



2011 DR. RICHARD PORTER SYNCHRONIZED SKATING CLASSIC

This event is proud to participate in the Midwestern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series result

Sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating and Skate Canada

The Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club will host the 16th annual Dr. Richard Porter Classic at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Saturday Dec. 3, 2011 and Sunday Dec. 4, 2011. Practice ice will be available beginning late Friday morning. This competition has been sanctioned by United States Figure Skating and Skate Canada and will be conducted in accordance with the rules set forth in the 2010-2011 edition of the United States Figure Skating rulebook. Particular note should be taken of these sections:

- Rule 3080: Eligibility to compete
- Rule 1450: Events to be skated
- Rules 4660-4791: Requirements for each level
- Rule 3530: Duration and Warm-up Periods of Synchronized Team Skating
- Rule 3560: Clothing - Synchronized Team Skating
- Novice skate will follow USFS guidelines which are included in this announcement.

Applications: Applications must be completed using the Entry Forms and emailed to entry@portersynchroclassic.com no later than **September 30, 2011**. A hard copy of Form A (Application), Form C (Liability Waiver), and your check must be mailed to Mary Reilly postmarked no later than **September 30, 2011**. Forms are available at www.portersynchroclassic.com. **There will be a maximum number of entries allowed in each division and once that limit is reached, teams may be placed on a wait list for entry into the competition.** Your team will be notified of its placement/status on the wait list if need be. Please note that senior events will likely end each day's competition.

Please mail Form P, Form C, Form D (if applicable) and your check to:

Mary Reilly (*Please do not use a mail option that requires a signature.*)
1725 Franklin St.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Fees:

- **Junior and Senior Division only:** Entry fee is \$1,100 and includes short program, free skate, one official practice for the short program and one official practice for the free skate.
- **IJS division teams:** intermediate, novice, collegiate, adult: Entry fee is \$125 per team plus \$23 per competitor, including alternates.
- **Non- IJS divisions:** Entry fee is \$120 per team plus \$22 per competitor, including alternates.
- **Beginner division:** Entry fee is \$55 per team, plus \$10 per competitor.

All fees are due when applications are submitted and must be payable in U.S. Dollars only.

Please make checks payable to: **Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club**



SECTION 1: BASIC SKILLS / BEGINNER EVENTS

For all events: No skaters may have passed higher than the preliminary test in any discipline, and the majority of the team must be "no test."

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

A. Basic Skills Beginner 1

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 on the preceding July 1.

Program duration: 1 ½ - 2minutes +/- 10 sec.

Required elements:

- Circle:** 1 circle, include a 2-foot turn and a forward inside and/or forward outside edge glide
- Line:** Cover the ice and include only forward skating skills.
- Block:** Cover the ice and include only one configuration.
- Wheel:** A 4-spoke wheel with backward pumps.
- Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 2-foot glide at the point of intersection.

RESTRICTIONS:

- No additional elements allowed.
- Holds may only include shoulder-to-shoulder and hand-to-hand.
- No changes or direction and traveling within elements.
- No steps or moves in Basic 6 or higher.

B. Basic Skills Beginner 2

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be 9 – 11 years old on the preceding July 1.

Program duration: 1 ½ - 2minutes +/- 10 sec.

Required elements:

- Circle:** 1 circle, include the combination move* from Basic 8
- Line:** Cover the ice may include both forward and backward skating skills.
- Block:** Cover the ice and include 1 or 2 configurations.
- Wheel:** Wheel of choice with backward pumps.
- Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 2-foot or 1-foot glide at the point of intersection.

RESTRICTIONS:

- No additional elements allowed.
- Holds may only include shoulder-to-shoulder and hand-to-hand
- No changes or direction and traveling within elements.
- No steps or moves in Free Skate 2 or higher.

C. Basic Skills Beginner 3

A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old on the preceding July 1

Program duration: 2–2 ½ minutes +/- 10 sec.

Required elements:

- Circle:** 1 circle, include the combination move* from Basic 8
- Line:** Cover the ice must include both forward and backward skating skills.
- Block:** Cover the ice and include 2 or 3 configurations.
- Wheel:** Wheel of choice.
- Intersection:** 2 lines facing each other, forward 1-foot glide or forward lunge at the point of intersection.

RESTRICTIONS:

- No changes or direction and traveling within elements.

* The combination move is element C in Basic 8: Two forward crossovers into a forward inside mohawk, step down or cross behind, step into a backward crossover, step forward onto a forward inside edge glide. It does not need to be repeated, and does not need to be done in both directions.

These levels are part of the U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills program. Basic Skills competition guidelines will be used. There will be no more than 6 teams in each group, and judges must only be members of U.S. Figure Skating at least 16 years old. If there are not enough entries, Beginner 1 and Beginner 2 can be combined, at the discretion of the chief referee.



SECTION 2: U.S. FIGURE SKATING STANDARD COMPETITIVE EVENTS

** New rules adopted at the 2010 Governing Council are underlined.*

- A. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4710
- C. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12 on the preceding July 1.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4760
- D. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4770
- E. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 13 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4700
- F. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4690
- G. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17, on the preceding July 1 and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4680
- H. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 12 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 4670
- I. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 14 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 4660
- J. Open Collegiate** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4790
- K. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 4720

L. Open Adult: A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be 19 years or older on the preceding July 1.
 Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
 Well balanced program: Rule 4780

M. Masters: A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 35 on the preceding July 1.
 Program duration: 3 minutes.
 Well balanced program: Rule 4740

N. Adult: A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
 Program duration: 3 ½ minutes
 Well balanced program: Rule 4730

: Minimum moves in the field test levels are not being required at this competition.

Crossover Rules:

No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes that are skating on the ice at any given competition.

The chart below illustrates the levels where crossover skaters are allowed. The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An “X” indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined Rules 4660 – 4791, in addition to the statement above.

Level Athlete is Skating In	Preliminary	Pre - Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Masters	Adult
Preliminary													
Pre - Juvenile													
Open Juvenile													
Juvenile					X	X							
Intermediate				X	X	X	X						
Novice				X	X		X	X					
Junior					X	X		X		X			
Senior					X	X	X			X			X
Open Collegiate													
Collegiate							X	X					X
Open Adult													
Masters													X
Adult								X		X		X	

4680-4681 Novice Team Requirements Well-Balanced Free Skate

A well-balanced novice free skate must contain the following nine elements:

- A. One block element
- B. One circle element
- C. One intersection element
- D. One line element
- E. One wheel element
- F. One movement in isolation (one free skate move or one free skate element)
- G. One no hold step sequence
- H. One block step sequence
- I. One circle step sequence

Awards: Awards will be made on a basis of final round placement. All team members of teams placing first through fourth will be awarded medals. Trophies will be awarded to the first place team in the Junior combined event and the Senior combined event.

Registration: The registration desk will be in the downstairs area of the arena beginning at noon on Friday. The coach or representative of each team must register and pick up their team packet. At this time they should also turn in both their music CDs. Coaches need to check in at registration with their proper USFS/PSA identification... All coaches **MUST** have their registration/id lanyard on them to accompany their team to the ice.

The Venue: The Ann Arbor Ice Cube is a multiple-surface facility. Two rinks are being used ~ Stadium which measures 85ft. x200 ft and Olympic which measures 100ft. x 200ft. All IJS and some 6.0 events will be skated on the Stadium Rink, and beginner and some 6.0 events will be skated on the Olympic rink.

Practice Ice:

Official practice ice is a ten minute (short program) or twelve minute (F/S program) monitored ice segment for an IJS event. Ice will be assigned in a block by level, and by the LOC. Official practice ice will generally be scheduled the day before the division competes. Junior and Senior official practice ice will occur the morning of the competition and will be scheduled based on skate order. Please arrange your travel accordingly as arrival time will not be a consideration for IJS practice ice scheduling.

At your Official practice ice, the team is obliged to skate the entire program (short or f/s) either in one entire run-through or two halves. The music will be played twice. No stopping of music once it has started.

Official practice will be scheduled in the following blocks. If you are requesting official practice ice please make sure you will arrive in time.

Intermediate:	2 to 7pm Friday
Novice:	5 to 10pm Friday
Adult:	8 to 11pm Friday
Collegiate:	8 to 11pm Saturday (immediately following competition)
Junior/Senior Short:	7 to 11am Saturday
Junior/Senior F/S:	7 to 11am Sunday

Unofficial Practice Ice is any practice session that is not monitored – (i.e. 6.0 events and IJS extra sessions) and is 12 minutes in length. Practice ice segments will be available from noon until midnight on a first-come first served basis using the enclosed practice ice form.

Official and unofficial practice ice segments will be available on Friday, December 2, 2011 and Saturday, December 3rd.

Practice ice fees will be \$100 per segment.

Program photos: Casual team photos may be submitted for insertion into the program. These may be digitalized. See attached form.

Food: The concession stand will be open during the competition. Restaurants are within a short drive of the arena. We will be offering box lunch order forms through Panera again. Details will be sent closer to the event.

DVD's: Ledin will record this competition. Team DVD's will be available by pre-order at a discount. Group photos will also be taken and can be sent on to sectionals.

Liability: U.S. Figure Skating, *Ann Arbor FSC*, and the *Ann Arbor Ice Cube* accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in these championships. This is in accordance with Rule 3222 of the 2011 edition of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

Judging System: The ISU judging system (IJS) will be used for adult, collegiate, intermediate, novice, junior and senior events. For all other events, the 6.0 system will be used. However, testing of the ISU judging system may be performed for some of these levels.

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a planned program content sheet. **Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed on line** via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org at least three weeks before the event.

Music: Rules governing music selection can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, rules 2660-4791.

Only CDs (standard Compact Disk format) will be accepted.

- *CDs: Must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length and contained in a hard sided "jewel" case. .*

Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW" discs.

Competition music must be turned in at the registration desk and must be submitted no later than two hours prior to the event in which the team is skating. All music must be picked up at the completion of the competition. CDs and cassettes will not be mailed back to competitors.

All teams must have an additional copy of their music available for practice sessions. Teams must also have an extra copy available at rink side during the actual competition event. The organizing committee will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of music but will take every precaution to ensure their safety.

Souvenirs: Pins and programs are available for pre order. Please see attached order form.

Admission: Each team will receive two credentials for their managers. Admission will be charged for all spectators at the door. Pre-orders are available. Please see attached form.

Competition Schedule: The schedule and practice ice schedule will be emailed to contact persons identified in the application process and also posted on the web site for the competition www.portersynchroclassic.com

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

Competition Co-Chairs

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Accommodations: Below are the hotels that are blocked for this event at a discounted rate. All of the hotels are within a 15 mile range of the Ice Cube. Blocked rooms will be released on October 31, 2011. For additional information call the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800)888-9487 or visit their website at www.visitannarbor.org.

When contacting hotels please tell the hotel reservation clerk you are with the
Dr. Porter Synchronized Classic at the Ice Cube

Clarion Hotel & Conference Center -
\$74.99/night
2900 Jackson, Ann Arbor, 48103
(734)665-4444

Candlewood Suites - \$73-\$93/night
701 Waymarket Way, Ann Arbor, 48103
(734)663-2818

Comfort Inn Chelsea - \$85/night
1645 Commerce Park Drive, Chelsea, 48118
(734)433-8000

Courtyard By Marriott - \$95/night
3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)995-5900

Fairfield Inn - \$79/night
3285 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)995-5200

Four Points By Sheraton - \$99/night
3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)996-0600

Hampton Inn South - \$95/night
925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)665-5000

Holiday Inn Near The University - \$89/night
3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, 48105
(734)769-9800

Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest
- \$109.00/night
1275 South Huron, Ypsilanti, 48197
(734)487-2000

Ann Arbor Regent Hotel - \$97/night
2455 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)973-6100

Hampton Inn North - \$109/night
2300 Green Road, Ann Arbor, 48105
(734)996-4444

Comfort Inn - \$84/nights
3501 South State Street, Ann Arbor, 48108
(734)761-8838

Hotel deadline is October 31, 2011