

2012 BLADES OF MARCH ISI OPEN COMPETITION
Saturday & Sunday, March 3 & 4, 2012
Parade Ice Garden
600 Kenwood Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55403

COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT AND GENERAL INFORMATION

For directions, updated Competition Schedules, and Information please check our web site frequently at www.sqsaparade.com under the "Blades of March" header or see the final page of this information packet for email contact information.

This competition is for all levels of achievement and will include the following events:

Pre-Alpha thru Delta, FS1 thru FS10 Program	Spotlight Couples (Low thru High)
Open Freestyle: Bronze thru Platinum	*Team Compulsory (FS 1-FS 10)
Pre-Alpha through Freestyle 3 Stroking	*Ensemble Team
Pre Alpha thru Delta, FS1 thru FS10 Compulsory	*Production Team
Freestyle 1 thru FS 10 Footwork	*Synchronized Skating
Freestyle 1 thru FS 10 Interpretive	*Synchronized Skating Compulsory
Freestyle 1 through FS 10 Special Skaters	*Synchronized Skating Formation
Jump & Spin (Low through High)	*Synchronized Formation Compulsory
Rhythmic Skating with prop (FS 1-FS 10)	*Synchronized Skating Open
Artistic (FS 1-FS 10)	*Advanced Formation Synchronized
Spotlight (Alpha thru FS 10)	*Family Spotlight

*The Team Entry Form is to be used for the events marked with an asterisk. All other event entries are on the individual entry form (including Jump & Spin and Spotlight Couples) .

The age groupings will be determined by the Competition Chairs depending on the number of applicants in each event.

When required, there will be separate groups for males and females.

Entry Fees

First Event Fee	\$75.00
Each Additional Event	\$15.00
Family Entry (all family members 1 st individual event included)	\$95.00
Jump & Spin (if only event entered)	\$20.00 (each)
Team Compulsory	\$14.00 (per skater)
Ensemble Team	\$14.00 (per skater)
Production Team	\$14.00 (per skater)
Synchronized Skating	\$14.00 (per skater)
Family Spotlight	\$25.00 (per skater)

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NOTE:

Synchronized teams that wish to participate in more than one event must pay a FIRST EVENT fee of \$14 per skater. The fee for additional events (after the first event) is \$8.00 per skater. Family Spotlight team fees are \$25 per skater, up to a maximum fee of \$75. Teams larger than that need to reference the Team Entry Form for the additional District 10 fees for Family Spotlight teams of more than 4.

*District 10 fees are included in all of the dollar amounts listed above

Entry forms must be signed by your coach and mailed by your rink's Team Liaison and must be **postmarked no later than January 14, 2012.**

All entries must be mailed by Team Liaison to:
PARADE ICE GARDEN
Attn: Raleigh Weld
600 Kenwood Parkway
Mpls, MN 55403
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Entries must be postmarked no later than January 14, 2012. Late entries must include a \$20.00 late fee.

Judges

- All judges must be current professional members of ISI.
- **All judges must** have passed an ISI judges certification test, and the most current Update Test (2012 version).
- No individual will be allowed to judge an event in which a relative is a participant
- No individual may be a competitor and judge in the same competition

Each team must follow the Participation Guidelines below or their skaters may not compete

<u>Number of Events</u>	<u>Number of Judges</u>	<u>Judging Time</u>
1 - 10	1	2 hours
11 – 21	2	2 hours each
22 – 32	3	2 hours each
33 – 44	4	2 hours each
45 – 55	5	2 hours each
56 – 66	6	2 hours each
67 - 77	7	2 hours each
78 - 88	8	2 hours each
89 - 100	10	2 hours each
Synchronized Teams	1 for each team	2 hours each

Rules

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the guidelines contained in the new edition of the I.S.I. Handbook.

Special Note:

Based on the entries received for Artistic, Footwork, Interpretive, Spotlight & Rhythmic events, skaters may be combined into event groups as listed in the chart below:

FS 1 – FS 3 / Bronze

FS 4 – FS 5 / Silver

FS 5 – FS - 6 / Gold

FS 7 – FS 10 / Platinum

* FS 5 skaters must note on their entry form if they will follow the Silver or Gold maneuver limitations for these programs.

Rink Size

Both the North and South rinks at Parade Ice Garden, 600 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis MN 55403 will be used for competition events. Both rink surfaces are 200' x 85'.

Verification

• The skaters coach and Team Liaison must both sign the entry form to verify that the information on the form is correct and true.

• The information on the entry form must be accurate and complete. Inaccurate and/or incomplete forms may not be accepted and may be returned.

• Skaters and coaches must have a currently valid ISI number and the number must be listed on the form. If the skater has applied for a number and has not received it, write "applied for" in the space provided for the ISI number.

• The Team Liaison must include an accurate mailing address including Zip Code.

• Only entries signed and mailed by Team Liaisons will be accepted. We will return any entries sent directly by individual skaters. This is being done so that every team knows: (1) which members are competing, (2) that the forms are filled out correctly, and (3) how many hours of judging will be required.

Entries are verified with ISI Headquarters for current membership status and test level.

Eligibility

· All skaters entering this competition must be individual members of ISI and currently registered with ISI.

* **All skaters must skate at the level of the highest test passed and registered with ISI on or before 1/14/2012.**

· Members of USFS who are also individual members registered with ISI are eligible to compete in accordance with the current ISI/USFS joint statement of policy. USFS members must have passed and registered all ISI tests up through the ISI level at which they will compete and may not skate at a Freestyle level lower than those listed in the following chart.

USFS Test Passed

Pre Preliminary FS
Preliminary FS
Pre Juvenile FS
Juvenile FS
Intermediate FS
Novice FS
Junior FS
Senior FS
Adult Pre Bronze FS
Adult Bronze FS
Adult Silver FS
Adult Gold FS

May compete no lower than ISI

Freestyle 3 / Bronze Open FS
Freestyle 4 / Silver Open FS
Freestyle 4 / Silver Open FS
Freestyle 6 / Gold Open FS
Freestyle 6 / Gold Open FS
Freestyle 7 / Platinum Open FS
Freestyle 8 / Platinum Open FS
Freestyle 8 / Platinum Open FS
Freestyle 2 / Bronze Open FS
Freestyle 3 / Bronze Open FS
Freestyle 4 / Silver Open FS
Freestyle 5 / Gold Open FS

Note: USFS Moves in the Field test levels have no bearing on the corresponding ISI test level. For events other than Freestyle and Compulsory, skaters may be grouped according to the new Open Freestyle groupings. Special Note to FS5 skaters: FS5 skaters must note on their registration form (in the field provided) if they are opting to skate these events at the Silver or Gold level. In Open Freestyle events, skaters may skate in a higher level if they elect to, based on test equivalents, but may not skate at a lower level. USFS skaters who have only taken the ISI Open FS tests may skate up from the equivalencies noted in the chart above, but must also have passed the higher Open FS test they are competing in. (Example: a skater who has passed the USFS Preliminary FS test is eligible to compete in Silver Open FS events as long as he/she has passed the Silver Open Freestyle test, but may compete in Gold Open FS provided the skater has also passed the Gold Open FS test). **Please note that Open FS events do have limitations on permitted maneuvers. Please see the chart included in this announcement for maneuver limitations for each Open FS grouping.**

Information on ISI Open Freestyle Test Track:

USFS skaters who have already passed pre preliminary, adult pre bronze or any higher tests and wish to compete in ISI Freestyle events do not need to go back and pass any previous ISI tests. They only must have passed the ISI Open Freestyle tests that correspond to their current USFS level. ISI Freestyle skaters do not have to pass any additional test(s) to compete in the Open Freestyle Event at the corresponding test level below.

<u>Passed USFS Test</u>	<u>Passed ISI Test</u>	<u>Open Freestyle Level</u>
Pre Preliminary Adult Pre Bronze Adult Bronze	FS 1 – 3	Open Bronze Level
Preliminary Pre Juvenile Adult Silver	FS 4 – 5	Open Silver Level
Juvenile Intermediate Adult Gold	FS 5 – 6	Open Gold Level
Novice Junior Senior	FS 7 – 10	Open Platinum Level

2012 Blades of March ISI Open Competition Event Chart

Test Level	Freestyle Duration	Freestyle Maneuver Limitations	Artistic Duration	Artistic Maneuver limitations	Footwork Duration	Spotlight Duration	Spotlight Maneuver Limitations
Pre Alpha	1 min	PreAlpha & Below*	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 min	FS1&Below
Alpha	1 min	Alpha & Below *	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 min	FS1&Below
Beta	1 min	Beta & Below *	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 min	FS1&Below
Gamma	1 min	Gamma & Below *	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 min	FS1&Below
Delta	1 min	Delta & Below *	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 min	FS1&Below
FS1	1.5 mins	FS 1 & Below	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below	1 min	1.5 mins	FS4&Below
FS2	1.5 mins	FS 2 & Below	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below	1 min	1.5 mins	FS4&Below
FS3	1.5 mins	FS 3 & Below	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below	1 min	1.5 mins	FS4&Below
Open Bronze	2 mins	** FS 3 & Below	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below	1 min	1.5 mins	FS4&Below
FS4	2 mins	FS 4 & Below	1.5 mins	FS 6 & Below	1 min	1.5 mins	FS6&Below
FS5	2 mins	FS 5 & Below	1.5 mins	FS 6 & Below	1 min	1.5 mins	FS6&Below
Open Silver	2 mins	** FS 5 & Below	1.5 mins	FS 6 & Below	1 min	1.5 mins	FS6&Below
Open Gold	3 mins	** FS 6 & Below	2 mins	Any maneuvers	1 min	2 mins	Any Maneuver
FS6	2.5 mins	FS 6 & Below	2 mins	Any maneuvers	1 min	2 mins	Any Maneuver
FS7	3 mins	FS 7 & Below	2 mins	Any maneuvers	1 min	2 mins	Any Maneuver
FS8	3.5 mins	FS 8 & Below	2 mins	Any maneuvers	1 min	2 mins	Any Maneuver
FS9	4 mins	FS 9 & Below	2 mins	Any maneuvers	1 min	2 mins	Any Maneuver
FS10	4 mins	Any maneuvers	2 mins	Any maneuvers	1 min	2 mins	Any Maneuver
Open Platinum	4 mins	Any maneuvers	2 mins	Any maneuvers	1 min	2 mins	Any Maneuver

Test Level	Rhythmic Duration	Rhythmic Maneuver Limitations	Interpretive Maneuver Limitations	Couples Spotlight Levels	Couples Spotlight Duration	Couples Spotlight Maneuver Limitations
Pre Alpha	N/A	N/A	Not offered at BOM	Low	1 min	FS1 & Below
Alpha	N/A	N/A	Not offered at BOM	Low	1 min	FS1 & Below
Beta	N/A	N/A	Not offered at BOM	Low	1 min	FS1 & Below
Gamma	N/A	N/A	Not offered at BOM	Low	1 min	FS1 & Below
Delta	N/A	N/A	Not offered at BOM	Low	1 min	FS1 & Below
FS1	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below	FS 4 & Below	Medium	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below
FS2	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below	FS 4 & Below	Medium	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below
FS3	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below	FS 4 & Below	Medium	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below
Open Bronze	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below	FS 4 & Below	Medium	1.5 mins	FS 4 & Below
FS4	1.5 mins	FS 6 & Below	FS 6 & Below	Intermediate	1.5 mins	FS 6 & Below
FS5	1.5 mins	FS 6 & Below	FS 6 & Below	Intermediate	1.5 mins	FS 6 & Below
Open Silver	1.5 mins	FS 6 & Below	FS 6 & Below	Intermediate	1.5 mins	FS 6 & Below
Open Gold	2 mins	Any maneuvers	Any Maneuvers	High	2 mins	Any Maneuvers
FS6	2 mins	Any maneuvers	Any Maneuvers	High	2 mins	Any Maneuvers
FS7	2 mins	Any maneuvers	Any Maneuvers	High	2 mins	Any Maneuvers
FS8	2 mins	Any maneuvers	Any Maneuvers	High	2 mins	Any Maneuvers
FS9	2 mins	Any maneuvers	Any Maneuvers	High	2 mins	Any Maneuvers
FS10	2 mins	Any maneuvers	Any Maneuvers	High	2 mins	Any Maneuvers
Open Platinum	2 mins	Any maneuvers	Any Maneuvers	High	2 mins	Any Maneuvers

* Pre Alpha - Delta programs must include ONE maneuver from Freestyle 1.

** Can include any spin, from any level.

Registration and Music

- Skaters must check in at the Registration Table and turn in their CD's no later than 1 hour prior to their scheduled event. Skaters must check also in with the respective Rink Monitors 20 minutes prior to the start of their event. Events may run ahead of time.
- All music must be recorded on standard size CDs and labeled. The label must include: the competitor's name, team name, event, and age group.
- The lead time before the program must not exceed 15 seconds.
- Please have a back - up with you for each CD needed for this competition. Only one program should be on each CD.
- CDs should be picked up at the Registration Table after the event has been completed.

Web Site

Visit www.sqsaparade.com starting in February 2012 for information on actual competition schedule, available practice ice and any other updated information. Preliminary competition schedule will be posted in mid February and the final schedule will be emailed to team liaisons. There may be minor time changes in events and resurfacings when final schedule is posted.

Hotels

Parade Ice Garden is located next to downtown Minneapolis, and adjacent to the world renowned Walker Art Center and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. The Ice Garden is just minutes away from a wide range of Hotels and Restaurants. If you need any assistance or information in this regard, please contact Rita Goodman at rbg.mpls@gmail.com or 612.333.7776, or Nicole Sela at nicolesela@mac.com 612.819.3345. You can also visit www.meetminneapolis.com for Minneapolis visitor information.

Points and Awards

The 2012 Blades of March ISI Open Competition is observing the ISI Team Point Structure announced October 19, 2005 for Individual and Team Events.

Synchro and Team Compulsory participants will receive 5 participation points in addition to the Placement Points listed below:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Team Events</u>
1 st place	25 team points	Trophy and / or medals
2 nd place	20 team points	Trophy and / or medals
3 rd place	15 team points	Trophy and / or medals
4 th place	10 team points	Trophy and / or medals
5 th place	5 team points	Trophy and / or medals

All other event entries receive 1 Participation Point in addition to the Placement Points listed below:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Individual Event</u>
1 st place	5 team points	Trophy or medal
2 nd place	4 team points	Trophy or medal
3 rd place	3 team points	Trophy or medal
4 th place	2 team points	Medal
5 th place	1 team point	Medal

Team Trophy Points and Awards

<u>Place</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Award</u>
1 st place	Highest total team points	Trophy or Plaque
2 nd place	2 nd highest total team points	Trophy or Plaque
3 rd place	3 rd highest total team points	Trophy or Plaque
Percentage Trophy	Highest points per event Average for smaller teams	Trophy or Plaque

Accounting Review Requests (ARR)

- ARR must be submitted by a team coach to the Chief Referee no later than 1 hour after the results in question have been posted.
- The ARR must be in writing and accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. The fee is refundable only if the ARR is upheld.
- The Chief Referee's decision will be final. ARR concerning judgment will not be considered. The Chief Referee will have the authority to resolve any unforeseen problems or questions which may arise during the competition.

General Rules

- All routines shall start from a stationary position. **The timing of the routine will start with any action after the music starts.**
- Skaters in all events are permitted to perform any maneuvers out of a lower test level.
- If the wrong music is played and the skater stops and notifies the referee within the first 20 seconds, the skater may re-skate the program.
- The designated referee will decide the action on any mishap or unforeseen difficulty. An untied skate or forgotten program falls under the referee's jurisdiction.
- The Chief Referee has the right to refuse entries or assess a penalty to teams or arenas not supplying an adequate number of judges.**
- No coaching is allowed during interpretive or stroking events.
- Uncaptured gliding maneuvers may be performed at any level.
- Uncaptured jumps and spins may be performed as stated in the current ISI Competitors Handbook.

Duration

- There will be a 10 second leeway on all programs with set duration times.
- Judging will stop 10 seconds past the prescribed time.
- Skating 11-14 seconds over the prescribed time will result in a score of 8 for duration.
- Skating 15 seconds or more over the prescribed time will result in a score of 5 for duration.
- There is no penalty for skating under the prescribed time

See Competition Event Chart for events and durations based on event level.

Team Event Durations

Family Spotlight: 1 ½ minutes

Team Compulsory: 3 - 3 ½ minutes

Ensemble Team: 3 minutes

Synchronized Skating: New Durations were effective Jan 1, 2007. Those durations and other rules are summarized starting on **page 10** of this announcement. Please refer to the ISI handbook.

All competition rules will be in accordance with the current ISI Handbook in effect at the time of the competition. Should anything in the below summary rules not be clear, the current ISI official publications will govern the events.

Pre-Alpha - Delta Program Rules

Skaters will execute all elements listed in the ISI Handbook for their level in a one minute program WITH MUSIC of their choice. Skaters in Pre Alpha thru Delta must add ONLY one additional maneuver from Freestyle 1 to their program. In Delta, the skater has a 'choice of one' maneuver listed in the Handbook. Only the one selected maneuver should be performed. In the case of a misinterpretation, if the Delta skater were to execute both 'choice of one' elements, only the first of these performed would be judged.

Traditional Track: Freestyle 1 - 10 Program Rules

- Freestyle 1-10 skaters are **not** permitted to perform a maneuver from a higher test.
- The penalty for doing an illegal additional maneuver will be a score of 2.0 for "Extra Content".**
- Freestyle 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 skaters require a mandatory dance step sequence for the respective level to be performed according to the most current ISI Skater and Coaches Handbook.
- For Freestyle levels in which certain maneuvers are listed in the Handbook as 'choice of one', in the event the skater misinterprets and performs both optional maneuvers, only the first 'choice of one' maneuver will be graded.
- Skater must have passed the specific Freestyle test in order to compete in that event. There is no skating up in the traditional track Freestyle program events.

Skaters who compete in the traditional test track events can also sign up to compete in the Open Freestyle event, at the corresponding level, as shown in the chart on page 3.

Open Freestyle Program Rules

There are no REQUIRED maneuvers in an Open Freestyle Competition program. Emphasis is on a **well balanced** program containing jumps, spins, footwork and connecting moves.

Event judging criteria: correctness of jumps, correctness of spins, correctness of edges & turns, variety of moves, music interpretation, choreography and pattern, posture, presentation, duration and general overall. There are maneuver limitations. **Please refer to the Competition Event Chart for program time durations and a summary of maneuver limitations for each Open Freestyle level.**

Stroking

- Skaters will be grouped by age and test levels. Skaters in the same age/level group will perform at the same time.
- Skaters will be asked to perform as a group, forward stroking in both directions to music of different tempos selected by the host rink. Crossovers are optional and will not be judged.
- There will be NO warm up for stroking events.
- Coaches may not assist their skaters during the event.

Compulsory: Pre-Alpha – Delta and Freestyle 1 - 10 Rules

There is NO music for Compulsory Programs. The 3 below listed pre - selected maneuvers applicable to each level are to be performed ONE time in a pre-choreographed program with a minimum amount of connecting maneuvers.

Additional maneuvers such as jumps, spins, or gliding maneuvers from a test level or uncaptured moves, such as toe taps, tap toes, lunges, bunny hops, pivots, etc, are not allowed. After the skater has reached his/her starting position on the ice, the announcer will say "Skater, you may begin." Compulsory events up through FS5 will be skated on a ½ sheet of ice. Skaters will be assigned to the Zamboni end or the Lobby end. There is no penalty for the quantity of swizzles, strokes or crossovers in the Pre-Alpha - Beta levels. Only the quality of these maneuver is judged, but skaters should still strive to do the minimum number listed below.

<u>Level</u>	<u>Maneuvers</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Maneuvers</u>
<u>Pre Alpha</u>	Forward Swizzle (5) Backward Swizzle (5) 1 ft glide (Left OR Right)	<u>FS 3</u>	Salchow Jump Change Foot Spin Toe Loop Jump
<u>Alpha</u>	Forward Stroking (6) Left forward crossovers (5) Snowplow Stop	<u>FS 4</u>	Loop Jump Sit Spin Flip Jump
<u>Beta</u>	Backward Stroking (6) Left Backward Crossovers (5) Right OR left foot T Stop	<u>FS 5</u>	Camel Spin Axel Jump Back Scratch Spin
<u>Gamma</u>	Right forward outside 3 turn Left Mohawk combination Hockey stop	<u>FS 6</u>	Split Falling Leaf Jump Double Salchow Jump Spin combo w/ change of foot & position
<u>Delta</u>	Forward edges (2 of each) Shoot the duck OR Lunge Right forward inside 3 turn	<u>FS 7</u>	1 ft Axel, ¼ flip, Axel Jump Sequence Walley Jump Sequence Flying Camel
<u>FS 1</u>	Two Foot Spin ½ Flip Jump Forward Arabesque	<u>FS 8</u>	Flying Sit Spin or Open Axel Sit spin Double Flip Jump Split Lutz
<u>FS 2</u>	Ballet Jump ½ Lutz Jump 1 Foot Spin	<u>FS 9</u>	Double Lutz Jump Axel - Double Loop Flying camel spin into a jump sit spin
		<u>FS 10</u>	Death Drop Triple Edge Jump Double Axel – Double Toe Loop

Skaters who have only passed the new Open FS tests and who enter Compulsory must compete in the following Compulsory Event Levels:

Skaters that have only passed the Bronze Open FS test, must compete in Compulsory FS3. Skaters that have passed the Silver Open FS test, must compete in Compulsory FS5. Skaters that have passed the Gold Open FS test, must compete in Compulsory FS6. Skaters that have passed the Platinum Open FS test, may choose to compete in Compulsory FS7, FS8, FS9, or FS10 (please circle the desired level on the registration form).

Footwork Rules (Freestyle 1 - 10):

- Skaters are grouped together by age and ability level, and perform to music a program containing a footwork sequence of their own design.
 - **One half** rotation jumps and spins of less than 3 revolutions are permitted. (Note: ½ loop is a **full** rotation jump).
- See Event Chart for limits on footwork program duration.**

Interpretive (Freestyle 1 - 10):

- In this event, the skater interprets a piece of music which is heard for the first time just prior to the competition. Some groups may be given a prop to use in their routine. No outside instruction is permitted from coaches, the audience or other skaters during this event.
- **See Event Chart for limitations on permitted maneuvers for each test level.**
- Depending on number of entries, Interpretive Events may be split into two judging panels with 2 skaters performing at the same time. Each panel will judge only one skater. Different colored sashes will be supplied to identify the skaters to the judging panels.

Spotlight Events (Pre-Alpha through Freestyle 10, and Open Bronze through Open Platinum):

- Skaters are not permitted to exit the ice **during** a performance. This includes sitting on the surrounding barriers or boards.
- Props must fit through a 35 inch wide door. Skaters can have assistance at the ice door, but must be able to get on and off the ice in 1 trip, of less than 30 seconds.
- Duration Clarification: Timing starts with **any** action after the music starts (even if the feet are not moving).

Other Notes regarding Spotlight Events

Skaters may sign up for, and perform, different programs in more than one spotlight event in different categories (e.g. a skater may enter and perform different programs for dramatic spotlight and character spotlight, etc), but should recognize that they may not have very long between spotlight events. We will try and allow for 10-15 minutes for a skater competing in more than one spotlight event, but no guarantees are made. No refunds will be issued.

Solo Spotlight Events:

Skaters are judged on costume and prop, music and choreography, judges' appeal, originality and duration. Spotlight levels may be grouped by the Competition Director in categories:

- ▶ **Light Entertainment:** To entertain in a refreshing, light-hearted, vaudeville fashion, using music, costumes, props (optional), comedy, dance and skating moves. .
- ▶ **Character Solo:** Skaters portray a famous, easily identifiable character through the use of music, costume, props (optional) and the skater's actions. Examples: Pink Panther, Superman, Mickey Mouse, Annie, Daffy Duck.
- ▶ **Dramatic Spotlight:** An artistic theatrical performance by individual skaters that evokes an emotional response from the judges and audience. The skater's interpretation should create a mood that is enhanced by the style, creativity, costuming and props (optional). The overall impression at the conclusion of the performance should be that it was a dramatic performance, not light-hearted, as in the light entertainment category.

Couples Spotlight Event: Two skaters perform a routine together that is entertaining, emotional, or a portrayal of characters, using a costume and props (optional). If partners from two different category levels want to compete together, they must be prepared to follow the maneuver limitations of the higher test level skater category. List your partner's name on the registration form in the line by Spotlight Couples.

See Event Chart for permitted duration and limitations on permitted maneuvers for Solo and Couples Spotlight events.

Rhythmic Skating:

This entertaining routine requires the use of one of the hand props listed below and music of the skater's choice. The program should contain elements that employ the use of these props throughout. The skater must maintain control of their prop at all times. Spotlight entrance and exit rules apply. Props must be listed on the entry form as groups are divided by prop type. Props will NOT be allowed on the warm up.

Judges criteria will be: Judges' Appeal, Music, Choreography, Costume, Duration and Use of Prop.

Props - Choice of One:

- ▶ **Hoop** Wood or plastic (it must be rigid, non bending material) with a permissible diameter of 2'7" to 2' 11".
- ▶ **Ball** Rubber or plastic with a diameter of 7 ¾"
- ▶ **Ribbon** Ribbon made of satin or non starched fabric, between 2" and 4" wide, with a minimum length of 2 yards and a maximum length of 4 yards, attached to the end of a stick of between 20" and 30" in length, made out of wood, plastic or fiberglass.

See EVENT CHART for time durations and limitations on maneuvers in Rhythmic skating events.

NEW: If a ribbon is used, it must only be one single ribbon made of satin. Hoops may be covered in tape or fabric, but NO additional decoration is allowed.

Artistic Solo (FS1-10 and all Open Levels):

There are no required moves in an Artistic program. 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 are no required moves and there is no technical score in this event.; **Refer to the Event Chart for durations and limitations on maneuvers for different test levels.** We are offering this event to FS1-10, and Open Bronze, Silver, Gold, & Platinum level skaters.

JUMP & SPIN TEAMS (sign up on the Individual entry form and list your partner name in the space provided)

This fun event is for teams of two (2) skaters. The teams can be made up of two friends in the same level category, but not necessarily the same test level. Skaters may skate above their tested level, but cannot skate below their Category Level. Within each Category Level, a skater's choice is not restricted by her/his Freestyle test level. If two skaters from different levels wish to compete together, the jump & spin team will be entered into the highest level of the 2 skaters.

Skaters who have only passed the Open FS test track can enter this event but cannot skate below their corresponding category levels. Bronze = Medium, Silver = Intermediate, Gold & Platinum = High.

Category Levels:	Low:	Pre-Alpha – Delta
	Medium:	Freestyle 1 - 3
	Intermediate:	Freestyle 4 - 5
	High:	Freestyle 6 - 10

Required Maneuvers:

Low:	Jump: Two Foot Hop or Bunny Hop Spin: Two Foot
Medium:	Jump: 1/2 Flip or Toe Loop Spin: Two Foot or One Foot
Intermediate:	Jump: 1/2 Loop or Axel Spin: Sit Spin or Back Spin
High:	Jump: Double Salchow or Double Loop Spin: Flying Camel or Flying Sit

- One team of two (2) skaters enters the ice together and stops. The first skater begins and performs the same jump two (2) times. After the second attempt, the first skater stops. The second skater then begins to perform the same spin two (2) times. After the second attempt, the second skater stops.

- The same maneuver is performed 2 times, **but only the best attempt is scored**. The maneuvers are only judged for technical accuracy – and not for the difficulty of the maneuver performed.

Depending on number of entries, Low, Medium, and Intermediate may be performed on 1/2 sheet of ice, with skaters assigned to either Zamboni end or Lobby end. Full ice will be used for all High Teams. Teams will have a warm-up.

Additional maneuvers and connecting steps are not permitted. Duration is not judged, however, team duration is one (1) minute.

Skater substitutions are permitted at the discretion of the Competition Director; however, **a skater may participate on only one (1) Jump & Spin Team at each competition.**

TEAM EVENTS: (sign up using the Team entry form)

Family Spotlight (sign up using the Team entry form)

Two or more family members can perform an entertaining spotlight routine using costumes and props. If necessary, the event groupings are divided first by the number of skaters and then by age groups and/or ability levels. Duration 1 ½ minutes.

Team Compulsory (Freestyle 1-10) (sign up using the Team entry form)

☑ Freestyle 1 – 5 consists of a team of 6 skaters who compete together on a certain level, each performing one of the required compulsory maneuvers from the specified level.

☑ Freestyle 6 – 10 consists of a team of 7 skaters.

☑ Music is required. Suggested time is 3 minutes, with a maximum of 3 ½ minutes.

☑ A team may consist of 6 (or 7) skaters of any age, male and/or female. Because unforeseen circumstances can leave a team one member short, it is strongly advised that all teams have an alternate skater on hand at all times. Teams may skate one member short; however, only one maneuver may be performed per skater. Thus, a team will automatically receive a 0 for a missed maneuver.

☑ Maneuvers must be performed in the order listed on the Test Standards. **Teams that perform a required maneuver out of order will receive a grade of 2.0 under “Correctness”.**

☑ **Additional maneuvers from a higher level are not permitted in Team Compulsory events. A penalty grade of 2.0 under “Correctness” will apply.**

☑ Groups may be further divided by age.

☑ No skater at any Freestyle level is permitted to skate below the level registered at the ISI National Office. A skater may skate above his/her level (E.G. a FS3 skater may skate on a FS5 team, not on a FS 2 team).

☑ Skaters who have only passed the new ISI Open FS tests may participate in Team Compulsory events, with the same limitation that they may skate up, but not down based on the Open FS / FS equivalences listed in this packet.

Ensemble Team:

This event is open to groups of 3 – 7 skaters of all levels and ages. Skaters will be judged on the entertainment and performance value of the program. There are NO required maneuvers and no technical score, but skating maneuvers can be performed at any level. The group must use the music, along with costumes and props, to enhance the theme of their program. Duration length for is 3 minutes all levels.

Production Team:

Production teams consist of 8-32 skaters and can be divided into Small (8-14), Medium (15-22), Large (23-32) categories. Props and costumes should be used to illustrate a creative and artistic program. Any and all maneuvers are allowed. Please see the current ISI Handbook for further information. Duration length is 4.5 minutes for all levels.

Synchronized Skating

- ☒ A skater may compete on up to three teams in the synchronized categories if the age requirements are met. New for 2008: If the skaters' ages split evenly among age divisions, the team must compete in the higher age division.
- ☒ Synchronized teams must contain a minimum of 8 members. The Synchronized team entry form must be complete in listing every team member's name, age (as of 7/1/11) and individual ISI number. Synchronized Skating, (Dance) and Formation teams are limited to no more than 24 skaters.
- ☒ All ISI Synchronized Teams are required to register annually with ISI headquarters, free of charge, and will be given a number. **This number is required on the entry form.**
- ☒ Synchronized teams will compete with teams that are similar in age and ability level as determined by the Competition Chairs and the Competition Director
- ☒ Lifts are restricted to the teen skating (and synchronized dance) events only. The lifting hand of the lifter(s) shall not extend higher than their head(s),
- ☒ Acrobatic Lifts: moves in which the skater is only held by the blade(s), foot (feet), leg(s), arm(s) and swung around. Acrobatic lifts are **not** allowed. All lifts where the lifted skater(s) is in a totally vertical sustained position with the head down are considered expressions of acrobatics and therefore illegal. Assisted vaults or other lifts where the lifting skater is rotating around himself are allowed provided there is no sustained, totally vertical position with the head down.
- ☒ Backward spiral intersections are not allowed at any level.
- ☒ Penalties: 2.0 Correctness for Formation teams who do lifts or acrobatic moves and 2.0 Technical Merit for Skating (or Dance) teams who do lifts, restricted lifts, backward spiral intersections or acrobatic moves,
- ☒ Competition Attire: We strongly suggest teams use a method called 'sewing' hair to secure hair for performances. Bobby pins are **not** allowed. Costumes that alter the surface of the ice are not permitted. Items that fall from a costume would alter the surface of the ice. If the item that falls is picked up immediately after the performance no deduction will be given. Penalties: 2.0 Correctness/Technical merit for teams that do not retrieve fallen items from the ice immediately after the performance.
- ☒ Jumps (single rotation and below) are permitted at any level in the skating and dance categories.
- ☒ Axels are permitted in the skating and dance categories with less than half the team performing the jump at any time.
 - Spins are restricted to upright spins in the Tot, Jr. Youth, and Youth age groupings. Any spins are allowed at the Senior Youth (**NEW**), Teen and Adult skating levels.
 - No lifts or rotation jumps are allowed in the formation events. Please see the ISI handbook for 'Synchro Formation' event(s) requirements and limitations. **NEW:** Formation teams can perform 2 foot spins. The 2010 requirement for the Synchro Formation Shoulder Hold Position, that both shoulders be held, will be observed.
 - No double or triple jumps are allowed at any level.

NEW: Synchro skaters may only compete at one age division lower than their true age division, and may skate in any level higher than their true age division.

Duration for Synchronized Skating Team Compulsory is 2:30 (10 sec leeway), and for the Synchronized Formation Team Compulsory, it is 1:45 (10 sec leeway).

All Synchronized Skating Events will be held in accordance with the requirements listed in the most current ISI Handbook. Please check for the updated synchro competition rule revisions.

CONTACT INFORMATION for 2012 BLADES OF MARCH COMPETITION:

Chief Referee and Competition Advisor: Jean Albrightson jeanalbrightson@hotmail.com

Competition Director: Raleigh Weld rweld@sqsaparade.com – 612.207.5046

Competition Co Chairs:

Rita Goodman: rbg.mpls@gmail.com – 612.333.7776

Nicole Sela: nicolesela@mac.com – 612.819.3345

Practice Ice: Practice Ice will be offered Saturday Morning and **may** be offered Sunday Morning. Available practice times and sessions will be determined in late January after entries are processed.

2012 Blades of March ISI Open Competition

March 3 • Individual Entry Form • March 4

For complete competition information, please go to the website: www.sqsaparade.com

Skater's Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Age as of 3/3/11 _____ Sex _____

City, State, Zip _____ Birthdate _____

Home Rink _____ ISI# _____ ISI Level Passed _____

Open ISI FS test passed _____ I have passed ISI FS5 and I prefer to be assigned to the Silver or Gold (circle 1) level for events that may be grouped according to the new ISI Open FS levels.

Note: Test Deadline for this competition is 1/14/12. Tests must be registered at ISI HQ by this date.

Primary Email Address for communications (parent/guardian): _____

Are you an active USFS member that has competed at or above the Novice Level at any USFS National Championships within the last 2 years?
 YES _____ NO _____

Individual Event Entry Fees

First Event:	\$75.00*
Family Entry (all family members 1 st event):	\$95.00*
Couple Spotlight (per pair, if only event):	\$65.00*
Jump & Spin (per skater, if only event):	\$20.00*
Each Additional Event:	\$15.00*
Late Fee (if postmarked after 1/14/12):	\$20.00*

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

* ISI District 10 fees included

Please make checks payable to: BLADES OF MARCH

Required Verifications:

Parent/Guardian and Skater verification – must be fully completed.
 I skate at my own risk for the _____ Team.
 I release ISI, the host rink, and it's personnel for any and all liability.
 Signature of Skater: _____ Date: _____
 Signature of Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Coach Verification: I declare the information on this form to be true and correct. I understand that coaches of competing skaters are required to serve as competition judges. I have passed the an ISI judges certification test.

Level (circle one): Gold Silver Bronze Synchro '12 update
 Signature: _____ Phone # _____
 Print Coach name: _____
 ISI Associate #: _____ Email: _____

Please check the events in which you wish to compete:

- Solo Program**
(PreAlpha, Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta)
- Freestyle**
(FS1 - FS10)
- Stroking**
(Pre-Alpha – FS3)
- Freestyle Open**-select level:
(Bronze FS1-3____, Silver FS4-5____,
Gold FS5-6____, Platin. FS7-10____)
- Compulsory** circle one:
(PreAlpha, Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta
FS1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)
- Footwork**
(FS1 – 10 or by Open FS levels)
- Interpretive**
(FS1 – 10 or by Open FS levels)
- Special Skater**
(FS1 - 10)
- Solo Spotlight-check**
(Pre-Alpha – FS10 or by Open FS)
 character
 light entertainment
 dramatic
- Jump & Spin** circle:
(Low Med Int High)
Partner: _____
- Couples' Spotlight** circle
(Low Medium Int. High)
Partner: _____
- New: **Artistic Skating**
(FS1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, Bronze, Silver, Gold,
Platinum)
- Rhythmic Skating** (FS 1-10 or by
Open FS levels)
circle prop: Ribbon Ball Hoop

All entries and fees **must be mailed by the**
Team Liaison to:
 Parade Ice Garden
 Care of: Raleigh Weld
 600 Kenwood Parkway
 Minneapolis, MN 55403
ENTRY DEADLINE: 1/14/2012

Team Liaison Verification (must be completed): I declare the information on this form to be true and correct.	
Team Liaison Printed Name _____	
ISI # _____	Phone Number _____
Address _____	
City State Zip _____	
Email Address _____	
Signature _____	

Team Entry Form
Please PRINT all information
2012 Blades of March ISI Open Competition March 3 - 4, 2012

Name of Group _____ Representing _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Instructor/Coaches Name (PRINT) _____ Synchro Team ISI Reg #: _____

Is any skater in your Team affected by following declaration? Are you an active USFS member that has competed at or above the Novice Level at any USFS National Championships within the last 2 years? YES _____ NO _____ If Yes please provide details.

INDICATE CATEGORY

- Synchronized Skating Team
- Synchronized Skating Compulsory
- Synchronized Formation Team
- Synchronized Formation Compulsory
- Synchronized Skating Open
- Advanced Formation Synchronized
- Team Compulsory Level FS _____
- Family Spotlight (# in group _____)
- Ensemble Team (# in group _____)
- Production Team (# in group _____)

INDICATE AGE

- Tots Majority 6 years or younger
- Jr. Youth Majority 8 years or younger
- Youth Majority 9-11 years
- Sr. Youth Majority 12-14 years
- Teen Majority 14-19 years
- Collegiate – Majority of skaters are 18-25 (& representing a college)
- Adult Team - majority of skaters 20 & over

FEES:

Team Compulsory: # _____ skaters X \$14.00 (includes District 10 \$1.00 per skater per team event fees)=\$ _____

Synchronized Skating: \$14.00 each skater; \$8.00 each skater for an additional synchro event

1st event _____ skaters x \$14.00 (includes District 10 \$1.00 per skater per team event fees) = \$ _____

2nd event _____ skaters x \$ 8.00 (includes District 10 \$1.00 per skater per team event fees) = \$ _____

Family Spotlight: \$25.00 per skater in family spotlight group includes \$1.00 Dist 10 fee per skater in the family for first 3 skaters up to maximum family spotlight entry fee of \$75.00 plus 1.00 Dist 10 fee per ea. skater in the family group beyond first 3 skaters.

(Summary: Family Spotlight with 2 skaters: \$50.00 fee; 3 skaters: \$75.00 fee; 4 skaters or more \$75.00 fee + \$1.00 ISI Dist 10 fee per each additional skater beyond 3) Enter Family Spotlight Entry Fee: _____

Ensemble Team: # _____ skaters X \$14.00 (includes District 10 \$1.00 per team event fee) = \$ _____

Production Team: # _____ skaters X \$14.00 (includes District 10 \$1.00 per team event fee) = \$ _____

Name	Age as of 7/1/11	ISI Number	Name	Age as of 7/1/11	ISI Number
1 _____			16 _____		
2 _____			17 _____		
3 _____			18 _____		
4 _____			19 _____		
5 _____			20 _____		
6 _____			21 _____		
7 _____			22 _____		
8 _____			23 _____		
9 _____			24 _____		
10 _____			Alternates _____		
11 _____			_____		
12 _____			If a Synchro Team is signing up for different events		
13 _____			and skates a different team make-up (such as using		
14 _____			Synchro Skating alternates in Synchro Compulsory), we		
15 _____			request, separate lists of expected starting skaters.		

Required Verifications:

Team Name: _____ Representing: _____

Event(s) _____ Age Division: _____

A. COACH VERIFICATION: *I declare the information on this form to be true and accurate. All skaters have correct individual ISI memberships. I have notified all team members that they skate at their own risk and release ISI and the home rink and their personnel from all liability. I understand that Synchronized Team entries must supply one qualified judge for a two hour block.*

I have passed the ISI Judges Certification Test Level: Gold Silver Bronze Synchro '12 Update
Signature _____

Printed Name: _____

ISI Associate # _____ Expires _____ Phone#: _____

Coach Mailing Address: _____ City State Zip _____

Coach Email Address: _____

B. TEAM LIAISON VERIFICATION: *I declare the information on this form to be true and accurate.*

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

ISI Associate # _____ Expires _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

Team Liaison's Email Address: _____

All entries and fees must be mailed by Team Liaison to:
Parade Ice Garden, ATTN: Raleigh Weld, 600 Kenwood Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55403
Email: rweld@sqsaparade.com

Entries must be postmarked no later than January 14, 2012.

Please make checks payable to: Blades of March