

**Lakewood Winter Club
presents**

May Blades 2008

**May (15), 16 – 18, 2008
Sprinker Recreation Center
Tacoma, WA**

Awards given for top 6 places in each event!

ISU Judging System (IJS) for Juvenile – Senior and Adult Gold and Masters

New Showcase Events: Duet, Ensemble

World, International, National and Local Judges

Entries must be postmarked by **April 1, 2008**

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Competition

This competition is open to qualified skaters who are registered members of the US Figure Skating. This is a non-qualifying competition and will be governed by the current USFSA Rulebook except as modified by this announcement. Rules passed at the 2008 Governing Council meeting will not be in effect at this competition.

Entries

Complete and mail with entry fee to Sonja Rasmussen at 6623 130th Street Ct E, Puyallup, WA 98373-6322. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped legal sized envelope and/or email address. **Entries must be postmarked by April 1, 2008.** Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the referee and the local organizing committee and will be subject to a \$30 late entry fee. No entries will be accepted after the draw has been completed. Emailed entries submitted with a valid credit card are acceptable and encouraged. Email forms to mayblades@lakewoodwinterclub.com.

Event Judging

The ISU Judging System (IJS) will be used for Juvenile – Senior level, plus Adult Gold and Masters, short program, freeskating, compulsory, original and free dance events. Skaters entering these events are required to submit a planned program content sheet for **each** event entered. The planned program element sheet is attached to this announcement. All other events will be judged using the 6.0 system. The LOC reserves the right to use the 6.0 system for some events if IJS-qualified officials are unavailable. Planned program element sheets must be submitted by May 1, 2008. PPE's submitted after May 1 are subject to a \$30 late fee. Email submissions of the PPE's are acceptable and encouraged.

Eligibility for entries is governed by tests passed as of April 1, 2008 and age as of May 15, 2008. Adult event competitors must be age 18 or over. All skaters should be prepared to show proof of age. Skaters **may** compete at one level higher than the event for which he/she qualifies by test but may not enter more than one level in any one event except for solo dance.

Refunds will only be given under the following conditions (see US Figure Skating rule #3212(C)):

1. An event is not held.
2. Withdrawal of an entry is made on or before the official deadline of April 1, 2008.

No refunds will be issued for injuries. To withdraw, notify the competition chair as soon as possible. Any refunds will be mailed within 30 days after the completion of the competition. In any event with only one entry, the skater will be given the option of withdrawing from the event or skating against the rulebook.

Fees

The entry fee is \$75 for the first event, \$110 for 2 events, and \$30 for each additional event entered beyond 2. The entry fee for Pairs, Couples Dance and Duets is \$100 per couple. Ensemble events are \$75, plus \$20 per person entered. A fee of \$30 will be charged for checks returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF). Skaters will not be allowed to skate until all fees have been paid.

Registration

The official registration desk will be located at Sprinker Recreation Center starting one hour before the first competitive event. All competitors are required to register as soon as possible after arrival at the rink. Competition tapes/CDs should be turned in at this time.

Rink

The ice surface is 85' X 200', with slightly rounded corners. Location: Sprinker Recreation Center, 14824 South C Street, Tacoma, WA 98444.

Music

Cassette tapes or CDs (no CD-RWs please). Cassette tapes must be rewound and tapes/CD's must contain music for only one program. Clearly label music with the skater's name, his/her professional's name, the event, and the time the music plays. Music must be turned in at the time of official registration and will not be returned until the conclusion of the event. Once turned in, the Lakewood Winter Club will accept no responsibility for breakage, damage or loss of cassettes or CDs but will take every precaution to ensure their safety. All competitors must have an extra copy of their tape or CD available quickly during the actual competition.

Admission

No admission will be charged. All events are open to spectators.

Awards

Awards will be presented for first through sixth place in the Rainier Room upstairs immediately after the official posting of each event. Award photos will be taken. We ask that all award winners pose for the group picture even if you do not plan to purchase a picture. The Al & Ira Beeler Artistic Award - This award will be presented to a skater from the Intermediate level up, who the artistic judge feels presented the most artistic freestyle performance(s).

Official Notices

An official bulletin board will be maintained at the competition site. The official schedule showing starting times for each event and the draw will be posted on the bulletin board. The official schedule supersedes all other schedules. Notices posted on this bulletin board are considered as sufficient notice to all competitors. Skaters are to be in the rink and ready to skate 60 minutes before their event is scheduled to begin. Events will not be delayed for skaters who arrive late.

Practice Ice

Reservations for practice ice must be made and paid for in advance. Practice sessions will be held each day of the competition. Practice ice will be \$10 per 25-minute session. Requests for practice ice should be mailed to Sonja Rasmussen and are a part of your registration form. Sign up for **one** practice session **per event entered**. No music will be played during official practice sessions. Extra sessions may become available after the schedule is determined. These openings will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact the practice ice monitor during practice sessions to request additional time. Practice ice reserved after May 2, 2008 will be \$15 each, including drop-ins. Practice ice schedules will be mailed with the competition schedule if a stamped, self-addressed, legal-size envelope is included or emailed if legible email address is provided on entry form. There will be no refunds for those who do not appear for their reserved practice session. Every effort will be made to schedule practice ice on the same day as the event, but this is not guaranteed.

Showcase

Men and women will compete against one another in the Showcase event. Each judge will award one mark to each skater for Program Components. Only two (2) double jumps are permitted for Juvenile – Senior. Only single jumps, including axels, will be allowed for Non-test - Pre-Juvenile and Adult. A .2 deduction will be taken for programs violating this restriction. Judges for this event may be individuals in the field of theatre and dance. Props may not be placed on the ice. The music may be vocal and/or instrumental. Showcase is intended as an event to develop and enhance the qualities of original choreography, general showmanship, and entertainment value. There will not be separate events for Light Entertainment and Dramatic Showcases.

Additional Showcase Events – NEW!

Skaters may enter any or all of these events. However, each skater may enter only one of each type of event (e.g. one duet, and/or one mini production, and/or one production.)

1. Duet: A theatrical/artistic performance by any two contestants. The highest ranked member of a duet determines duet levels.
2. Mini Production Ensemble: A theatrical/artistic performance by three to seven contestants. No test level restrictions or requirements. 3:10 max
3. Production Ensemble: A theatrical/artistic performance by more than seven contestants. Theatre On Ice teams are eligible to compete in this category. No test level restrictions or requirements. 6:40 max

Videotaping & Photography

A professional video company and photographer for award photographs will be at the rink. We ask that ALL award winners pose for the group picture even if you do not plan to purchase a picture. All other videotaping and photography is restricted to hand-held battery operated equipment, without tripod, and is permissible only in the upper viewing area. No videotaping or photography from rink side. Please be courteous to those viewing the event. Solicitation by any photographer or agent of anyone to be the subject of still or video photography is not permitted. No flash photography during the event is allowed.

Accommodations

All hotels charge 13.5% state tax.

Official	Other	Other
Holiday Inn Express	Crossland	King Oscar Motel
812 South Hill Park Drive Puyallup, WA 98373 (253)848-4900	8801 S. Hosmer Tacoma, WA 98409 (253) 538-9448	6802 Tacoma Mall Blvd. Tacoma, WA 98409 (253)539-1153 (888)254-KING
\$99 (single/double)	\$59.99 one bedroom \$69.99 two bedrooms	\$63 single \$68 double
Complimentary breakfast High-speed internet	Full kitchen in each room Showers only Wireless internet access Free local calls	Complimentary continental breakfast
Group Name: May Blades Skating Competition Reserve by April 14 th	Lakewood Winter Club	Lakewood Winter Club Reserve by May 1 st

For further information regarding this announcement, please contact:

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Some Useful Web links

ISU Judging System: http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=280

Skaters and Coaches Information on IJS (including element definitions for the planned program elements sheet):

http://www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=283

Please refer to the 2008 Rulebook errata at <http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/2007-2008%20Rulebook%20Errata.pdf> for corrections to the Rulebook and the USFSA website at www.usfigureskating.org for Technical Notification.

Updates to the announcement and other information will be posted on LWC's website at www.lakewoodwinterclub.com.

Event Qualifications & Specifications

- Events with large numbers of entries may be split into multiple groups. Events will be split by age for Beginner through Pre-Juvenile and Adult, and by draw for Juvenile through Senior. Open Juvenile and Juvenile events may be combined in the case of insufficient entrants.
- No final rounds will be skated. In singles and pairs, the short and long program will be scored as separate events. In Couples Dance, the Compulsory Dances, Original Dance and Free Dance will be scored as separate events.
- If applicable, Juvenile through Senior skaters who competed in the final rounds at the 2008 Regional Championships will be seeded into separate groups.
- Skaters must skate USFSA elements for the Short Program as written for the 2008-2009 season in the current USFSA Rulebook
- Competitors in the Juvenile / Open Juvenile short program will skate the same elements as the Intermediate short program.

<u>Singles Events</u>	<u>Duration (+/- :10) Free Skate</u>	<u>Duration Short Program</u>	<u>Duration Showcase/Duet</u>
Beginner – No USFSA tests passed. May include half revolution jumps plus salchows, toe loops and loops. No combination jumps. May not include flying spins.	1:00 - 1:30		
Non-Test – No Free Skating tests passed. No axels or double jumps allowed.	1:30		1:40 max
Pre-Preliminary – no double jumps allowed	1:30		1:40 max
Preliminary	1:30		1:40 max
Pre-Juvenile	2:00		2:10 max
Juvenile (Age under 13) Open Juvenile (Age 13 & over)	2:15	2:00 max	2:10 max
Intermediate	2:30	2:00 max	2:40 max
Novice	Ladies 3:00 Men 3:30	2:30 max	2:40 max
Junior	Ladies 3:30 Men 4:00	2:50 max	2:40 max
Senior	Ladies 4:00 Men 4:30	2:50 max	2:40 max
Mini Production Ensemble Showcase			3:10 max
Production Ensemble Showcase			6:40 max

<u>Pair Events</u>	<u>Duration (+/-:10) Free Skate</u>	<u>Duration Short Program</u>
Preliminary (Age under 16)	1:30	
Pre-Juvenile (Age under 14)	2:00	
Juvenile (Age under 16)	2:30	
Intermediate (Age under 18)	3:00	
Novice	3:30	2:30 max
Junior	4:00	2:50 max
Senior	4:30	2:50 max
Adult Bronze	2:10 max	
Adult Silver	2:40 max	
Adult Gold	3:10 max	
Adult Masters	3:40 max	

<u>Adult Singles Age 18 & over</u>	<u>Duration Free Skate</u>	<u>Duration Showcase</u>
<u>Adult Pre-Bronze</u> – Skater has passed no higher than the Adult Pre Bronze Free Skating Test or the Pre-Preliminary Test. No axel or double jumps permitted.	1:40 max	1:40 max
Adult Bronze	1:40 max	Adult
Adult Silver	2:10 max	1:40 max
Adult Gold	2:40 max	Adult Masters
Masters	3:40 max	1:40 max

Tri-Blade Award

This event will require Pre-Preliminary – Juvenile level skaters to participate in the Spin event, Jump event, and Compulsory Moves event. At the completion of all three events, the Triathlon Award will go to the skater in each level who accumulates the highest cumulative score. Boys and girls will compete against each other in all three events. If there is only one entry for the Tri-Blade Award in a level, the Award will not be given for that level. Skaters must enter the same level for all three events to be considered for the Tri-Blade Award.

Compulsory Moves

Skaters will qualify according to their Free Skating level. No music will be played. Compulsory Moves are skated in a program format and the elements may be done in any order. Each added element will be penalized by .2. Connecting steps must not contain jumps. Combination jumps may not have a change of foot between the two jumps. Skaters will receive one mark from each judge for Technical Elements. Event will be skated on one half (1/2) of the ice surface. Boys and girls will compete against each other.

Level	Elements	Duration
Non-Test	1. Waltz jump 2. Single loop jump 3. Upright spin with free leg position toward knee level 4. A forward spiral	1:15 max
Pre-Preliminary	1. Single loop jump 2. Jump combination of any two single jumps, no single axel. 3. Sit spin 4. A forward spiral	1:15 max
Preliminary	1. Single flip jump 2. Jump combination of any single jump plus a single loop jump 3. Sit spin 4. Upright back spin 5. Step sequence	1:15 max
Pre-Juvenile Open Pre-Juvenile	1. Single lutz jump 2. Jump combination of any two single jumps 3. Front scratch to back scratch spin 4. Camel spin 5. Step sequence	1:15 max
Juvenile Open Juvenile	1. Single axel 2. Jump combination of a double/single, single/double, or two single jumps, no single axel 3. Camel spin 4. Sit change sit spin 5. Circular step sequence	1:15 max

Jump Event

Skaters will qualify according to their Free Skating level. No music will be played. Jumps may be skated twice in any order. The best of the two jump attempts for each required jump and combination will be judged. If a skater is satisfied with the 1st jump attempt, then the 2nd attempt is not required. In situations where the skater is given the choice of the jumps to be performed, the first attempt will determine the jump to be judged; the skater will not be allowed to change jumps on the second attempt. Skaters will receive one mark from each judge for Technical Elements. Event will be skated on one half (1/2) of the ice surface for Pre-Preliminary through Pre-Juvenile and full ice surface for Juvenile through Senior. Ladies and Men will compete against each other.

Level	Jumps	Duration
Pre-Preliminary	Half Ice 1. Salchow 2. Loop 3. Combination of any two single jumps (no axel)	1:15 max
Preliminary	Half Ice 1. Single Loop 2. Single Flip 3. Combination of any two single jumps	1:15 max
Pre-Juvenile Open Pre-Juvenile	Half Ice 1. Single Flip 2. Single Lutz 3. Combination of any two single jumps	1:15 max
Juvenile Open Juvenile	1. Single Lutz 2. Single axel 3. Combination of any double jump with a single loop jump (double-single or single-double)	1:30 max
Intermediate	1. Single axel 2. Double Salchow 3. Combination of any two double jumps	1:30 max
Novice	1. Double Loop 2. Double Flip 3. Combination of any two double jumps	1:30 max
Junior	1. Double Loop 2. Double Lutz 3. Combination of a double jump plus any double or triple jump.	1:30 max
Senior	1. Double Lutz 2. Double Axel 3. Combination of two double jumps, a double & a triple jump, or two triple jumps	1:30 max

Spins Event

Skaters will qualify according to their Free Skating level. No music will be played. Spins are skated in a program format. Spins must be skated exactly as stated but may be skated in any order. Connecting steps may be used but will not affect the score. Skaters will receive one mark from each judge for Technical Elements. The event will be skated on one half (1/2) of the ice surface. Ladies and Men will compete against each other.

Level	Spins	Duration
Pre-Preliminary	1. One-foot upright spin, optional free foot position 2. One-foot upright backspin 3. Sit spin	1:00 max
Preliminary	1. Forward scratch spin 2. Sit spin 3. Forward camel spin	1:00 max
Pre-Juvenile Open Pre-Juvenile	1. Sit spin 2. Forward camel spin to sit spin combination, no change of foot 3. Front scratch to back scratch spin	1:15 max
Juvenile Open Juvenile	1. Sit spin 2. Forward camel spin 3. Change foot spin with only one change of foot, no change of position, ex. Sit/back sit	1:15 max
Intermediate	1. Sit spin to change foot sit spin 2. Flying camel spin 3. Combination spin with only one change of foot and one change of position	1:30 max
Novice	1. One solo spin may be commenced with a jump 2. Forward camel spin to back camel spin 3. Combination spin with only one change of foot and at least one change of position	1:30 max
Junior	1. Layback or cross-foot spin 2. Flying camel 3. Combination spin with only one change of foot and at least two changes of position	1:30 max
Senior	1. Camel spin 2. A flying spin 3. Combination spin with only one change of foot & at least two changes of position	1:30 max
Adult Pre-Bronze Adult Bronze	1. Upright one foot spin with optional free foot position 2. Forward sit spin 3. Combination spin with only one change of position, change of foot optional	1:15 max
Adult Silver	1. Camel spin 2. Sit spin 3. Combination spin with at least one change of position, change of foot optional	1:15 max
Adult Gold Masters	1. Camel spin 2. A flying spin 3. Combination spin with only one change of foot & at least one change of position	1:15 max

Couples Dance

A couple will consist of one man and one lady. Dances will be final round only.

Level	Dances to be Skated (2008-2009)	Duration (+/-:10) Original Dance	Duration (+/- :10) Free Dance
Open - No age restriction. No test required, but passed no higher than 2 USFSA Pre-Silver dances	Willow Waltz, Fourteenstep		
Pre-Juvenile (Age under 14)	Cha Cha, Swing Dance		
Juvenile (Age under 16)	Ten Fox, Willow Waltz		2:15
Intermediate (Age under 18)	European Waltz, Rocker Foxtrot		2:30
Novice	Starlight Waltz, Blues		3:00
Junior	Austrian Waltz, Kilian	2:30 (Rhythms of the Roaring 20's)	3:00
Senior	Viennese Waltz, Paso Doble	2:30 (Rhythms of the Roaring 20's)	4:00

Adult Dance	Dances to be Skated (2007-2008)	Duration (max) Original/Free Dance
Adult Championship	Paso Doble, Starlight Waltz	2:40
Adult Gold	Kilian, Starlight Waltz	2:40
Adult Pre-Gold	American Waltz, Paso Doble	2:40
Adult Silver	American Waltz, Tango	2:40
Adult Pre-Silver	Hickory Hoedown, American Waltz	2:40
Adult Bronze	Hickory Hoedown, Fourteenstep	2:40
Adult Pre-Bronze	Rhythm Blues, Swing Dance	2:40
Adult Centennial	European Waltz, Paso Doble	2:40

Solo Dance

No age restrictions. Men and women will compete against one another in solo dance. Men will skate Men's steps and Women will skate Women's steps. No minimum dance test is required to compete in any solo dance event. Events may be conducted in flights.

Solo Dance Event	Requirements	Dance to be Skated
Preliminary	Passed no more than 2 Pre-Bronze Dances	Rhythm Blues, 3 patterns
Pre-Bronze	Passed no more than 2 Bronze Dances	Fiesta Tango, 3 patterns
Bronze	Passed no more than 2 Pre-Silver Dances	Hickory Hoedown, 3 patterns
Pre-Silver	Passed no more than 2 Silver Dances	Foxtrot, 3 patterns
Silver	Passed no more than 2 Pre-Gold Dances	Tango, 2 patterns
Pre-Gold	Passed no more than 3 Gold Dances	Kilian, 4 patterns
Gold	No Test Limits	Viennese Waltz, 2 patterns