

**21st ANNUAL
FOOT OF THE LAKE
SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CLASSIC**

JANUARY 5-6, 2018

ON ICE CRITIQUES



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**Hosted by the Fond du Lac FSC
at**

**Blue Line Family Ice Center
550 Fond du Lac Avenue
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin**

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**2018 USFS
Midwestern Synchronized
Skating Challenge Series**

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2018 Foot of the Lake Synchronized Skating Classic
January 5-6 , 2018**

The 21st Annual Foot of the Lake Synchronized Skating Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates posted of the U.S. Figure Skating web site.

This competition is open to all synchronized teams comprised of members who are eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

This event is proud to participate in the Midwestern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Participation in this series is open to all Snowplow Sam Synchro, Synchro 1, 2, or 3 teams, preliminary, pre-juvenile and open juvenile teams. Visit www.usfigureskating.org for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

ELIGIBILITY/TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by July 1st preceding this competition. Moves in the Field test requirements are as of the entry deadline.

ENTRIES: The entry fee is \$110 per event plus \$22 per competitor including alternates. The entry fee for Snowplow Sam and Synchro 1-3 is \$55 per team plus \$7 per skater. Applications must be completed using the Entry Forms and emailed to fotl.entry@gmail.com no later than **November 1, 2017**. ENTIRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY. A hard copy of the Forms and your check must be mailed to:

**Amber Baley
810 West Brown Street
Waupun, WI 53963**

and postmarked no later than **November 1, 2017** (do NOT send Certified or Registered Mail). All fees are due when applications are submitted. Please make checks payable to: "**Blades Synchro**". Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the LOC. Tentative schedules will be posted on the competition website after close of entries. WEBSITE: www.fondybladessynchro.com. Follow us on FACEBOOK 2018 Foot of the Lake and TWITTER @FOTLsynchro for updates and news. If you have questions, please email: entry.fotl@gmail.com. Synchro Skill 1-3 and Snowplow Sam Synchro events should be run in accordance to the Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual (a maximum of 6 teams per group.)

For Synchro Skills 1-3, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they should be able to "skate-up" one level (for example, team has majority of skaters under 9 years old but would like to skate in the Synchro Skills 2, they should be allowed).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

- Practice Ice on Fri, Jan 5, 2018
- Practice/Competition/Critiques on Sat. Jan 6, 2018
- Junior/Senior SP may take place on Friday evening (if entries dictate)
- PLEASE NOTE – ALL CRITIQUES will take place on Rink B. A team's critique CANNOT take place prior to competing unless approved by the referee.

REFUND POLICY: Entry fees will not be refunded unless no competition exists or is canceled. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be assessed a \$50 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held January 5-6, 2018 at the Blue Line Family Ice Center, 550 Fond du Lac Avenue, Fond du Lac, WI. The Family Ice Center is a multi-rink facility. Rink "A" is used for competition and practice. It measures 100 x 200 feet. Rink "B" measures 85 x 200 feet and is used for

practice (this rink is COLD). The Fond du Lac County Expo Center (**EXPO – this is a new location, closer to the rink facility**) will be available on Friday and Saturday free of charge for off-ice practice, warm up, team meetings and meals, etc. The EXPO is located adjacent to the Family Ice Center. *Walkability is WEATHER DEPENDANT – please plan team transport between the Rinks and the EXPO accordingly.*

MUSIC: Rules governing music selection can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook.

- *CDs: Must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length. Each CD must have only **ONE** track on it. In the case of short and free skate programs, two separate CDs must be used.*
- At registration teams will submit 2 CDs.
- ONLY CDs will be accepted. NO CDRWs.

Competition music must be turned in at the Registration desk no later than two hours prior to the event in which the team is skating. All music must be picked up at the completion of the competition. CDs will NOT be mailed back to competitors. **All teams must have an additional copy of their music available for unofficial practice and critique sessions.** The organizing committee will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of music but will take every precaution to ensure their safety.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, Fond du Lac FSC, Blades Synchro and the Fond du Lac Blue Line Family Ice Center accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM:

The International Judging System (IJS) will be used for the following events:

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| - Juvenile | - Senior Short Program & Free Skate |
| - Intermediate | - Collegiate |
| - Novice | - Adult |
| - Junior Short Program & Free Skate | |

The majority 6.0 Judging System will be used for the following events:

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| - Snowplow Sam Synchro | - Masters |
| - Synchro 1-3 | - Open Adult |
| - Preliminary | - Open Masters |
| - Pre-Juvenile | - Open Collegiate |
| - Open Juvenile | |

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a Planned Program Content sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed via their "Members Only" profile at www.usfsaonline.org by **DEC. 28, 2017. A late fee of \$25 will be imposed for failure to file the PPC midnight of December 28, 2017. PPC's will NOT be accepted at the Registration Desk.**

REGISTRATION: The registration desk will be maintained in the "A" Ice Arena. The registration desk will be open during practice ice sessions and during the competition until approximately one hour after the competition concludes.

- Teams should register at least two hours before their scheduled locker room entry.
- Coaches **MUST** check in at registration with their proper USFS/PSA and government issued identification in order to receive their credential. See coaching requirements below.
- ALL COACHES **MUST** BE COMPLIANT WITH CURRENT USFS REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CREDENTIALS. ALL COACHES **MUST** BE LISTED ON THE TEAM'S SUBMITTED REGISTRATION. COACHES MAY BE ADDED OR SUBSTITUTED AS LONG AS COMPLIANCE IS MET.
- A list of compliant coaches will be posted on our website and updated regularly.
- Coaches who are NOT on the list will need to show proof of membership in U.S. Figure Skating, a Coaches Registration card, proof of Category A or B compliance and a photo I.D. at check in. **If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their**

cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice sessions.

- All coaches MUST have their credential on them to accompany their team.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

To coach at a USFS non-qualifying competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be:

- ✓ Declared by the skater or team in the registration process
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating
- ✓ Completed an annual background screen
- ✓ Completed the CER SafeSport training course and any additional courses as required by MR 5.12
- ✓ Must submit proof of general liability insurance
- ✓ If coaches are ONLY coaching a Learn to Skate USA team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership, background check and instructor certification is sufficient.

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.pdf>.

ADMISSION: Each team will receive credentials for each skater, two coaches and two chaperones. These credentials will be included in your team packet received at registration. All other individuals accompanying a team should purchase tickets to the event. Admission is:

- Saturday: \$8 per person, 12 years & over; \$2 per person ages 6-11; 5 and under are free.
- If JR/SR Short Programs take place on Friday, Admission will be \$4 per person, 12 years & over; \$1 per person ages 6-11; 5 and under are free.
- Active military are free.
- Tickets are available on Friday in the lobby and Saturday at the door.

PARKING: Parking fee of \$5.00. Parking passes will be required on Saturday and can be purchased on Friday in the lobby or Saturday when parking.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice is held at the Blue Line Family Ice Center. Please NOTE that practice ice is not guaranteed on the official competition ice surface. Teams will be notified of their assigned slots via www.fondybladessynchro.com after the close of entries. Sign up for Practice Ice may be made with the Practice Ice Application Form E. **Practice ice will be assigned, first come, first served based on PAYMENT date.**

OFFICIAL PRACTICE ice for ALL IJS teams is a 10 - minute (12-minute for JR, SR, Collegiate FS) monitored ice segment and **is highly recommended**. It will take place on the competition rink. The cost for Official Practice ice is \$90 per segment. Official Practice will be offered **Friday evening in one block**. At your Official Practice ice, the team is obliged to skate the entire program (SP or FS) either in one entire run-through or two halves. The music will be played twice. No stopping of music once it has started. See Rulebook 2940. **6.0 TEAMS SHOULD NOT REQUEST OFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE.**

UNOFFICIAL PRACTICE ICE is any practice ice that is not monitored (i.e. 6.0 events and IJS extra practice) Unofficial practice ice segments will be available on Rinks A and B on Friday, January 5. Practice Ice on Rink B will be available on Saturday once the competition and critique schedules are announced. The cost per segment is \$90.

Unofficial practice ice is available:

- Friday, January 5, 2018 from noon – 11pm on both rinks.
- Saturday, January 6, 2018 on Rink B from 6 am until approximately 9am.

VIDEOGRAPHY / PHOTOGRAPHY: Ledin Video will be providing video services. KR Photogs will be providing high quality photography services. Pre-order information will be posted on our website.

CRITIQUE SESSIONS: On Ice Critiques will be available for \$90 with Technical Panel & Judges for IJS levels and with Judges only for 6.0 levels. The On Ice sessions will be 15 minutes long. Scheduling priority will be based on Level, Qualifying vs. Non Qualifying, participation in Sectionals and postmark. On Ice critiques

will NOT be available for Snowplow Sam or Synchro 1-3 teams. Critiques will take place on Rink B. Please complete FORM G to request critiques.

OFF-ICE FACILITY: The Fond du Lac County Expo Center (new location which is closer to the rink facility) will be available free of charge, on a first come - first served basis all day on Friday and Saturday during practice ice and the competition for off-ice practice, warm up, team meetings and meals, etc. The Expo is located adjacent to the Family Ice Center.

PROGRAM PHOTOS: Teams are encouraged to submit a photo for inclusion in the Program. Deadline is November 1, 2017. Photos must be submitted as JPG. NO PDFs WILL BE ACCEPTED. The ratio should be 1880 x 1200 or the photo will be subject to cropping. Photos may be used online and on social media.

CONCIERGE: An information desk will be located in the lobby to assist teams.

FOOD: A healthy lunch buffet will be available at the Expo Center – pre-order required. Box Lunches will be available for pre-order also. Please see our website for more details. **NO OUTSIDE FOOD CARRY-INS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BLUE LINE FAMILY ICE CENTER.**

OFFICIALS: A list of invited officials will be posted on our website at www.fondybladessynchro.com

ACCOMODATIONS: A list of hotels is on our website at www.fondybladessynchro.com

AWARDS: The top **FOUR** placements in each division will receive medals. Junior and Senior events will be run as a combined event. Free Skate order will be determined based on Short Program placement. Medals will be awarded based on total score. Divisions with twelve or more entries will be divided into two (2) final flights. Awards may be picked up in the Mezzanine at the Results table.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: Official notices will be posted on TWITTER @FOTLsynchro and on the wall near Registration. It is the responsibility of each coach or team manager to check TWITTER and/or the posting area frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Teams are requested to arrive at least 1 hour prior to the scheduled time of their event. **The official schedule of events will be posted no later than 14 calendar days prior to the commencement of the competition at www.fondybladessynchro.com**

CONTACT INFORMATION: For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chairs:	Stephanie Roth	fotl.entry@gmail.com	920-960-1777
	Evie Schaefer	eschaeferfotl@gmail.com	920-238-5848
Practice Ice:	Evgeny Drapkin	fotl.practice@gmail.com	262-993-2467
Registration/Entry		fotl.entry@gmail.com	

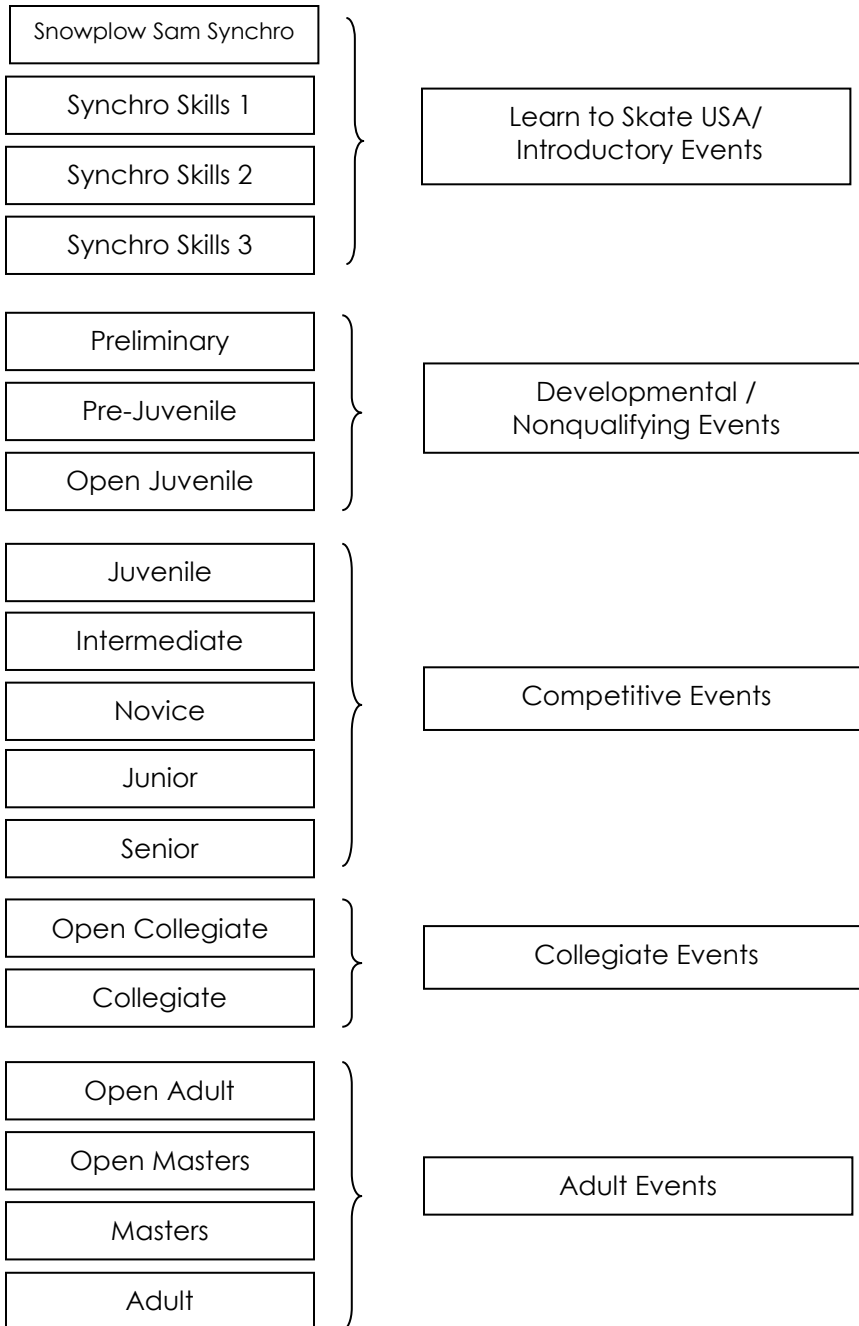
WEBSITE: www.fondybladessynchro.com
TWITTER: @FOTLsynchro
FACEBOOK: Foot of the Lake Synchronized Skating Classic

EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/story?id=84114>)

Illustration of Synchronized Skating competitive pipeline and events; age restrictions, test requirements, and program duration are on the next page:



A. Snowplow Sam Synchro

A team of 5-12 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 7 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.

Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.

Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>

- B. Synchro Skills 1:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- C. Synchro Skills 2:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 10 seconds.
Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- D. Synchro Skills 3:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test.
Program duration: maximum 2 minutes, 40 seconds.
Rules: <http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- E. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- F. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12.
Program duration: 2 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- G. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- H. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- I. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- J. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- K. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210
- L. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the junior moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200

- M. Open Collegiate:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7290
- N. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7280
- O. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7520
- P. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7530
- Q. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7510
- R. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
Program duration: 3 minutes, 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7500

Teams are permitted to have a maximum of four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.

