



THE BUFFALO SKATING CLUB
Presents the
31st BIENNIAL
NIAGARA INVITATIONAL COMPETITION
&
Buffalo Skating Club Basic Skills Event

March 26- 28, 2010

TO BE HELD AT
BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE SPORTS ARENA
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Sanctions pending by: US Figure Skating and Skate Canada
Entry Deadline: February 26th, 2010

Events include:
Freestyle, Short Program, Adult events, Compulsory Events, Solo Dances,
Footwork, Showcase, Synchronized Skating & Basic Skills

FOR INFORMATION E-MAIL
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Applications available on line at: www.buffaloskatingclub.org

The Niagara Invitational Competition is open to all eligible skaters who are members in good standing with US Figure Skating or Skate Canada.

US Figure Skating rules for non-qualifying competitions, as set forth in the 2009-2010 US Figure Skating Rulebook, shall apply. The new *IJS judging system will be used for all short programs & Juvenile through Senior freestyle* (except Open Juvenile) all other events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.



BUFFALO SKATING CLUB - BASIC SKILLS EVENT

ELIGIBILITY

The 31st Biennial Niagara Invitational Basic Skills Event is open to all eligible skaters who are members in good standing with US Figure Skating or with Skate Canada. Categories determined by age and/or test passed as of **February 26th, 2010**. Large events will be separated into flights with separate awards for each flight. Skaters may choose to skate in any category for which they qualify. Skaters may not compete below their test level.

ENTRIES

Entries must be filled out completely and legibly to be accepted and postmarked no later than **February 26th, 2010**. The competition chairperson reserves the right to cancel an event if there are less than 3 entrants (with full refund of entry fee), and to combine and divide groups.

Entries should be mailed to: Ann-Marie Hilton
 Niagara Invitational
 11 Louise Drive
 Cheektowaga, NY 14227

ENTRY FEES

All entry fees must accompany application and be made out to: **The Buffalo Skating Club**. All checks and/or money orders must be in US FUNDS ONLY. Late applications are subject to a \$25.00 late fee and will only be accepted upon available time and space. No refunds will be issued after the close of entries (including medical) unless an event has been cancelled (Per Rule CR33.05). Returned checks are subject to a \$25.00 service fee. Entry fees are as follows:

FEES: \$25.00 per skater, per event

REGISTRATION

A registration desk will be open throughout the competition, located on the second floor of the Buffalo State College Sports Arena. Competitors should arrive approximately one hour prior to their designated skate time and register promptly upon arrival. Events will not be delayed for late arriving skaters.

AWARDS

Medals will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Ribbons will be awarded for all other participants.

RESULTS

Results will be available at the registration desk after each event for \$0.25 per copy.

FACILITIES

All events will take place at the Buffalo State College Sports Arena, 1300 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14222. The ice surface is 200' x 85' with rounded corners. A snack bar and dressing rooms are available. Various vendors will be on hand selling dresses, t-shirts, pictures, videos and more.

SCHEDULE

As soon as possible after registration a tentative schedule of events and information regarding practice ice will be posted on the BSC website: www.buffaloskatingclub.org. If you would like a schedule mailed to you please add an additional \$1.00 to total fees.

INQUIRIES

The preferred method of contact is via e-mail to niagarainvitational@yahoo.com.

Ann-Marie Hilton
716-390-2129

Information will also be posted on the Buffalo Skating Club's website at: www.buffaloskatingclub.org

BUFFALO SKATING CLUB
31st BIENNIAL NIAGARA INVITATIONAL
BASIC SKILLS EVENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

The following events are for skaters working on the US Figure Skating / Skate Canada badges who have not passed US Figure Skating / Skate Canada Pre-Preliminary Freestyle, Preliminary MIF, Freestyle 1 or higher tests. Canadian skaters use the equivalent of CANSKATE level. Skaters may enter at their last-passed level only, as of the closing date of entries. Skaters will be directed by the judge in charge which element to skate. Skaters will use one-third to one-half of the ice surface.

| CATEGORY | ELEMENTS | REQUIREMENTS |
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| SNOWPLOW SAM - TOTS (CANSKATE Stage 1) | 1. March followed by a two foot glide and dip 2. Forward two foot swizzles 2-3 in a row 3. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles 2-6 in a row | Not passed Basic 2 5 years or under |
| BASIC SKILLS LEVEL 1 (CANSKATE Stage 2) | 1. Forward two foot glide 2. Forward two foot swizzles 6 -8 in a row 3. Forward snowplow stop 4. Backward wiggles 6-8 in a row | Not passed Basic 2 |
| BASIC SKILLS LEVEL 2 (CANSKATE Stage 3) | 1. Forward one foot glide - either foot 2. Forward alternating ½ swizzle pumps, in a straight line -across width of ice 3. Two foot turn in place forward to backward 4. Backward two foot swizzles 6 - 8 in a row 5. Moving snowplow stop | Not passed Basic 3 |
| BASIC SKILLS LEVEL 3 (CANSKATE Stage 4) | 1. Forward stroking 2. Forward ½ swizzle pumps on a circle, either clockwise or counter clockwise 6 – 8 consecutive 3. Moving forward to backward two foot turn - either direction 4. Backward one foot glide - either foot 5. Two foot spin | Not passed Basic 4 |
| BASIC SKILLS LEVEL 4 (CANSKATE Stage 5) | 1. Forward outside three turn - R & L from a standstill 2. Forward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counter clockwise 3. Forward crossovers 6-8 consecutive both directions 4. Backward stroking 5. Backward snowplow stop - R or L | Not passed Basic 5 |
| BASIC SKILLS LEVEL 5 (CANSKATE Stage 6) | 1. Backward outside edge on a circle clockwise or counterclockwise 2. Backward crossovers 6-8 consecutive - both directions 3. One foot spin - minimum of three revolutions 4. Hockey stop 5. Side Toe hop -either direction | Not passed Basic 6 |
| BASIC SKILLS LEVEL 6 | 1. Forward inside three turn - R & L from a standstill 2. Bunny Hop 3. Forward spiral on a straight line - R or L 4. Lunge - R or L 5. T-stop - R or L | Not passed Basic 7 |
| BASIC SKILLS LEVEL 7 | 1. Forward inside open Mohawk - R to L and L to R 2. Ballet Jump - either direction 3. Back crossovers to a back outside edge landing position clockwise <u>and</u> counter clockwise 4. Forward inside pivot | Not passed Basic 8 |
| BASIC SKILLS LEVEL 8 | 1. Moving forward outside or forward inside three turns R & L 2. Waltz jump 3. Mazurka - either direction 4. Combination move - clockwise or counter clockwise – two forward crossovers into FI Mohawk, step behind, step into one back crossover and step to a forward inside edge 5. Beginning one-foot upright spin - optional free foot position | Not passed Freestyle 1 |

**31st BIENNIAL NIAGARA INVITATIONAL
BASIC SKILLS ENTRY FORM
ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY: February 26th, 2010**

Please Print or Type

Skaters Name: _____ Sex: M F

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-Mail Address: _____

MUST BE COMPLETED: Age: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____

Highest test passed: Basic Skills Level: _____

USFS or Skate Canada Basic Skills #: _____ Home Club: _____

PLEASE ENTER ME IN THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- Snowplow Sam - Tots (age 5 and under)
- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Level 4
- Level 5
- Level 6
- Level 7
- Level 8

ENTRY FEES: IN U.S. FUNDS ONLY

First Event: \$25.00 \$ _____
Schedule \$1.00 \$ _____
Total \$ _____

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Buffalo Skating Club

MAIL ENTRY TO:
Ann-Marie Hilton
11 Louise Drive
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER THE ENTRY DEADLINE UNLESS AN EVENT IS CANCELLED.

CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY:

Approval is hereby given to _____ who is a member in good standing of this Club and is an amateur in accordance with the rules of US Figure Skating and Skate Canada and to the best of my knowledge is eligible to enter the specified event. NOTE: Neither the BUFFALO SKATING CLUB nor the management of the Buffalo State Ice Arena assumes responsibility for injuries sustained by any competitor during this competition or practice attended thereto.

Club: _____

Club Officer/Program Director Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Coach's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Date Rcvd: _____ Amount: _____ Check#: _____