

# Central Minnesota *Compete USA* Competition Series



We are pleased to announce the 9<sup>th</sup> 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 joining us in 2018, 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](http://www.centralminnesotaseries.org). Each competition has its own online entry/paper 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.

## COMPETITION LOCATIONS:

 <p style="text-align: right;"><b>EVENT #1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LAKES AREA CLASSIC</b> <b>JANUARY 13, 2018 – WILLMAR, MINNESOTA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18, 2017</b> (PAPER REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 13, 2017)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registration <a href="http://www.diamondedgeskating.com">www.diamondedgeskating.com</a> Dawn Bergh, PO Box 204, Willmar, MN 56201</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;"><b>EVENT #2</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GRANITE CITY COMPETE USA</b> <b>JANUARY 27, 2018 – ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 9, 2018</b> (PAPER REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 4, 2018)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registration <a href="http://www.stcloudfigureskatingclub.org">www.stcloudfigureskatingclub.org</a> Janelle Honer, 441 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, St. Joseph, MN 56374</p>
 <p style="text-align: right;"><b>EVENT #3</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SKATE VACATIONLAND COMPETE USA COMPETITION</b> <b>FEBRUARY 18, 2018 – BRAINERD, MINNESOTA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 30, 2018</b> (PAPER REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 25, 2018)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Registration <a href="http://www.vacationlandfigureskatingclub.com">www.vacationlandfigureskatingclub.com</a> PO Box 173, Brainerd, MN 56401</p>	 <p style="text-align: right;"><b>EVENT #4</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FERGUS FALLS COMPETE USA</b> <b>MARCH 9-10, 2018 – FERGUS FALLS, MINNESOTA</b> (ONE BEGINNER THRU PRELIMINARY EVENT WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY NIGHT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 10, 2018</b> (PAPER REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 3, 2018)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.fergusfallsskatingclub.com">www.fergusfallsskatingclub.com</a> Laura Dewey, 11640 150<sup>th</sup> Ave, Campbell, MN 56522</p>
 <p style="text-align: right;"><b>EVENT #5</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BATTLE OF THE BLADES</b> <b>MARCH 17, 2018 – ALEXANDRIA, MINNESOTA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 22, 2018</b> (PAPER REGISTRATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 17, 2018)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://WWW.ALEXANDRIAFIGURESKATING.ORG">WWW.ALEXANDRIAFIGURESKATING.ORG</a> PO Box 471, ALEXANDRIA, MN 56308</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT OUR WEBSITE</b> <b>AT <a href="http://WWW.CENTRALMINNESOTASERIES.ORG">WWW.CENTRALMINNESOTASERIES.ORG</a></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK @CENTRALMNSERIES</b></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 eligible (ER 1.00) members of either the Learn to Skate USA program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Learn to Skate USA program/club or any other Learn to Skate USA program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of closing date of entries. All SNOWFLOW SAM AND LEARN TO SKATE USA SKATERS THROUGH BASIC 6 must skate at highest level passed or one level higher and NO official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed including Moves in the Field or individual dances. Skaters in other events may skate at highest level passed OR one level higher BUT not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

*It is very important to the success of the competition that skaters are placed in the correct divisions. If, for whatever reason, the Local Organizing Committee discovers that a skater has been placed in a category that is below his/her class level, the chairman and referee will have the option to move the skater into the proper division, even if this has to be done the day of the competition. This will ensure that every event is as fair as possible to the competitors.*

**COMPETITION ENTRIES AND FEES:** Each individual competition has its own registration form and a registration form must be completed for each of the individual competitions being entered. On-line entry with secure credit card payment is the preferred method of registration. Please go to each individual club website and click the individual competition link. On-line entries will be accepted until MIDNIGHT of the deadline date noted for each event (see cover page of this announcement and/or individual registration forms per site). Paper entry forms will be accepted but must be POSTMARKED by the deadline date noted for each event (see cover page of this announcement and/or individual registration forms per site). PLEASE NOTE: Paper ENTRY FORMS MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY AND LEGIBLY and returned with a check made payable to the hosting club. Late entries will not be accepted following the deadline date. Space may be limited by site so please submit your registrations in early.

Entry fees are per person, U.S. dollars. The first event is \$40; second event \$20; and third event \$15. Entry fees are not refundable. There will be a \$30.00 fee for returned checks and 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 2018 season end awards ceremony, you must be a Central Minnesota Compete USA Series participant and pay a **ONE-TIME FEE** of \$25. 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. Each Series participant will receive a Central Minnesota Compete USA Series collector's pin. Skaters participating in all FIVE (5) individual competitions will be eligible for a drawing for a FREE Zuca Frame and Bag. New this year – each competition will have a prize drawing for Series Skaters participating in their individual competition.

**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. Details are provided for each competition on the attached registration forms and/or via the on-line individual competition online sign up. Additional details regarding practice ice will be provided by email, in a mailing, or on the hosts' website prior to each of the competition dates.

**MUSIC:** The music for all free skating programs must be provided on CD's by the skater. CD's should contain only one track of the competition music, be clearly marked with the name of the skater, event entered and length of music (not skating time). Due to compatibility and reliability reasons re-recordable (CD/RW) discs will not be accepted. The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. Time duration is always +/- 10 seconds. CDs must be clean and in a jewel case. A duplicate CD should be readily available at all event times requiring music. Music may be picked up at the registration table following each event AND NOT BEFORE. Every reasonable care will be taken, but hosting clubs cannot be responsible for CDs left at the end of the competition.

**JUDGING SYSTEM:** The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:** Information regarding groups and skating times will be emailed to you *or* mailed if you provide a self-addressed stamped envelope. Event schedules will be posted on each hosting clubs website within a week prior to the competition.

**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 30 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.

**VIDEO TAPING 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.

**INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION AWARDS:** All competitors will receive an award at each of the individual competitions. All events are final rounds with awards handed out at appropriate times throughout the competition and a podium available for group and individual photos. Compulsory and Interpretive event participants will be awarded with 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. Each event will have a maximum of six skaters.

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

1 <sup>st</sup> place	6 points
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	5 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	4 points
4 <sup>th</sup> place	3 points
5 <sup>th</sup> place	2 points
6 <sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each level from Snowplow Sam through test levels. Skaters who place 4<sup>th</sup> and beyond will receive a participation trophy. The Central Minnesota Compete USA Series trophies are awarded to skaters based on their 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 17, 2018. 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 four hosting sites. The current traveling team trophy earner is the Diamond Edge Figure Skating Club for having the most series participants during the 2017 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](http://www.centralminnesotaseries.org) or contact any of the following Series organizers:

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