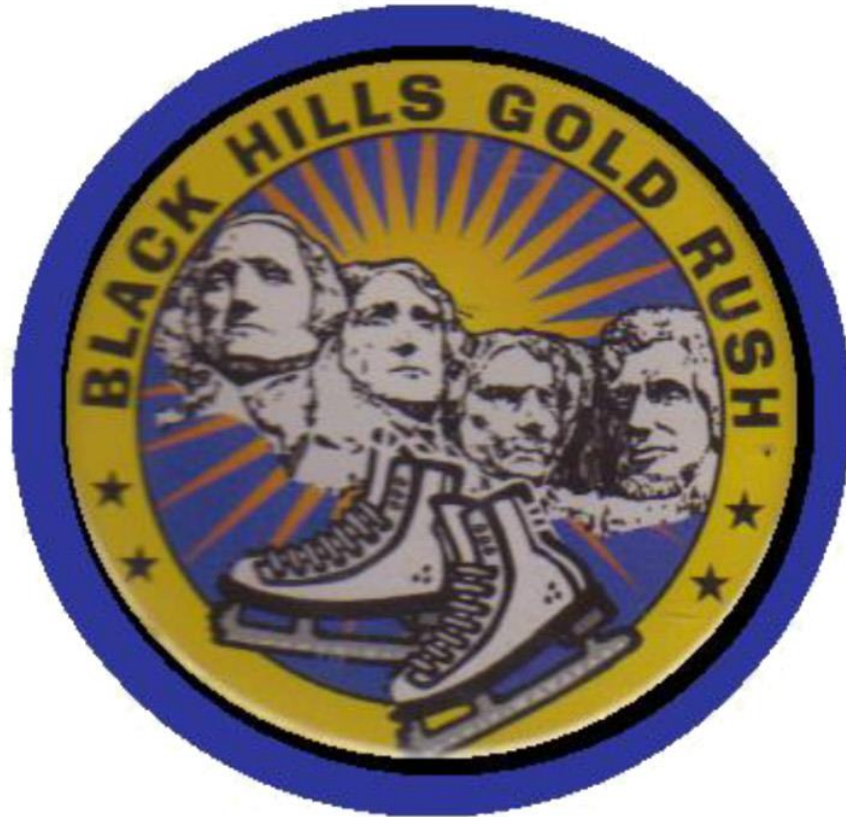


# THE 16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL



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## BLACK HILLS FIGURE SKATING CLUB & BLACK HILLS SKATING ACADEMY

FEBRUARY 17 - 19, 2023

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**COMPETITION ENTRY DEADLINE** JANUARY 17, 2023  
**TEST SESSION DEADLINE** JANUARY 31, 2023



The 2023 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Hills Gold Rush will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current [rulebook](#), as any pertinent updates that have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating [website](#).

This competition is open to all eligible, restricted, reinstated, or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and who are currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club, or who is an individual member in accordance with the current rulebook. Please refer to the current rulebook for non-U.S. citizens.

BH Skating Academy, BH Figure Skating Club and Roosevelt Park Ice Arena will be complying with all Federal, State, and Local regulations and any additional public health notices in place at the time of the competition, including recommendations from US Figure Skating.

### **COVID-19 INFORMATION:**

As of March 15, 2022, and consistent with updated CDC guidance on mask use, face coverings are no longer required to be worn indoors at U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned events or activity if your community levels are Low or Medium. We do encourage masks to be worn indoors if your community is in the High category based on the [CDC Community Levels by County Map](#) as announced on Feb. 25. Sanctioned activities include competitions (U.S. Figure Skating and Compete USA), exhibitions/performances and test sessions.

### **Eligibility/Test Level:**

**Test Level:** Competition level is the highest test passed as of the entry deadline in the discipline the skater is entering. Entrants may skate up one level above that for which they qualify, but they may not skate down in any event.

### **Age Restrictions/Requirements:**

Singles free skater events (well-balanced program) have the following requirements:

- Juvenile Girls – 12 years or younger; Boys – 13 years or younger
- Open Juvenile: Girls – 13 years or older; Boys – 14 years or older
- Intermediate must be under the age of 18
- Adults must be 21 years or older

Skaters entering Pre-Juvenile and lower events will be divided as closely as possible by age should the number of entries warrant more than one group.

**Please note:** Boys Pre-Juvenile and below: If not enough boys are registered to hold an event, boy will skate with girls Compulsory, Moves in the Field, and Showcase. They have the option to compete with the girls for the non-IJS Free Skate events or skate an exhibition.

### **Adult Events**

Age classes for all free skate, dramatic entertainment and light entertainment events:

- Young Adult: 18 years through 20 years
- Class I: 21 years through 35 years
- Class II: 36 years through 45 years
- Class III: 46 years through 55 years
- Class IV: 56 years through 65 years
- Class V: 66 years and older

Age classes for all solo free dance and solo pattern dance events:

- Young Adult/Class I/II: 18 years through 45 years
- Class III/IV/V: 46 years and older

All age classes may be divided or combined depending on the number of entries and at the discretion of the chief referee and/or the competition committee.

Adult 1-6, adult beginner, adult high beginner, adult pre-bronze, and adult bronze program/free skate events that meet Adult Competition Series guidelines are offered at this competition. Adult Competition Series participants must submit a photo, scanned copy, email attachment or screenshot of the results sheet to [adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com](mailto:adultcompetitionseries@gmail.com) by the deadline published in the most recent [Adult Competition Series Handbook](#) to receive credit and series points.

### **Compete USA Eligibility/Test Level:**

The Compete USA events are open to all skaters who are currently eligible members of either the Compete USA program and/or are full members of U.S. Figure Skating. To be eligible, skaters must have submitted a membership application or be a member in good standing. Members of other organizations are eligible to compete but must be registered with the host Compete USA program/club or any other Compete USA program/club.

Eligibility will be based on skill level as of the closing date of entries/ All Snowplow Sam and Basic Skills 1-6 skaters must skate at the highest level passed or one level higher and no official U.S. Figure Skating tests may have been passed, including Moves in the Field or individual dances.

For the Pre-Free Skate and Free Skate 1-6 levels, eligibility will be based only upon the highest free skate test level passed (Moves in the Field test level will not determine skater's competitive level). Skaters may skate at the highest level passed or one level higher but not both levels in the same event during the same competition.

### **COMPETITION REGISTRATION:**

Entry for all events will be per EntryEeze. Fees and discounts for all events will be in EntryEeze. Deadline for registration is January 17, 2023. Deadlines are subject to change at the discretion of the local organizing committee and any adjusted deadlines will be posted on EntryEeze.

Online entry with secure credit card payment may be made via EntryEeze ([www.entryeeze.com](http://www.entryeeze.com)). Electronic entries paid with a successful credit card transaction will be considered a valid entry. There will be a \$25.00 fee for any credit card entry that is disputed to cover the cost of the dispute. Online entry must be completed by

A 3.8% processing fee will be applied to all entries. Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Competition Chief Referee and must be accompanied by a \$50.00 late fee. Please Note: a fee of \$25.00 will also be charged for any changes to entries, competition level, age or events entered made after

**Add/Change Event:** Registered events can be changed, and new events can be added without penalty before 11:59PM on the entry deadline. Any event change after this deadline will be accepted only at the discretion of the Chief Referee, with a \$25 change/add fee per event.

### **Fees will be as follows:**

USFSA Non-Qualifying Event Fees:

First event (per competitor) \$85.00  
for each additional event (per competitor) \$35.00

LTS Compute USA Fees:

First event (per competitor) \$55.00  
for each additional event (per competitor) \$25.00

**LATE ENTRIES:** Late entries will be accepted only at the discretion of the Chief Referee and must be accompanied by a \$50.00 late fee

## **Judging System**

The 6.0 Majority Judging System will be used for all events.  
There will be no IJS events at this competition.

## **Partnered Events**

Only one partner will complete registration for the team. During the registration process, you will be asked to identify your partner and verify their test information. The registered partner will be responsible for managing all aspects of the competition for the team including music/PPC upload, practice ice sales, etc.

## **Mandatory Athletes**

Athletes age 18+ as of the competition start date who will be competing on a team (i.e. synchro, dance, pairs, shadow dance, theatre, etc.) with at least one minor athlete must complete Skate Safe training. \*

Minor Athletes who turn 18 mid-season are encouraged to seek parental consent to take the online Skate Safe training early to avoid any disruptions in their ability to participate as the training is required upon turning 18. The athlete will not be Skate Safe compliant until they have completed the training and their Members Only portal reflects completion. For full details about SkateSafe compliance at U.S. Figure Skating competitions, refer to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe webpage: [www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe](http://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe).

## Foreign Skaters

Non-U.S. skaters intending to register for this competition must set up a non-member account prior to registering for the competition ([click her for HOW TO](#)). This can be done by choosing the “Create Account (Non-Member)” option on the [Members Only](#) login page.

## **REFUND POLICY:**

As per USFS rule 3058, entry fees will not be refunded after the registration deadline unless no competition exists, or the event is canceled. There will be no refunds for medical withdrawals. The online processing fees are non-refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be issued a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the skater is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

## **Schedule:**

**Competitors may be scheduled on any day or time for the announced dates of the competition.** Notifications of competition and practice ice times will not be available by phone, mail, or email. Skaters’ and Coaches’ schedules will be available via the web at the EntryEeze site. The competition and practice ice schedule will be available after the close of entries. All participants will be notified via email once available. Please also check the website for possible changes or corrections to this announcement. Events may run up to 30 minutes ahead of schedule at the discretion of the referee.

## **Facilities:**

The competition will be held at the Roosevelt Park Ice Arena located at 325 Waterloo Street, Rapid City, South Dakota. The ice surface 200 feet long by 85 feet wide. Dressing rooms are available. Concession stand will be available throughout the competition. Admission is free.

**Music:**

All individual skaters and skating teams must submit music electronically via Entryeze. Competition music for all events that require music must be submitted electronically via EntryEeze by the music deadline of February 3, 2023. Any music file submitted through EntryEeze after the deadline will incur a \$25 late fee. After you have paid for your events, the system will prompt you to upload your music for each event that requires music. If your music is not available at that time, you can logout of your account and return later to upload your music by going to the “competition” tab and then selecting “my music”. All music uploads must be in .MP3 format. Competitors must also have available a backup copy of their competition music. Music can on a CD or a cell phone and it must be immediately available rink side whenever the skater competes. If the phone does not have the standard round headset connector, an appropriate adapter, such as an Apple Lightning connector or Samsung USB-C adapter is required to be attached. The phone should be presented to the music person with the file ready to play, phone in airplane mode and volume turned to maximum. They would only be asked for during the event from the skater, so the skater’s coach should carry the backup music. Music submitted to EntryEeze for the competition will be deleted after the competition is complete.

**\*PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CDs FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION BACKUPS  
MUSIC DEADLINE: February 3, 2023**

**Liability:**

U.S. Figure Skating, BH Skating Academy, BH Figure Skating Club, Roosevelt Park Ice Arena and the city of Rapid City accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. All participants will be required to complete and sign a waiver for the RPIA. If you already skate with our Black Hills Academy LTS program, you have already filled one out.

**Onsite Registration/Check-In Desk:**

The Registration/Check-In Desk will be open during all individual practice ice sessions and events. It will be open during competition and practice time on Friday if entries warrant and 8AM on Saturday. It will open earlier if we decide to add earlier practice ice sessions based on participation. The Registration Desk is located in entryway within the Roosevelt Park Ice Arena. Please register promptly upon arrival. Registration will be your final confirmation of event(s) and competition time(s).

**Locker Rooms and Changing Areas:**

Locker rooms and changing areas at U.S. Figure Skating competitive events are for athletes only. Rooms will be labeled regarding specific use and were identified will be gender specific. An exception can be made for athletes 11 years old and younger that will allow for one parent of the same sex to assist their child immediately prior to and after their skating event(s). Please review the Locker Room and Changing Area Policy and the SkateSafe Handbook (both found on the [U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe](#) page).



### **Practice Ice:**

Practice ice will be available for purchase on the EntryEeze competition website. It is suggested that you reserve your practice ice when you register so that you will have first choice of times once the schedule is posted online. When reserving practice ice sessions online during registration, you must indicate the number of sessions you want to reserve and pay for them at that time. Each skater will be allowed to reserve one session per event registered. You will receive an email from EntryEeze with a PIN number in order to access your practice ice records and select your sessions on a first come first served basis. Practice ice will be \$15.00/session if you pre-order the sessions. After the schedule has been posted and those that reserved practice ice have had time to select their sessions, additional practice ice will be available for purchase at \$18.00/session. If available, remaining practice ice will be available for purchase at the registration desk during competition for \$20.00/session. All sessions are 20 minutes. No music will be played during the individual skater practice ice.

Notification of competition and practice ice times will not be available by phone, mail or email. Skaters' and Coaches' schedules will be available via the web at the EntryEeze competition website. Please check back often.

### **Photo/Video:**

We are offering action shot photos on a donation basis to the photographer Traditional and Timeless Photography. Pictures will be available on Black Hills Figure Skating Facebook page for free downloading.

**Note, per U.S. Figure Skating policy, photographing and/or recording of anyone other than your own skater is strictly prohibited.**

### **Awards:**

**Beginner through Pre-Preliminary Free Skate:** Awards will be presented to the top four skaters in each event.

**Preliminary through Senior Free Skate:** Awards will be presented to the top four skaters in each event.

**All other individual events:** When necessary, groups will be divided into flights. Medals will be awarded to the top four skaters in each flight/event.

**Compete USA:** Awards will be given to all participants in Compete USA events.

**Team Skating Events:** Awards will be presented to the top four teams in each event.

### **Official Notices:**

An official bulletin board will be maintained in the registration desk. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and coach to check the bulletin board frequently for any schedule changes and/or additional information. Skaters are requested to arrive 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of their event.

A tentative schedule of events will be posted prior to the competition.

### **Important Notice for All Coaches:**

To be credentialed coach at a sanctioned nonqualifying competition, coaches must meet the compliance requirements listed below and verified by the U.S. Figure Skating.

#### **Coach/Choreographer (domestic/non-foreign):**

- Must be a current full member of the U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member.
- If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \* ○ The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*  
○ The training will be valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.

- Must complete the Professional Coach/Choreographer Coaching Education Requirement (CER) through the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).
- Must submit proof of general liability insurance with limits of \$1 million per occurrence/\$5 million aggregate.
- Must agree to the U.S. Figure Skating Code of Ethics. \*
- Must Complete three waivers 1). Assumption of Risk, 2) Medical Consent and 3) Name and Likeness Release and Consent Agreement. \*
- If attending a qualifying competition or traveling as a part of Team USA and/or International Selection Pool (ISP), must be a full member of the [Professional Skaters Association \(PSA\)](#).

#### Learn to Skate USA Coach

- Must be a current full member of U.S. Figure Skating either through a member club or as an individual member OR Learn to Skate USA instructor membership
- If 18 years or older, must submit information for, proper payment of \$30 and successfully pass a background check. \*
  - The background check will be valid for two seasons, the one in which it was completed plus one additional.
- If 18 years or older, must complete annual SafeSport Training. \*
  - The training be will valid for 365 days from date of completion and there is no cost for the training/certification.
- Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification completed OR U.S. Figure Skating compliance coach (details above).

\* Accessible via U.S. Figure Skating Members Only website: [www.usfsonline.org](http://www.usfsonline.org)

#### **Contact Info:**

If you have questions, please contact Becky Elston, via e-mail at [becky\\_elston@bhpsc.org](mailto:becky_elston@bhpsc.org)  
PLEASE IDENTIFY THAT THIS IS A BLACK HILLS GOLD RUSH email.

#### **Merchandise:**

Competition spirit wear will be available online. Please pre-order online during registration via EntryEeze.

#### **Accommodations: Provided at the home of the Wa Tiki Water Park(admission not included in room fee)**

Marriott Courtyard Rapid City [Book Your Group/Corporate Rate | Marriott International](#)

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Rapid City [BH Gold Rush Figure Skating LQ](#)

Residence Inn by Marriott Rapid City [Book your group rate for Black Hills Figure Skating Club](#)

Home 2 Suites by Hilton Rapid

City <https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=RAPHTHT&groupCode=CHTBFS&arrivaldate=2023-02-16&departuredate=2023-02-19&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Fairfield Inn & Suites Rapid City [Book your group rate for Black Hills Figure Skating Club](#)

**Test Session (Friday, FEBRUARY 17,2023):**

REGISTRATION FOR TESTING DOES HAVE A SEPRATE REGISTRATION LINK FROM THE COMPETITION REGISTRATION LINK. Testing registration is online. Information will be posted on EntryEeze. Email Debbie Minter at sk8bug77@yahoo.com for additional information.

**Clinic:**

Debbie Minter, *PSA Master Rated Professional: Freeskate, Moves, Synchro, PSA Ranking Level IV National and Junior National Coach & U.S. Gold Medalist: Figures, Freeskate, Pairs, Dance*, will offer a clinic on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, with off and on ice training. Details to be on the Black Hills Figure Skating Club websiste.

**Competition Programs:**

Programs will be an electronic PDF file. All participants will be emailed the PDF at least a day prior to the competition and it will be available at the EntryEeze site on competition day. A paper copy will also be available for competitors, coaches, parents, and spectators at Registration/Check-In Desk.

**ISI Program Members:**

If you are in an ISI program, please use the below conversion chart to determine your appropriate competition level.

If you have passed ISI level -	Enter the USFS level -
Tot or Pre-Alpha (age 7 and older) Alpha	Basic 1
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 2
Advanced Pre-Alpha	Basic 3
Alpha/Gamma	Basic 4
Beta	Basic 5
Gamma	Basic 6
Delta – Freestyle 1	Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 6 (choose correct level based upon elements required)
Freestyle 2 or 3 / Open Bronze	Pre-Preliminary
Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Preliminary
Freestyle 5 / Open Silver	Pre-Juvenile
Freestyle 6 / Open Gold	Juvenile or Intermediate
Freestyle 7 / Open Platinum	Novice
Freestyle 8 / Open Platinum	Junior or Senior
Freestyle 9 / Open Platinum	Senior
Freestyle 10 / Open Platinum	Senior
Freestyle 2 / Open Bronze	Adult Pre-Bronze
Freestyle 3 / Open Bronze	Adult Bronze
Freestyle 4 / Open Silver	Adult Silver
Freestyle 5 / Open Gold	Adult Gold
Dance 3	Preliminary Dance
Dance 4	Pre-Bronze Dance
Dance 5	Bronze Dance
Dance 6	Pre-Silver Dance
Dance 7	Silver Dance
Dance 9	Pre-Gold Dance



**EVENTS OFFERED:**

[Click HERE to view the program requirements for the current season.](#)

<b>SINGLES</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Excel Free Skate	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Well Balanced Free Skate	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Adult Free Skate (Adult Pre-Bronze – Master Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Adult Beginner & High Beginner Free Skate	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Adult Free Dance	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
<b>SPECIALTY</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Compulsory Moves (No Test–Senior)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Excel Compulsory Moves (Excel Beg.–Excel Prelim.)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Adult Compulsory Moves (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Jumps Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Adult Jumps Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Spins Challenge (Beginner–Senior)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Adult Spins Challenge (Adult Beginner–Masters Jr/Sr)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Step Sequence (Pre-Pre.–Senior)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Adult Step Sequences (Adult Pre-Bronze–Masters Sr)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
<b>SHOWCASE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Emotional Performance (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Choreographic Artistry (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Lyrical Pop (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Character Performance (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Comedic Impressions (No Test - Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Duets/Trios (No Test – Senior, Adult)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Interpretive	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Mini Production Ensemble	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Production Ensemble	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
<b>SOLO DANCE</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Solo Pattern Dance (not participating in series)	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Solo Free Dance	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00
Adult Solo Pattern Dance	6.0	\$85.00	\$35.00

<b>COMPETE USA EVENTS</b>	<b>JUDGING</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Event Price</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Event Price</b>
Snowplow Sam-Basic 6 Program w/ Music	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Program w/ Music	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Adult 1-6 Program w/ Music	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Snowplow Sam – Basic 6 Elements	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Pre-Free Skate – Free Skate 1-6 Compulsory Moves	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Compete USA – Spin Challenge	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Compete USA – Jump Challenge	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Compete USA – Showcase	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Emotional Performance	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Character Performance	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Comedic Impressions	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Lyrical Pop	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Interpretive	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Duets/Trios	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Mini Production Ensembles	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Production Ensembles	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>
Compete USA – Solo Dance	<i>6.0</i>	<i>\$55.00</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>