

# Spring Preview 2012

## A Showcase & Dance Competition

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Vacaville Ice Sports  
551 Davis St.  
Vacaville, CA 95688

Light Entertainment, Dramatic and Interpretive Singles  
Duets (standard and similar pairs)

Dance

Groups

Theater on Ice

Synchronized Team Skating

Hosted by

Vaca Valley Figure Skating Club



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Entry Deadline: Postmarked by March 3, 2012

Online Registration Through [EntryEeze](#)

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## GENERAL RULES

The Vaca Valley Figure Skating Club invites all to compete in this event, which is sanctioned by US Figure Skating. The competition will be conducted in accordance with the 2011-12 U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook except as herein specified. Rule changes adopted at the 2011 Governing Council will be followed according to their specified effective dates.

*Online registration only (using EntryEeze.) Registration link available at <http://www.vacavalleyfsc.org>*

## LOCATION

The Vacaville Skating Center & Vacaville Ice Sports is located at 551 Davis Street, Vacaville, California 95688. Access is from the Interstate 80 freeway and the Davis Street off ramp, from either direction.

## FACILITY

The events will be held on the Davis rink ice surface (85x200 with rounded corners), which has seating for 200. Adequate parking, dressing rooms and exhibit space are available. Performance area is reduced by approximately 25' for curtain and backstage warm-up area. Synchro teams, Theatre On Ice and all Dance events will have the full ice. (no curtain in place)

## CATEGORIES

### SHOWCASE EVENTS

Light Entertainment - Broadway, jazz, modern, comedy, character, etc.

Dramatic Entertainment: Serious, emotional, artistic interpretation of the music

Interpretive: Routine created by skater after hearing the music only twice.

Duets

- *Pairs*: Any theme - two skaters – Boy/Girl

- *Similar Pairs*: Any theme - two skaters – Boy/Boy or Girl/Girl

Groups: Any Theme – Committee will divide into appropriate categories  
(Small or Large Group, Theater on Ice, Synchronized Team)

### DANCE

National Solo Series Solo Pattern Dance Events

National Solo Series Solo Free Dance Events

Pro-Am and Am-Am

## JUDGING SYSTEM

All events will judged under the U.S. Figure Skating 6.0 judging system. U.S. Figure Skating officials will be used. Individual judges' marks will not be posted.

## EVENT PARAMETERS

Two (2) entries are required to hold an event except three (3) are required for an Interpretive event. At the discretion of the Chief Referee, events may be combined and single entries may be offered to perform an exhibition and be eligible for recall. All decisions of the Chief Referee are final.

## ELIGIBILITY

For US Figure Skating or Skate Canada members, skaters must include their member number, home club and have their home club validate their eligibility through Entry Eeze. ISU members, except members of Skate Canada, may enter with written permission of their home federation as stated in U.S. Figure Skating Rule #3060. All skaters must complete the online release of liability form. Age and test qualifications will be effective as of the deadline for entries. Skaters may compete at their qualified level based on tests passed or one level higher. All skaters should be prepared to show proof of age.

## COACHES REGISTRATION / CREDENTIALS

In accordance with current rules, all coaches participating in this event must be registered with U.S. Figure Skating. For more information on the registration process, please visit [www.usfigureskating.org](http://www.usfigureskating.org). We will provide all registered coaches with a credential. Every coach in attendance will be required to check in at the registration table and must show a picture I.D. to receive their credential. We strongly recommend that you also bring any registration confirmation materials. Coaches must wear their badge at all times when coaching skaters at rink side of a sanctioned competition. Monitors will be instructed to ensure that anyone standing rink side has their credential.

## ENTRY FEES

|                               | <u>As First Event</u> | <u>As Additional Event</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Basic Skating                 | \$55.00               | \$25.00                    |
| Singles event                 | \$80.00               | \$40.00                    |
| Pairs event <b>per couple</b> | \$80.00               | \$40.00                    |
| Solo Dance                    | \$80.00               | \$40.00                    |
| Solo Free Dance               | \$80.00               | \$40.00                    |
| Pro-Am Dance event            | \$80.00               | \$40.00                    |
| Am-Am Dance Event per couple  | \$80.00               | \$40.00                    |

Group Events \$12 per person (3-7); \$8 per person (8-30)

Refunds will be made for cancellations made prior to the entry closing date, less a \$25 fee. No refunds will be made after the deadline for entries (March 3, 2012) for any reason except if an event is not held or a single entry skater does not wish to perform an exhibition. A fee of \$25 will be charged for any entry after the entry closing date of March 3, 2012.

**Entries after Saturday, March 10, 2012 require the approval of the chief referee.**

- ADMISSION** Free to all spectators for all events.
- CHECK-IN** All skaters/groups must check in with their music at least 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time for their event and be backstage and ready to skate up to 30 minutes early. Interpretive event skaters must check-in backstage 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time for their event.
- NOTICES** An official bulletin board in the rink lobby will have the latest official schedule and skating orders posted. These postings will supersede all others. A tentative schedule which is subject to change and entry lists will be posted on the club website approximately 2 weeks prior to the competition.
- MUSIC** All music must be on CD's (CD-R or CD+R). CDRW disks will not be accepted. Only one (1) music track per CD. Each must be clearly marked with skater's name and event. Music not properly marked will not be accepted. All skaters are requested to have a backup available at rink side. Music must be provided to registration in a plastic container. (no paper sleeves)
- WARM-UP** A warm-up area behind the curtain will be available prior to each event. Full ice warm-up **in front of the curtain** will be allowed for Novice & higher, all Adult, Group and Pair entries. Synchro, Theatre and Dance events will have warm-up **with no curtain**.
- PROPS** All props must be sensible, safe and transported onto and off the ice by the skater, without assistance in 30 seconds (except groups – 2 minutes). The referee can disallow any prop. Prohibited props include those with anything living, fire, smoke, balloons, feathers, fog, dry ice, electric power, whipped or shaving cream and any other item that could mar the ice or affect other skaters. See judging section for prop penalties.
- LIGHTING** House lights only will be used. No spotlights.
- AWARDS** Medals will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places. Medals will be presented and pictures will be taken of the top four (4) skaters, pairs and groups in each event immediately following the posting of results.
- Awards will be given to all showcase recall entries at the conclusion of the competition. Trophies will be presented to the best 3 in the lower levels (Basic Skating 1 through Pre-Juvenile) and the best 3 in the upper levels (Juvenile through Senior and all Adult & Pair competitors).
- PRACTICE ICE**  
Contact Vacaville Ice Sports for available times (707) 455-0225.
- VIDEOS/ACTION PHOTOS**  
All skaters can arrange tapings/photos with the official videographer or photographer at the event (if available). Personal video cameras must be hand held and you may not film any skater other than your own.

**LODGING** The following hotels are located nearby:

Hampton Inn & Suites, 800 Mason St. across parking lot from rink, 707-469-6200

Courtyard by Marriott, 120 Nut Tree Pkwy. 707-451-9000

Residence Inn by Marriott, 360 Orange Dr., 707-469-0300

Fairfield Inn by Marriott, 370 Orange Dr., 707-469-0800

Holiday Inn Express, 151 Lawrence Dr., 707-451-3500

Comfort Suites Hotel, 191 Lawrence Dr., 707-446-3000

**CONTACTS**

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| LOC Chair: | Marc I. DeContreaus | 707-486-7493 |
| Registrar: | Lynn Black          | 530-304-7759 |

**Please do not contact after 9 pm.**

Event e-mail: [springpre2012@vacavalleyfsc.org](mailto:springpre2012@vacavalleyfsc.org)

Club Website: [www.vacavalleyfsc.org](http://www.vacavalleyfsc.org)

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| Chief Referee: | Lisa Erle          |
| Dance Referee: | Sam Singer         |
| Accountant:    | Sandy Hopson-Davis |

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## **SHOWCASE EVENTS**

### **Judging Guidelines**

Judges selected from US Figure Skating official lists will score all events using the 6.0 Judging system (0 to 6.0 scale). Individual judge's marks will not be posted.

#### Entertainment

This is the main factor in determining an entry's placement. Judges will look for showmanship, artistic & theatrical qualities and audience appeal.

#### Skating

The ability of the skater should be consistent with the level of the event. Judges will look for clean execution of all moves with consideration given to the overall difficulty of the program.

#### Music & Choreography

Programs will be judged on their overall creativity. Judges will look for inventive use of choreography to interpret the chosen music.

#### Costumes & Props

These should be appropriate and enhance the performance. Props not incorporated into the performance will receive no value.

Mandatory Deductions      0.2 points will be deducted for each of the following:

- Marring the ice for succeeding skaters
- Exceeding 30 seconds for setup or removal of props (except Groups will have 2 minutes)
- Programs over the maximum time limit
- Prohibited jumps
- Use of prohibited props or costume features

Note: There is no deduction for skating less than the allowed time.

### **Recall for showcase events**

Skaters will be eligible for the Recall event, except entrants for Interpretive and Groups.

Each judge will indicate on his or her scoring sheet potential recall skaters & pairs. A majority of judges on the panel must agree in order for one to be recalled. Any entry (including previous winners) may be recalled from any event except Interpretive, Groups and Dance.

Recall is limited to two skaters in any event. In order for the 2<sup>nd</sup> place skater to be recalled, the 1<sup>st</sup> place skater must have been recalled. Entrants recalled in more than one singles event must choose which program they will perform. Skaters also recalled in pair events may skate and receive awards in those events.

Awards will be given to all recall entries at the conclusion of the competition. Trophies will be presented to the best 3 in the lower levels (Basic Skating 1 through Pre-Juvenile) and the best 3 in the upper levels (Juvenile through Senior and all Adult & Pair performances).

### **Singles Events (Light Entertainment, Dramatic Entertainment, or Interpretive)**

Skaters may compete at their qualified level based on Free Skate tests passed or one level higher. However, all categories must be at the same level. Age and test requirements are as of the closing date for entries.

Men/Ladies and Boys/Girls will compete in the same groups. Novice and above plus Pairs and Group events will be divided into groups by random draw. All others will be divided into groups by age. Adults must be 21 years of age or older. Young adults, 18 to 20 years of age, may enter Adult events but will compete in their own groups. Depending on the number of entries, categories may be divided, or expanded, or combined by the Chief Referee. Decisions of the Chief Referee are final.

Light Entertainment Showcase program emphasizing such choreographic expressive qualities as comedy, love, or mime while incorporating skating skills. **Props and Scenery ARE permitted.**

Dramatic Entertainment Showcase program utilizing intense emotional skating quality to depict choreographic theme. **Props and Scenery ARE permitted.**

Interpretive A performance choreographed by the competitor, unaccompanied and unassisted, to music supplied by the hosting club. The music will be played three times during a 30-minute off-ice session and twice during a warm-up on ice prior to performance. **After the warm up, skaters will go back to a room, with no music being played.** All competitors will interpret the same music.

#### **Levels**

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| Basic Skating 1   | Age 6 and under and must not have passed any US Figure Skating tests<br>1:10 minute max.   |
| Basic Skating 2   | Must not have passed any US Figure Skating tests<br>1:10 minute max.   |
| Basic Skating 3   | Must not have passed any US Figure Skating tests<br>1:10 minute max.   |
| Basic Skating 4   | Must not have passed any US Figure Skating tests<br>1:10 minute max.   |
| Pre-Preliminary 1 | Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Preliminary FS tests<br>No loop, flip, lutz, axel or double jumps.<br>1:40 minutes max. |
| Pre-Preliminary 2 | Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Preliminary FS tests<br>No axel or double jumps.<br>1:40 minutes max                    |
| Pre-Preliminary 3 | Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Preliminary FS tests<br>Axel allowed but no double jumps.<br>1:40 minutes max.          |

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| Preliminary          | Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Pre-Juvenile FS tests<br>Axel allowed but no double jumps.<br>1:40 minutes max. |
| Pre-Juvenile         | Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Juvenile FS tests<br>1:40 minutes max.  |
| Juvenile / Open Juv  | Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Intermediate FS tests<br>2:10 minutes max. (Open Juvenile age 13+)              |
| Intermediate         | Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Novice FS tests<br>2:10 minutes max.  |
| Novice               | Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Junior FS tests<br>2:10 minutes max.  |
| Junior               | Must not have passed the US Figure Skating Senior FS tests<br>2:40 minutes max.  |
| Senior               | 2:40 minutes max.  |
| Adult No Test        | Must not have passed any US Figure Skating test<br>No axel or double jumps.<br>1:40 minutes max.                           |
| Adult Pre-Bronze     | Must not have passed the Adult Bronze FS, Pre FS test<br>No axel or double jumps.<br>1:40 minutes max.                     |
| Adult Bronze         | Must not have passed the Adult Silver FS, Pre-Juv FS test<br>No axel or double jumps.<br>1:40 minutes max.                 |
| Adult Silver         | Must not have passed the Adult Gold FS, Juv FS test<br>Axel allowed, no double jumps.<br>1:40 minutes max.                 |
| Adult Gold / Masters | Must have passed either Adult Silver, Juv FS test<br>Axel and double jumps allowed.<br>1:40 minutes max.                   |

**Duet Events**

**Props and Scenery ARE permitted.**

Pairs Any theme - two skaters – Boy/Girl

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| Novice | No requirements                | 2:10 minutes max. |
| Junior | Novice test level as a minimum | 2:40 minutes max. |
| Senior | Junior test level as a minimum | 2:40 minutes max. |

Similar Pairs Any theme - two skaters – Boy/Boy or Girl/Girl

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| Low    | Basic Skating 1-4             | 2:10 minutes max |
| Medium | Pre-Preliminary & Preliminary | 2:10 minutes max |
| High   | Pre-Juvenile & above          | 2:40 minutes max |

**Group Events** Group events do not qualify for first entry pricing. See page 3 for Group pricing  
**Props and Scenery ARE permitted.**

Small Groups (3-7) No requirements. 3:10 minutes max.

Large Groups (8-30) No requirements. 6:15 minutes max.

- Theater on Ice (will have the full ice surface for their program)
- Synchronized Teams (will have the full ice surface for their program)

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## **DANCE EVENTS**

### **2012 National Solo Dance Competition Series**

U.S Figure Skating is pleased to announce the 2011-12 Solo Dance competition series. This program began in the 2010-11 season and is open to individual skaters within the Eastern, Midwestern and Pacific Coast sections. Skaters participating in at least two competitions within their respective sections accumulate points based upon placement that will be used to determine qualification of individual skaters to the National Solo Dance Championships.

Skaters can elect to compete in the pattern dances, free dance or both events at this nonqualifying competition.

### **SOLO PATTERN DANCE EVENTS**

|                             | <b>Preliminary</b>              | <b>Pre- Bronze</b>               | <b>Bronze</b>               | <b>Pre-Silver</b>                    | <b>Silver</b>                      | <b>Pre-Gold</b>                | <b>Gold</b>                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Dances in each level</b> | Dutch Waltz<br><br>Rhythm Blues | Cha-Cha<br><br>Fiesta Tango      | Willow Waltz<br><br>Ten Fox | Fourteen -step<br><br>European Waltz | Silver Tango<br><br>Rocker Foxtrot | Killian<br><br>Starlight Waltz | Viennese Waltz<br><br>Argentine Tango |
| <b>Testing Rqmt.</b>        | No test or passed Preliminary   | Passed Preliminary or Pre-Bronze | Passed Pre-Bronze or Bronze | Passed Bronze or Pre-Silver          | Passed Pre-Silver or Silver        | Passed Silver or Pre-Gold      | Passed Pre-Gold or Gold               |

### **SOLO PATTERN DANCE TEST LEVEL**

All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above of their highest completed dance test. The determination of level will be based upon test level at the entry deadline\*\*. The test level is determined by a skater completing all of the dance tests within that level.

*\*\* Test level may be either standard or solo dance. Adult dance, adult solo dance, master's dance and master's solo dance do not fulfill the testing requirements for this event.*

**SOLO FREE DANCE EVENTS:**

|                                | <b>Juvenile Solo Free Dance</b>  | <b>Intermediate Solo Free Dance</b>  | <b>Novice Solo Free Dance</b>  | <b>Junior Solo Free Dance</b>  | <b>Senior Solo Free Dance</b>  |
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| <b>Free Dance Requirements</b> | <b>Requirements according to Juvenile Solo Free Dance Test as listed in the 2011-12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 52</b>                                    | <b>Requirements according to Intermediate Solo Free Dance Test as listed in the 2011-12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 52</b>  | <b>Requirements according to Novice Solo Free Dance Test as listed in the 2011-12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 53</b>                                      | <b>Requirements according to Junior Solo Free Dance Test as listed in the 2011-12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 54</b>                                  | <b>Requirements according to Senior Solo Free Dance Test listed in the 2011-12 U.S. Figure Skating Tests Book, p. 54</b>                                   |
| <b>Testing Rqmt.</b>           | Complete preliminary pattern dance test (partnered or solo) <b>and one of the following:</b> juvenile free dance (solo or partnered) <b>or</b> juvenile MIF test | Complete bronze pattern dance test (partnered or solo) <b>and one of the following:</b> intermediate MIF test <b>or</b> intermediate free dance test (partnered or solo) | Complete pre-silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo) <b>and one of the following:</b> novice MIF test <b>or</b> novice free dance test (partnered or solo) | Complete silver pattern dance test (partnered or solo) <b>and one of the following:</b> junior MIF test <b>or</b> junior free dance test (partnered or solo) | Complete gold pattern dance test (partnered or solo) <b>and one of the following:</b> senior MIF test <b>or</b> senior free dance test (partnered or solo) |

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENTRY IN SOLO FREE DANCE / SOLO FREE DANCE TEST LEVEL REQUIREMENTS**

All skaters must either compete at their test level or one level above of their highest completed free dance test (solo or partnered), but no higher. Skaters can also qualify by having passed the equivalent moves in the field test. The determination of level will be based upon test level at the entry deadline\*\*.

*\*\* Test level may be partnered or solo standard pattern dance tests and standard free dance (partnered or solo). Adult dance, adult solo dance, adult free dance, master's dance, master's free dance and master's solo dance do not fulfill the testing requirements for this event.*

**JUDGING SYSTEM**

The 6.0 judging system will be used for all events and levels at Solo Dance Competitions. The ISU judging system will not be used. Two marks will be given under the 6.0 system. Dance sequences to be skated in accordance with section 6073 of the current US Figure Skating rulebook.

Notes on the conduct of the competition

All dance events may be double-paneled at the discretion of the referee. When there are more than 18 athletes in a solo dance event, the event will be split so no flight has more than 18 skaters. Ladies will skate the ladies' steps and men will skate the men's steps, no exception.

**Officials**

Officials will be chosen from both competition and test level judges.

### **How it works**

At each Solo Dance competition, skaters earn qualifying points based on their final, overall combined placement at the competition. Skaters may earn qualifying points at either:

- a) three (3) competitions within their section
- b) two (2) competitions within their section **and** one(1) competition outside of their section

**Note:** Skaters must compete in AT LEAST two (2) competitions within their section to be eligible to compete at the National Solo Dance Championships.

Top six (6) skaters from each section (who have competed in at least two nonqualifying competitions), in each level (Pattern dance levels: preliminary, pre-bronze, bronze, pre-silver, silver, pre-gold and gold and Solo Free Dance levels: juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior and senior) will receive an invitation to advance to the National Solo Dance Championships. A variation of a fill-up rule may be used if less than six skaters qualify at any particular level. This will allow for an overall total of 18 skaters in each level at the National Solo Dance Championships.

### **PRO-AM/AM-AM EVENTS**

A dance couple will consist of an eligible skater and a professional or two eligible skaters. Competitors may not enter an event below their completed test level (either adult or standard track) as of March 3, 2012. Competitors may skate up. Events may be divided by age. Couples must do both dances in each level. Dances will be scored separately with awards based on the combined results.

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| <b>Preliminary</b>   | One partner should not have passed their US Figure Skating Pre-Bronze Dance test. Dances are Canasta Tango and Rhythm Blues.   |
| <b>Pre-Bronze</b>    | One partner should not have passed their US Figure Skating Bronze Dance test. Dances are Cha Cha and Fiesta Tango.             |
| <b>Bronze</b>        | One partner should not have passed their US Figure Skating Pre-Silver Dance test. Dances are Willow Waltz and Hickory Hoedown. |
| <b>Pre-Silver</b>    | One partner should not have passed their US Figure Skating Silver Dance test. Dances are Fourteenstep and European Waltz.      |
| <b>Silver</b>        | One partner should not have passed their US Figure Skating Pre-Gold Dance test. Dances are Tango and American Waltz.           |
| <b>Pre-Gold</b>      | One partner should not have passed their US Figure Skating Gold Dance test. Dances are Blues and Paso Doble.                   |
| <b>Gold</b>          | No test restrictions. Dances are Argentine Tango and Quickstep.  |
| <b>International</b> | No test restrictions. Dances are Silver Samba and Cha Cha Congelado.   |

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