

Central Minnesota *Compete USA* Competition Series



We are pleased to announce the 15th annual Central Minnesota Compete USA Competition Series; an exciting skating opportunity for the Learn to Skate skater.

The Central Minnesota Compete USA Competition Series is sponsored equally by the Diamond Edge Figure Skating Club of Willmar, St. Cloud Figure Skating Club, Alexandria Figure Skating Club, Fergus Falls Skating Club, and the Vacationland Figure Skating Club. This is a Learn to Skate approved Compete USA competition series with the approval posted in each participating arena. Competition announcements and packages are available through all participating figure skating clubs and/via the club websites or at our series website www.centralminnesotaseries.org. Each competition has its own online entry forms, please make sure to read the entire announcement for details. Any questions regarding this series are to be directed to any of the contacts listed below.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of the competition is to promote a FUN, introductory, competitive experience for the beginning skater.

2024 COMPETITION LOCATIONS:

 <p style="text-align: right;">EVENT #1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LAKES AREA CLASSIC JANUARY 13, 2024 – WILLMAR, MINNESOTA REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 17, 2023 Registration at www.diamondedgeskating.com</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">EVENT #2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">GRANITE CITY COMPETE USA FEBRUARY 3, 2024 – ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 7, 2024 Registration www.stcloudfigureskatingclub.org</p>
 <p style="text-align: right;">EVENT #3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SKATE VACATIONLAND COMPETE USA COMPETITION FEBRUARY 17-18, 2024 – BRAINERD, MINNESOTA <small>(INTERPRETIVE EVENTS WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY NIGHT)</small> REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2024 Registration at www.vacationlandfigureskatingclub.com</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;">EVENT #4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FERGUS FALLS COMPETE USA MARCH 2-3, 2024 – FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA <small>(ONE BEGINNER THRU PRELIMINARY EVENT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY NIGHT)</small> REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 4, 2024 Registration at www.fergusfallsskatingclub.com</p>
 <p style="text-align: right;">EVENT #5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BATTLE OF THE BLADES MARCH 16, 2024 – ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 11, 2024 Registration at www.alexandriafigureskating.org</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.CENTRALMINNESOTASERIES.ORG OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @CENTRALMNSERIES</p>

RULES: These individual competitions will be conducted under the rules set forth by the Learn to Skate USA Competition Manual.

ELIGIBILITY RULES FOR PARTICIPANTS: The competition is open to ALL skaters who are current members of either Learn to Skate USA and/or those who are full members of U.S. Figure Skating (including Aspire). Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be a current registered member of Learn to Skate USA or a full member of U.S. Figure Skating. Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries. All **Snowplow Sam and Basic 1-6** skaters must skate at the highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including skating skills or individual dances.

It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors. Skaters should be placed at a level that challenges them appropriately while fostering and nurturing their continued growth. It is an ethical violation for coaches to sandbag an event.

COMPETITION ENTRIES AND FEES: Each individual competition has its own online registration form and a registration must be completed for each of the individual competitions being entered. All registrations will need to be completed online with a secure credit card payment. Please go to each individual club website and click the individual competition link. Online entries will be accepted until MIDNIGHT of the deadline date noted for each event. Late entries will not be accepted following the deadline date. Space may be limited by site so please submit your registrations early.

Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The first event is \$60, the second event is \$25 and the third and fourth events are \$15. Entry fees are not refundable unless the competition is cancelled. There will be a \$30.00 fee for contested credit card charges.

SERIES ENTRIES AND FEES: **Entry into the Central Minnesota Compete USA Series is OPTIONAL and not a requirement to participate in any of the hosting clubs' competitions.** To be included in the Central Minnesota Compete USA Series and eligible for the 2024 season-end awards ceremony, you must be a Central Minnesota Compete USA Series participant and pay a **ONE-TIME FEE** of \$30. You may enter the Series at any point during the season. Your points will not begin to accumulate until the **ONE-TIME FEE** is recorded. Each hosting club registration form will have a space to enter the Series and/or a check-box to acknowledge those already participating as a part of the Central Minnesota Compete USA Series to ensure points are tracked accordingly. Skaters participating in all FIVE (5) individual competitions will be eligible for a drawing for a FREE Zuca Bag.

PRACTICE ICE: No official practice ice is included in your registration fee. Practice ice will be available at each of the individual club sites for purchase. Practice ice will be 20 minutes in length and cost \$10.00. Details are provided for each competition on the individual competition online sign-up.

MUSIC: The music for all programs must be uploaded to the competition site. Skaters should have a duplicate copy of their music and appropriate adapter if needed on day of competition readily available at all event times requiring music.

JUDGING: The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used. Individual Judging Worksheets are private and will not be shared with Skating Professionals or Parents.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Information regarding groups and skating times will be emailed to you. Event schedules will be posted on each hosting clubs' website within a week prior to the competition. There will be no more than six competitors maximum in an event.

REGISTRATION: The registration table at each location will be open 1 hour before the competition begins. Skaters will not be allowed to compete until they have registered. Please register at least 45 minutes before your competition time. All schedules will be posted at each individual competition. It is the responsibility of each competitor to check the postings for official schedules and notices.

VIDEOTAPING AND PHOTOGRAPHS: Personal photography and videotaping may be done of your skater(s). No parents/spectators or skating professionals will be allowed within the judges' area of the rink.

ON-ICE RINK DOOR AREA: The area by the on-ice rink door gets very busy during a competition. No parents/spectators will be allowed in the area.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION AWARDS: All competitors will receive an award at each of the individual competitions. Skaters should report to awards immediately following the conclusion of their event. Compulsory, Spins and Interpretive event participants will be awarded medals. Freeskate event participants will be awarded a trophy.

CENTRAL MINNESOTA COMPETE USA SERIES POINT SYSTEM/AWARDS: During the competition season, skaters have the opportunity to compete at five different arenas and earn points towards a final standing. Skaters must be registered with the Central Minnesota Compete USA Series to be eligible for accumulating points.

The point system used to calculate skater points to determine Series placement will be as follows:

1 st place	6 points
2 nd place	5 points
3 rd place	4 points
4 th place	3 points
5 th place	2 points
6 th place	1 point

If an event has 2 – 6 skaters, points will be awarded as if there were six skaters in the group. If an event has only one skater, they will be awarded three points only.

In addition, a skater will earn three additional points toward their overall standing for each level of advancement throughout the duration of the series. In order to be awarded the extra three points, he/she must compete at the new level in at least one competition. All points follow the skater throughout the series, so as a skater moves up to higher levels, the points follow the skater. Once a skater moves on to a new level, they may not compete at any time at a lower level. The points for skaters moving up levels will be awarded at the conclusion of their events at the Battle of the Blades Competition in Alexandria.

Final Central Minnesota Compete USA Series trophies will be awarded for 1st through 3rd places in each level from Snowplow Sam through test levels. Skaters who place 4th and beyond will receive a participation trophy. The Central Minnesota Compete USA Series trophies are awarded to skaters based on the last level they competed in during the Central Minnesota Compete USA Series. Final trophies will be handed at the conclusion of events throughout the Alexandria Battle of the Blades Competition held on March 16, 2024. You need not be present at the season-end ceremony to receive your award.

CENTRAL MINNESOTA COMPETE USA SERIES TRAVELING TEAM TROPHY: The traveling team trophy will be awarded to the figure skating club with the most combined series skater entries throughout the Series competitions. This is open to any figure skating club participating in the series at each individual competition and is not limited to the five hosting sites. The current traveling team trophy winner is the Diamond Edge Figure Skating Club for having the most series participants during the 2023 skating season.

QUESTIONS: Your questions and concerns are important to us so please feel free to get in touch with any of the contacts listed regarding individual competitions or participation in the Series. You can visit our website at www.centralminnesotaseries.org or contact any of the following Series organizers:

Lakes Area Classic: Beth Fischer | Email: diamondedgefsc@outlook.com
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Skate Vacationland: Megan Bistodeau 218-330-5633 | Email: skatevacationland@gmail.com

Fergus Falls Compete USA: Traci Finseth 218-332-0196 | Email: ffscopsdirector@gmail.com

Battle of the Blades: Nicole Arvidson 218-639-7880 | Email: info@alexandriafigureskating.org
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Event Name	Central Minnesota Compete USA Competition Series
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Competition Dates	Lakes Area Classic - Willmar, MN: January 13, 2024 Granite City Compete USA - St Cloud, MN: February 3, 2024 Skate Vacationland Compete USA - Brainerd, MN: February 17-18, 2024 Fergus Falls Compete USA - Fergus Falls, MN: March 2-3, 2024 Battle of the Blades - Alexandria, MN: March 16, 2024
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Series Website	http://www.centralminnesotaseries.org
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Judging	6.0	Requirements	January 1-June 30, 2024
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Event Cost	1st Event - \$60	2nd Event - \$25	3rd Event - \$15	4th Event - \$15
Series Fee	\$30			

Competition Events - Eligible for Series Points	
Snowplow Sam -Basic 6 Elements	Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music
Aspire 1-4 Compulsory Moves	Aspire 1-4 Program w/Music
Excel Compulsory Moves	Excel Free-Skate (Pre-Preliminary-Preliminary Plus)
	No-Test-Preliminary Free Skate
Competition Events - Not Eligible for Series Points	
Compete USA - Spins Challenge	Interpretive