Pre-Alpha through Delta levels.

FREESTYLE 1-10 & Open Bronze-Platinum

Skaters are to perform a program to music (vocals allowed), including all the required compulsory maneuvers from the test.

Additional maneuvers from a higher test level are NOT permitted. Moves from a lower level are permitted and any "uncaptured" moves for these levels are allowed. In the **OPEN FREESTYLE** events, skaters can now perform any spin at any level. Program lengths vary according to the test level. See the *ISI Handbook* for detailed information.

INTERPRETIVE –Gliding Across the USA!

Level/maneuver requirements are as follows:

Pre-Alpha-Delta	Duration = 1min	FS 1 elements & below
FS 1-3/Open Bronze	Duration = 1min	FS 4 elements & below
FS 4-5/Open Silver	Duration = 1.5min	FS 6 elements & below
FS 6-10/Open Gold & Platinum	Duration = 2.0min	Any maneuvers

All groups will have music based on a Gliding across the USA theme. Costumes that coincide with the theme are encouraged.

JUMP & SPIN TEAMS

This is an event for teams of two skaters. The teams can be made up of two skaters in the same level category, but not necessarily the same test level. If partners are of different levels, then they will compete in the level of the higher partner. A skater may only participate on one Jump & Spin Team. This event is performed on half ice without music. One partner performs two attempts at the required jump, followed by the other skater performing two attempts at the required spin. The best attempt for each skater will be scored. Additional maneuvers and connecting steps are not permitted or required. The maneuvers are only judged for technical accuracy and not for the difficulty of the maneuver performed.

Category Levels:

<u>Low:</u>	<i>Alpha through Delta</i>	<u>Medium:</u>	<i>Freestyle 1-3</i>
	Jump: Two Foot Hop or Bunny Hop		Jump: ½ Flip or Toe Loop
	Spin: Two Foot Spin		Spin: Two Foot Spin or One Foot Spin
<u>Intermediate:</u>	<i>Freestyle 4-5</i>	<u>High:</u>	<i>Freestyle 6-10</i>
	Jump: ½ Loop or Axel		Jump: Double Salchow or Double Loop
	Spin: Sit Spin or Back Spin		Spin: Flying Camel or Flying Sit Spin

PRODUCTION TEAM EVENT

This event is for your entire skating team, regardless of skating skill and age. Maximum program length is 4 1/2 minutes. A lavish, creative, artistic work marked by extreme freedom of style and structure, using costumes and props to illustrate the number. Any and all types of skating maneuvers are permitted (including jumps and spins.) All participants must wear ice skates. All participants do not have to start on the ice or at the beginning of the music.

RHYTHMIC SKATING

This entertaining event requires the use of one hand-held prop listed below. The program should contain elements that employ the use of the prop throughout the routine. The skater must maintain control of the prop at all times. The same rules and limitations apply as for Spotlight solo events. Props are not allowed on the event Warm-Up. For easier judging in Rhythmic Skating events, the different props (ball, hoop & ribbon) must be put into separate event groups. Rhythmic program requirements are as follows:

FS 1-3/Open Bronze _____ Duration = 1.5 min _____ FS 4 elements & below
 FS 4-5/Open Silver _____ Duration = 1.5min _____ FS 6 elements & below
 FS 6-10/Open Gold & Platinum _____ Duration = 2.0min _____ Any maneuvers

Choice of One:

Hoop – wood or plastic (must be from rigid, non-bending material), Diameter = 2’7” – 2’11””; The hoop can have colored tape or fabric to match the skater’s costume, but it cannot have any other decoration (i.e. fringe, etc.) on the prop.

Ball – rubber or plastic, Diameter = 7³/₄”

Ribbon - Stick – wood, plastic, or fiberglass / Length = 20” – 30””; Ribbon Material – satin or a non-starched fabric, Width = 2” – 4” / Length = Minimum 2 yards / Maximum 3 yards; The ribbon streamer must be one single streamer piece (not multiple streamers) according to the prop guidelines in the ISI Handbook.

SOLO COMPULSORIES

The FS Compulsory maneuvers may be performed only once with a minimal amount of connecting moves. Excessive footwork and added or repeated elements will be penalized. FS 1-4 will perform their maneuvers on half-ice; FS 5-10 will perform their maneuvers on full-ice. There is a one-minute time limit. **The required elements may be skated in any order.**

The FS Compulsory Maneuvers are listed below.

Freestyle 1-4 will be done on HALF ICE:

FS 1 - Waltz jump, 2 foot spin, BO/BI Edges
 FS 2 - One Foot Spin, Half Lutz jump, Dance Step Sequence
 FS 3 - Toe loop jump, Change Foot spin, Dance Step Sequence
 FS 4 - Flip jump, Half loop jump, Sit spin

Freestyle 5 - 10 will be done on FULL ICE:

FS 5 - Axel jump, Fast back scratch spin, Camel-Sit-Upright spin
 FS 6 - Spin Combination, Double Salchow jump, Dance Step Sequence
 FS 7 - Jump Sequence, Combination Spin, Double Toe Loop/Toe Walley jump
 FS 8 - Double Flip jump, Illusion or Camel-Jump-Camel Spin, Jump Combination
 FS 9 - Axel-Double Loop jump, Flying Camel into jump spin, Arabesque/Bauer/Spread Eagle Combination
 FS 10 - Double Axel-Double Toe jump, Arabian Cartwheels/Butterflies, Death Drop

SPOTLIGHT CHARACTER, LIGHT ENTERTAINMENT, & DRAMATIC SOLO, COUPLE & FAMILY

1. Open to skaters Pre-Alpha through Freestyle 10/Open Platinum.
2. Props are limited to those skaters who can hand-carry the props onto the ice themselves (in one trip). Live props are not permitted. Props may not be flame or smoke oriented or of any substance that will alter the ice surface.
3. Criteria for judging will be costume and props, music and choreography, judges’ appeal, originality, and duration.
4. There are no required maneuvers; however, skaters are limited as to the maneuvers that may be performed:

SOLO REQUIREMENTS:

- **Low** – Tots – Delta; Duration = 1min; Limited to FS 1 elements and below
- **Medium** – FS 1-3/Open Bronze; Duration = 1.5min; Limited to FS 4 elements and below
- **Intermediate** – FS 4-5/Open Silver; Duration = 1.5min; Limited to FS 6 elements and below
- **High** – FS 6-10/Open Gold & Platinum; Duration = 2min; Allowed to perform any maneuver

COUPLE REQUIREMENTS:

- **Low** – Tots – Delta; Duration = 1min; Limited to FS 1 elements and below
- **Medium** – FS 1-3/Open Bronze; Duration = 1.5 min; Limited to FS 4 elements and below
- **Intermediate** – FS 4-5/Open Silver; Duration = 1.5min; Limited to FS 6 elements and below
- **High** – FS 6-10/Open Gold & Platinum; Duration = 2min; Allowed to perform any maneuver

FAMILY- Family spotlight is open to all skaters, any level. Duration is 1.5 minutes.

5. Costumes, props and spotlight performances should be family-oriented and suitable for viewing by skaters of all ages. Caution should be used when selecting materials to be used for costumes and props. Feathers, glitter and other materials that “shed” may leave the skater subject to penalties for altering the surfaces of the ices.

SYNCHRONIZED TEAM COMPULSORIES

Teams will perform required elements to music of their own choice, with no additional moves permitted. Elements may be performed in any order. **Each element below is to be performed only one time in any order. If performed more than once, as per all other ISI competition events, the first performance will be scored. Extra elements can be performed but won't be judged. Vocal music is acceptable.**

SYNCHRONIZED TOT AND FORMATION TEAM COMPULSORIES:

1. Forward Skating Line - To be performed in shoulder hold, covering the length of the rink, and consists only of forward marching steps.
2. Forward Circle - Choice of: shoulder, waist, or hand hold. Any forward skating steps may be performed; however, no additional moves, such as arabesques, lunges, bunny hops, etc., may be included.
3. Forward Two Spoke Wheel (Pinwheel) - Choice of: shoulder, hand or basketweave hold. Any forward skating steps may be performed; however, no additional moves, such as arabesques, lunges, bunny hops, etc., may be performed. The wheel may rotate either clockwise or counter-clockwise.
4. Forward Skating Block - To be performed in shoulder hold, covering the length of the rink. Any forward skating steps may be performed, however, no additional moves, such as arabesques, lunges, bunny hops, etc., may be performed.

Synchronized Formation Compulsories Program length is 1:45 (with a leeway of 10 seconds).

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING TEAM COMPULSORIES:

1. Line - To be performed in any hold or combination of holds, covering the length of the rink. Any combination of steps and footwork (forward and backward) may be included but are not required.
2. Footwork Block – A block of at least three lines consisting of any skating steps and turns which covers the length of the ice. The block may change direction and changes of hold are also permitted.
3. Circle - May consist of any skating steps, with additional moves permitted. The circle may rotate clockwise or counter-clockwise, forward or backward, with changes of steps, direction or hold permitted. Choice of hold or holds is optional.
4. Wheel (Pinwheel) – Any wheel or combination of wheels which may rotate forward or backward, clockwise or counter-clockwise, with any skating steps or maneuvers permitted. Choice of hold is optional.
5. Intersection – Any intersection or combination of intersections in which one-half of the team moves through the other half of the team. If multiple intersections are performed, they must be continuous. Team members may perform different steps throughout the maneuver.

Synchronized Skating Compulsories Program length is 2:30 (with a leeway of 10 seconds). Credit is given for difficulty in the synchronized skating compulsories event.

SYNCHRONIZED SKATING, FORMATION and DANCE

Synchronized Skating, Synchronized Formation, and Synchronized Dance teams must contain a minimum of 8 members. The team entry form must be complete in listing every team member's name, age, and individual membership number.

Synchronized Skating teams and Synchronized Formation teams are divided into six (6) age groups: Tot (majority ages 6 and under), Jr. Youth (majority age 7 and under), Youth (majority age 8-10 years old), Sr. Youth (majority age 11-12 years old), Teen (majority age 13-19 years old), Adults (majority are over the age of 20). Time should be between 3-4 ½ minutes. Synchronized teams have a maximum of 30 seconds to enter and 30 seconds to exit the ice. Age is to be determined as of July 1, 2011.

Synchronized team skaters are now limited to compete at one age division lower than their true age division (for example, a 12-year old Sr. Youth team skater can skate on a Youth team, but not on a Jr. Youth team). Skaters can compete in any higher age division category. All age divisions still require a MAJORITY of skaters – but not every skater – to fit within the age division for that team. There will be no similar or mixed category. Teams will be divided by number of skaters only. Small groups will consist of 8-14 skaters and large groups will consist of 15-32 skaters if enrollment justifies divisions.

There are 5 basic elements in Synchronized Skating and Formation events (Block, Circle, Line, Wheel & Intersection – see rule book for basic descriptions) which will be added in both events as a separate Judge Criteria score. Each element is to be performed only one time in any order. If performed more than once, as per all other ISI competition events, the best performance will be scored. Extra elements can be performed but won't be judged. Vocal music is acceptable.

TEAM COMPULSORIES

A team of six skaters (FS 1-5) or seven skaters (FS 6-10) compete together on a certain level, each performing one of the six or seven required compulsory maneuvers from that level. This team of six or seven skaters competes against another team of skaters from the same level. Lively music with entertaining themes, great costumes and hand-held props are featured in this event. Maneuvers must be performed in the order listed in the *ISI handbook*. Teams may be similar or mixed and are divided by age. Skaters may only participate on one compulsory team.

For all other events, please refer to the *ISI Handbook 2010 edition and current ISI Updates*.

2011 ISI FLAG CITY OPEN TEAM COMPETITION

JUDGES AND COACHES REGISTRATION

NAME _____ ISI PROFESSIONAL # _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____

SKATING TEAM NAME _____

APPROXIMATE DAY AND TIME YOU PLAN TO ARRIVE IN FINDLAY _____

ISI JUDGING CERTIFICATION LEVEL N/A BRONZE SILVER GOLD

LIST EVENTS & LEVELS YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE JUDGING _____

JUDGES SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

All teams should send at least one judge for every 10 skaters. All judges must be current professional members of ISI and have current judging certification. Please return this form no later than November 21, 2011.

If time allows and if there is enough interest, we would like to organize a test session immediately following the end of day events on Sunday, November 20, 2011.

Would you have skaters interested in testing? Yes No

If yes, how many skaters and what freestyle levels?

Also if time allows, practice ice may be available on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 19 & 20 from 7-7:40 a.m. More details will be emailed to participants and coaches closer to the event dates.

Would you have skaters interested in practice ice? Yes No

If yes, how many skaters? _____

Send or email completed form to: Tracy Koehler, 16250 E. Beechwood Rd., Findlay, OH 45840 or jck2@aol.com by November 21, 2011.

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