

## SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6 ELEMENTS

Format choice of the host: Each skater will perform each element when directed by a judge or referee or have the option to perform one element at a time in the order listed below (no excessive connecting steps). Referee driven format examples: all skaters perform first element before moving on to the next and so on, or each skater performs all of the required elements before moving on to the next skater.

- To be skated on 1/3 to 1/2 ice.
- No music.
- **All elements must be skated in the order listed.**

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Snowplow Sam	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March followed by a two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> <li>• Forward snowplow stop</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 1	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>• Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 2	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward one-foot glide, either foot</li> <li>• Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> <li>• Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>• Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward</li> <li>• Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 3	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>• Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Forward slalom</li> <li>• Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot</li> <li>• Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> </ul>
Basic 4	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward one-foot glides, right and left</li> <li>• Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>• Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions</li> <li>• Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 2-4 revolutions</li> <li>• Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only</li> </ul>
Basic 5	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions</li> <li>• Advanced two-foot spin, maximum 4-6 revolutions</li> <li>• Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Hockey stop</li> </ul>
Basic 6	1:00 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Bunny Hop</li> <li>• Forward spiral on a straight line, right or left</li> <li>• Beginning one-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions, optional free leg held position and entry</li> <li>• T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>

## SNOWPLOW SAM – BASIC 6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times the element is executed or length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise specified.

- To be skated on full ice.
- The skater may use elements from a previous level.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Snowplow Sam	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March followed by a two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 2-3 in a row</li> <li>• Forward snowplow stop</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 2-6 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 1	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward two-foot glide and dip</li> <li>• Forward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> <li>• Beginning snowplow stop on two-feet or one-foot</li> <li>• Backward wiggles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 2	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward one-foot glide, either foot</li> <li>• Scooter pushes, right and left foot, 2-3 each foot</li> <li>• Moving snowplow stop</li> <li>• Two-foot turn in place, forward to backward</li> <li>• Backward two-foot swizzles, 6-8 in a row</li> </ul>
Basic 3	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginning forward stroking showing correct use of blade</li> <li>• Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise, 4-6 consecutive</li> <li>• Forward slalom</li> <li>• Beginning backward one-foot glide, either foot</li> <li>• Moving forward to backward two-foot turn on a circle</li> </ul>
Basic 4	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward one-foot glides, right and left</li> <li>• Forward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counter clockwise</li> <li>• Forward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions</li> <li>• Beginning two-foot spin, maximum 2-4 revolutions</li> <li>• Backward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, one direction only</li> </ul>
Basic 5	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside edge on a circle, clockwise or counterclockwise</li> <li>• Backward crossovers, 4-6 consecutive, both directions</li> <li>• Advanced two-foot spin, maximum 4-6 revolutions</li> <li>• Forward outside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Hockey stop</li> </ul>
Basic 6	1:10 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside three-turn, right and left</li> <li>• Bunny Hop</li> <li>• Forward spiral on a straight line, right or left</li> <li>• Beginning one-foot spin, 2-4 revolutions, optional free leg held position and entry</li> <li>• T-stop, right or left</li> </ul>

## PRE-FREE SKATE – FREE SKATE 6 COMPULSORY

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music is allowed.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time: 1:15 maximum

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre-Free Skate	1:15 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward inside open Mohawk from a standstill position (R to L and L to R)</li> <li>• Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position (minimum three revolutions)</li> <li>• Mazurka</li> <li>• Waltz jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 1	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power stroking, 4-6 consecutive strokes</li> <li>• Backward outside three-turns, right and left</li> <li>• Upright spin, entry from backward crossovers - minimum 4-6 revolutions</li> <li>• Toe loop</li> <li>• Half flip jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 2	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating forward outside and inside spirals on a continuous axis (2 sets)</li> <li>• Backward inside three-turns, right and left</li> <li>• Beginning back spin, up to two revolutions</li> <li>• Half Lutz</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 3	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Waltz three-turns, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, min 3 revs</li> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Waltz jump/toe loop or Salchow/toe loop jump combination</li> </ul>
Free Skate 4	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>• Sit spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Half loop jump</li> <li>• Flip jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 5	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions</li> <li>• Camel spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Waltz jump-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Lutz jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 6	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power pulls, right and left</li> <li>• Split jump or stag jump</li> <li>• Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four revolutions total</li> <li>• Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence</li> <li>• Beginning Axel jump</li> </ul>

## PRE-FREE SKATE – FREE SKATE 6 PROGRAM WITH MUSIC

Format: The skating order of the required elements is optional. The elements are not restricted as to the number of times an element is executed, length of glides, number of revolutions, etc., unless otherwise stated. Connecting steps and transitions should be demonstrated throughout the program.

- To be skated on full ice.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use but is not required to use any additional elements from previous levels. Bonus skills from the same level or below are allowed but will not be judged elements.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- Time 1:40 max.

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Pre-Free Skate	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two forward crossovers into a forward inside Mohawk, step down and cross behind, step into one backward crossover and step to a forward inside edge, clockwise and counterclockwise</li> <li>• One-foot upright spin, optional entry and free-foot position (minimum three revolutions)</li> <li>• Mazurka</li> <li>• Waltz jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 1	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power stroking, 4-6 consecutive strokes</li> <li>• Upright spin, entry from backward crossovers - minimum 4-6 revolutions</li> <li>• Toe loop jump</li> <li>• Half flip jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 2	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating forward outside and inside spirals on a continuous axis (2 sets)</li> <li>• Beginning back spin, up to two revolutions</li> <li>• Half Lutz</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 3	1:40 max	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternating Mohawk/crossover sequence, right to left and left to right</li> <li>• Advanced back spin with free foot in crossed leg position, min 3 revs</li> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Waltz jump-toe loop or Salchow-toe loop jump combination</li> </ul>
Free Skate 4	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forward power 3's, 2-3 consecutive sets, right or left</li> <li>• Sit spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Half Loop jump</li> <li>• Flip jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 5	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backward outside three-turn, Mohawk (backward power three-turn), both directions</li> <li>• Camel spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Waltz-loop jump combination</li> <li>• Lutz jump</li> </ul>
Free Skate 6	1:40 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Split jump or stag jump</li> <li>• Camel, sit spin combination - minimum of four revolutions total</li> <li>• Waltz jump, ½ loop, Salchow jump sequence</li> <li>• Beginning Axel jump</li> </ul>

## INTRODUCTORY LEVELS COMPULSORY

Format: In simple program form, using a limited number of connecting steps, the skating order of the required elements is optional.

- To be skated on ½ ice.
- No music is allowed.
- The skater must demonstrate the required elements and may use any additional elements from previous levels.
- A 0.2 deduction will be taken for each element performed from a higher level.
- *Skaters may have the option to skate one level higher in compulsories than their free skate program.*

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waltz jump</li> <li>• ½ jump of choice</li> <li>• Forward two-foot or one-foot spin - minimum three revolutions (free leg position optional)</li> <li>• Forward or backward spiral</li> </ul>
High Beginner	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toe loop jump</li> <li>• Salchow jump</li> <li>• Forward scratch spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Forward or backward spiral</li> </ul>

## INTRODUCTORY LEVELS FREE SKATE PROGRAM

General event parameters:

- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.
- Minimum number of spin revolutions are in parentheses following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Beginner 1:40 Maximum	Max. 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front).</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same jump</li> </ul>	Max. 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two upright spins, no change of foot, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests
High Beginner 1:40 Maximum	Max. 5 jump elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with no more than one-half rotation (front to back or back to front including half-loop)</li> <li>• Single rotation jumps: Salchow and toe loop only.</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump.</li> </ul>	Max. 2 spins: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two upright spins, change of foot optional, no flying entry (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating Learn to Skate USA free skating badge tests

## WELL BALANCED LEVELS COMPULSORY

General event parameters:

- Elements skated on ½ ice
- Elements may be performed only once
- No music is allowed

Level	Time	Skating rules/standards
No-Test	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loop jump</li> <li>• Jump combination to include a toe loop (may not use a loop or Axel)</li> <li>• Solo spin - sit <u>or</u> camel spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Spiral sequence, must include a forward and backward spiral. Additional spirals and balance moves may be included.</li> </ul>
Pre-Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Toe Loop jump</li> <li>• Jump combination: single/single (no Axel)</li> <li>• Sit spin or camel spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Spiral sequence with one forward spiral and one backward spiral (any edge)</li> </ul>
Preliminary	1:15 max.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lutz jump</li> <li>• Jump combination: single/single (may include Axel)</li> <li>• Back upright spin - minimum three revolutions</li> <li>• Forward inside spiral</li> </ul>

## WELL BALANCED FREE SKATE PROGRAM

### General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or skate up to one level higher.

Level	Time	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences
No-Test	1:40 Maximum	<p><b>Max 5 Jump Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All single jumps allowed except for the single Axel               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No single Axels, double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed</li> <li>○ Number of single jumps (except single Axels) is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps</p>	<p><b>Max 2 Spins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>• Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>• Min 3 revs.</li> </ul> <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</p>	<p><b>Max 1 Sequence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step Sequence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must use one-half the ice surface</li> <li>○ Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>○ Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Pre-Preliminary	1:40 Maximum	<p><b>Max 5 Jump Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No double, triple or quadruple jumps allowed</li> <li>○ Axel may be repeated once as a solo jump or part of a jump sequence or jump combination (maximum of 2 single Axels)</li> <li>○ Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Max 2 jump combinations or jump sequences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one 3-jump combination with a maximum of 3 single jumps is allowed                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single jumps</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Max 2 Spins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>• Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>• Min 3 revs.</li> </ul> <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</p>	<p><b>Max 1 Sequence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step Sequence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must use one-half the ice surface</li> <li>○ Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>○ Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Preliminary	1:30 +/- 10 seconds	<p><b>Max 5 Jump Elements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 must be an Axel-type jump or a waltz jump*</li> <li>• All single jumps, including the single Axel, allowed. Only 2 different double jumps may be attempted (limited to double Salchow, double toe loop and double loop)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Double flip, double Lutz, double Axel, triple and quadruple jumps not allowed</li> <li>○ An Axel plus up to two different, allowable double jumps may be repeated once (but not more) as solo jumps or part of a jump sequence or jump combination</li> <li>○ Number of single jumps is not limited provided the maximum number of jump elements allowed is not exceeded</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Max 2 jump combinations or sequences               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jump combinations limited to 2 jumps except that one three jump combination with a maximum of 2 double jumps and 1 single jump is allowed                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jump sequences limited to a maximum of 3 single or double jumps</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Max 2 Spins</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spins may change feet and/or position</li> <li>• Spins may start with a flying entry</li> <li>• Min 3 revs.</li> </ul> <p>These spins must be of a different character (For definition see U.S. Figure Skating rule 4103 (E))</p>	<p><b>Max 1 Sequence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step Sequence               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Must use one-half the ice surface</li> <li>○ Moves in the field and spiral sequences are allowed but will not be counted as elements</li> <li>○ Jumps may be included in the step sequence</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## TEST TRACK FREE SKATE

### General event parameters:

- Skaters may not enter both a Well Balanced Free Skate event and a Test Track Free Skate event at the same nonqualifying competition.
- Skaters will skate to the music of their choice.
- Level will be determined by the highest free skate test passed. Skaters may compete at the highest level they have passed, or “skate up” to one level higher.
- Minimum number of spin revolutions are in ( ) following the spin description. Revolutions must be in position.
- The following deductions will be taken:  
0.1 from each mark for each technical element included that is not permitted in the event description.  
0.2 from the technical mark for each extra element included.  
0.1 from the technical mark for any spin that is less than the required minimum revolutions.

Level	Jumps	Spins	Step Sequences	Qualifications
Pre-Preliminary 1:40 maximum	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with not more than one-half rotation (<i>front to back or back to front including half-loop</i>)</li> <li>• Single rotation jumps: Salchow, toe loop and loop only.</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two spins of a different nature, one position only. No change of foot, no flying entry. (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul>	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters may not have passed tests higher than U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test
Preliminary 1:30 +/- 10 sec.	<i>Maximum of 5 jump elements:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jumps with not more than one rotation (no Axels).</li> <li>• Max. 2 jump combinations or sequences</li> <li>• Max. 2 of any same type jump</li> </ul>	<i>Maximum of 2 spins:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One spin in one position; no change of foot, no flying entry. (Min. 3 revolutions)</li> </ul> One spin consisting of a front scratch to back scratch; exit on spinning foot not mandatory. (Min. 3 revolutions per foot)	Connecting moves and steps should be demonstrated throughout the program	Skaters must have passed at least the U.S. Figure Skating pre-preliminary free skate test but may not have passed tests higher than the preliminary free skate test



## **INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM:**

Each site will be offering an Interpretive Showcase event that is not eligible for series points but will be recognized with medals at each individual competition.

### **Competition Format**

The host competition will pre-select and edit musical choices appropriate for these events. During the warm-up, skaters will hear the selection of music twice. Following the warm-up, all skaters except for the first skater will be escorted to a soundproof locker room or another area of the arena. The first skater will hear the music one more time and then perform a program to the music. As each skater performs, the next skater in line will be allowed to hear the music for the third time before they perform to the music. The listening skater will not be allowed to view the performing skater.

**Levels:** Levels should be broken by ability with ages divided appropriately.

**Judging Rules:** Skaters are judged on originality, pattern, technical (the ability to include jumps and spins) and music interpretation/expression.

Spins and jumps performed must be appropriate to competition level.

**Time:** Music Duration: Basic 4 – Basic 6: 1:00 Max  
Pre-Free Skate - No Test: 1:00 Max  
Pre-Preliminary - Preliminary: 1:00 Max

**Coaching:** There is to be no instruction allowed during this event from coaches, parents, or fellow skaters. Staging area must be kept clear except for ice monitor and listening competitor.