

*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 21st annual Dr. Richard Porter Classic at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube, Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Friday, Dec. 2, 2016, Saturday Dec. 3, 2016 and Sunday Dec. 4, 2016. Junior and Senior events will be held on Friday and Saturday, with the remaining divisions on Saturday and Sunday. Practice ice will be available beginning late Thursday afternoon. 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 current edition of the United States Figure Skating Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site.

#### **Applications:**

Applications must be completed using the Entry Forms and emailed to [entry@porterclassic.org](mailto:entry@porterclassic.org) no later than **September 30, 2016**. A hard copy of Form P, Form C, and Form D (if applicable), and your check must be mailed to Mary Reilly postmarked no later than **September 30, 2016**. Forms are available at [www.porterclassic.org](http://www.porterclassic.org). **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. Any entry accepted after the entry deadline may be subject to a \$50 late fee per team.

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 \$1,150
- **IJS division teams:** Juvenile, Intermediate, Novice, Collegiate, Adult: Entry fee is \$675 and includes free skate and official practice
- **Non- IJS divisions:** Entry fee is \$120 per team plus \$25 per competitor, including alternates.
- **Synchro Skills 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**

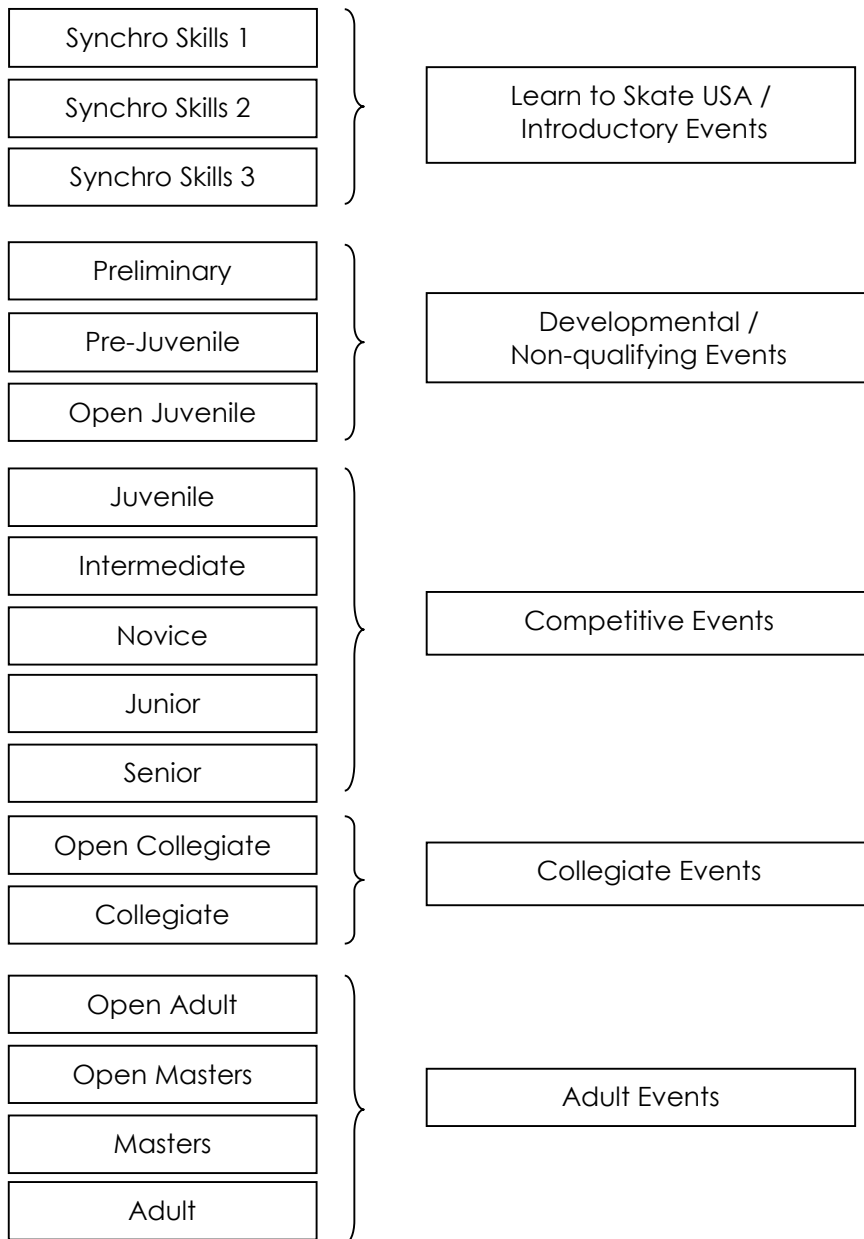
For Synchro Skills 1-3, if a team fits into one level age-wise, but would like more of a challenge, they should be able to “skate-up” one level (for example, team has majority of skaters under 9 years old but would like to skate in the Synchro Skills 2, they should be allowed).

**Events Offered:**

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications.

[http://www.usfigureskating.org/New\\_Judging.asp?id=361](http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361))

Illustration of Synchronized Skating competitive pipeline and events; age restrictions, test requirements, and program duration are on the next page:



- A. Synchro Skills 1:** A team of 8-16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9 years of age. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.  
Rules:  
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs.?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- B. Synchro Skills 2:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be 9-11 years old. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.  
Rules:  
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- C. Synchro Skills 3:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Majority of skaters must be at least age 12. No skaters may have passed higher than a preliminary test. Program duration: 2 – 2 ½ minutes.  
Rules:  
<http://www.usfigureskating.org/programs.?id=84096&menu=synchronized>
- D. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10. Program duration: 2 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- E. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12. Program duration: 2 minutes 15 seconds.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- F. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under age 20 and have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test. Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- G. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under age 13 and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test. Program duration: 3 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- H. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test. Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- I. 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. All must have passed the juvenile moves in the field test. Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- J. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 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 7210

- K. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 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 7200
- L. Open Collegiate** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and 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 7290
- M. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and 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 7280
- N. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.  
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7520
- O. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.  
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7530
- P. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.  
Program duration: 3 minutes.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7510
- Q. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. 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 minutes 15 seconds.  
Well balanced program: Rule 7500

**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 7200 – 7530, in addition to the statement above.

	Synchro Skills 1,2,3	Preliminary	Pre -Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Masters	Adult
Synchro Skills 1,2,3															
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															
Open Masters															
Masters															X
Adult									X		X			X	

**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 top three teams in the Junior combined event and the Senior combined event. Junior and Senior awards will be presented on ice after the Senior FS event Saturday evening.

**Registration:**

The registration desk will be in the downstairs area of the arena beginning at **10AM** 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.

### Information Regarding Coaches:

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating non-qualifying competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be:

- ✓ Declared by the skater or team in the registration process
- ✓ Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B for the current season. If only coaching a Synchro Skills 1-3 team, a Learn to Skate USA Instructor Membership and background check are sufficient.
- ✓ Current with Coach Registration (requires annual fee and background check)
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.pdf>.

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. Coaches who are NOT on the list will need to show proof of membership in U.S. Figure Skating, a Coaches Registration card, proof of Category A or B compliance and a photo I.D. at check in. **If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events including practice session.**

### The Venue:

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

### Practice Ice:

Unofficial practice will be available Thursday afternoon, December 1. Official and unofficial practice ice segments will be available on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3, 2016. Saturday practice is reserved for teams competing on Sunday. Official practice ice is included in the entry fee for all IJS Divisions. Unofficial practice ice fees will be \$115 per segment. Fifty minute practice ice segments may be available for \$350. These segments will be scheduled after all unofficial segments have been scheduled on Friday and Saturday. Note that practice ice will not be sold by the Ann Arbor Ice Cube to teams skating at Porter on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

**Official practice** ice is a 10 minute (juvenile, intermediate, novice, adult, junior/senior sp) or 12 minute (junior/senior fs, collegiate) monitored ice segment for an IJS event. Official practice will begin approximately at 10 am.

Times below are ESTIMATES:

Junior/Senior:	Friday and Saturday morning
Collegiate:	Saturday early afternoon
Adult:	Friday afternoon or Saturday morning
Intermediate:	Saturday morning
Novice:	Friday early afternoon
Juvenile:	after competition ends Saturday on Olympic rink (2 to 4 pm estimate)

Arrival time will NOT be a consideration for scheduling, and refunds will not be given if you arrive after your scheduled time. Exact start time will be determined after all entries are received and may vary from the above times. Order will be determined by entry postmark date for all divisions. At your Official practice ice, the team is obliged to skate the entire program either in one entire run-through or two halves. The music will be played twice. No stopping of music once it has started.

**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 will be available from approximately 10 a.m. though midnight on a first come, first serve basis.

Use the Practice Ice form in the Entry Form file (2015\_Porter\_Forms.pdf available at [porterclassic.org](http://porterclassic.org)) to request practice ice.

**Program photos:**

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

**Team Photos:**

Photos will be taken after you skate and can be sent on to sectionals.

**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 and Jersey Mike's 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.

**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 2014 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](http://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.porterclassic.org](http://www.porterclassic.org)

If you have questions, please feel free to contact:

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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 an 18 mile range of the Ice Cube. Blocked rooms will be released on October 31, 2016. For additional information call the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800)888-9487 or visit their website at [www.visitannarbor.org](http://www.visitannarbor.org).

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

**Ann Arbor Regent Hotel** - \$115/night  
2455 Carpenter Road, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)973-6100

**Chelsea Comfort Inn** - \$104/night  
1645 Commerce Park Drive, Chelsea, 48118  
(734)433-8000

**Courtyard By Marriott** - \$115/night  
3205 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)995-5900

**Fairfield Inn** - \$105/night  
3285 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)995-5200

**Hampton Inn North** - \$109/night  
2300 Green Road, Ann Arbor, 48105  
(734)996-444

**Hampton Inn South** - \$114/night  
925 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)665-5000

**Residence Inn Downtown** - \$159/night  
120 West Huron, Ann Arbor, 48104  
(734)662-9999

\*NOTE: This property is downtown Ann Arbor and parking is not free\*

**Hilton Garden Inn** - \$129/night  
1401 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)330-2634

**Holiday Inn and Suites** - \$117/night  
3155 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)213-1900

**Holiday Inn Express West** - \$119/night  
323 N. Zeeb Rd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103  
734 827-1100

**Holiday Inn Near The University** - \$115/night  
3600 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, 48105  
(734)769-9800

**Sheraton Ann Arbor Hotel** - \$119-139/night  
3200 Boardwalk, Ann Arbor, 48108  
(734)996-0600

**Wyndham Garden** - \$85/night  
2900 Jackson, Ann Arbor, 48103  
(734)665-4444