

2026 High School Cyber Challenge
Competition Announcement



U.S. Figure Skating High School Skating Program

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2026 High School Team Cyber Challenge

Dear student athletes and coaches,

Welcome to the **2026** U.S. Figure Skating National High School Team Cyber Challenge. This is a sanctioned opportunity hosted and run by the U.S. Figure Skating High School Programs Subcommittee.

The goal for this virtual opportunity is to allow skaters across the country to experience the fun and camaraderie of high school skating. High school teams can be made up of as few as 2 skaters; for this virtual experience, teams may have up to 9 skaters. Read more about starting a high school team [here!](#)

After the event, a leaderboard of high school teams will be posted on the U.S. Figure Skating's website, and participants will each receive a certificate and pin. The officials will be judging in accordance with the rules and regulations, as set forth in the current U.S. Figure Skating rulebook for the 6.0 judging system.

Below you will find the details pertaining to the Team Cyber Challenge, the event levels, video submission guidelines, etc.

Thank you for your interest in high school team skating!

Information and Eligibility

Teams must meet all requirements outlined in the [2025-2026 High School Skating Handbook](#).

All teams must be [registered with U.S. Figure Skating](#) as a High School Skating Team.

Submission Fees

Team Maneuvers: \$140 per team/per level

Artistic Free Skate: \$40 per skater

Each student athlete will receive an official U.S. Figure Skating High School pin as well as a virtual certificate recognizing their involvement in the Cyber Challenge.

Refund Policy

Because this is a virtual experience, no refunds will be given.

Team Maneuvers and Artistic Free Skate Submission Information & Deadlines Registration for Team Maneuvers and Artistic Free Skate will be done separately via the below links. Registration forms for both events will open **December 1, 2025**. Registration will not be accepted after the designated deadlines below.

- [Team Maneuvers registration](#)
- [Artistic Free Skate registration](#)

Registration and video submission will be done separately. Upon **registering**, you will receive a confirmation email with information on how to submit your videos.

Below is a table outlining the timeline for the event.

Event	Registration Deadline	Video Submission Deadline	Judging	Leaderboard Posted
Team Maneuvers	January 15, 2026	February 2, 2026	February 6-16, 2026	February 23, 2026
Artistic Free Skate	February 16, 2026	February 27, 2026	March 2-13, 2026	March 31, 2026

Team Maneuvers

Entry Deadline: *January 15, 2026*

[Click here](#) to review elements and requirements for team maneuvers.

For the Cyber Challenge, a maximum of 9 skaters may participate on a given team at any level (A, B, C, D). *For this competition, we will only use the core 9 elements.*

A high school team may have **up to 3 team maneuvers entries** within the same level. For example, the Twizzle High School Team may enter “Twizzle High School Team 1”, “Twizzle High School Team 2”, and “Twizzle High School Team 3” teams in the **Level D** team maneuvers event, *with each entry having* between 2 – 9 skaters.

Artistic Free Skate

Entry Deadline: *February 16, 2026*

[Click here](#) to review elements and requirements for artistic free skate.

A high school team may have unlimited entries in all levels of Artistic Free Skate.

Judging System

The 6.0 majority judging system will be used for all events.

Test Level

For both team maneuvers and artistic free skate, athletes must enter at the highest singles test level passed at date of entry or may skate up one singles test level.

A skater may enter team maneuvers and artistic free skate at different levels as long as they are eligible for both.

A skater cannot enter multiple levels for either team maneuvers or artistic free skate.

Virtual Viewing

At the end of the series, the high school programs subcommittee will host a short virtual viewing to celebrate the Cyber Challenge, highlight teams that participated, and reveal final results.

The date for the viewing party will be **Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 8pm ET.**

Team Spirit Awards

As part of the Cyber Challenge, the high school programs subcommittee is excited to offer the **Dorothy Tank Team Spirit Awards**. These awards will be given to the High School Teams that demonstrate not only their love for the sport of figure skating but their high school pride as well.

Teams are welcome to submit separate Team Spirit videos or demonstrate team spirit throughout video submissions for Team Maneuvers & Artistic Free Skate events. The deadline to submit Team Spirit Award videos will be **February 27, 2026.**

Video Submission

Teams are required to submit unique, unedited footage for this event. Teams are NOT permitted to submit footage from **competitions** or other virtual events, including prior Cyber Challenges (2021-2025). **Footage must be filmed specifically for this event.**

Skaters will now be required to include a placard or verbal announcement at the beginning of each video to include their name, their team name, the event/level/element being filmed, the date/time of filming, and that this video is being filmed for the 2026 Cyber Challenge.

Teams that are found to have submitted old **or ineligible** footage will be disqualified from the event and will not be eligible for a refund.

Leaderboard Information

Points are awarded to all skaters who compete.

# of Skaters	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
1 st	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	10	8	6	6	6
2 nd	11	10	10	10	10	10	10	8	6	4	4	
3 rd	10	9	8	8	8	8	8	6	4	2		
4 th	9	8	7	6	6	6	6	4	2			
5 th	8	7	6	5	4	4	4	2				
6 th	7	6	5	4	3	2	2					
7 th	6	5	4	3	2	1						
8 th	5	4	3	2	1							
9 th	4	3	2	1								
10 th	3	2	1									
11 th	2	1										
12 th	1											

Ties:

In the case of a tie, skaters will share available points. For example, competitors tied for 1st place in a group of ten will each earn 11 points (12 points for first plus the 10 points for second)

Withdrawals:

The number of athletes in an event will be based on competitors who actually skate at the competition.

The leaderboard showing each team's standings will be located on the [Cyber Challenge page](#) on Members Only.

Video Instructions

- Information regarding how to submit video recordings will be included in your registration confirmation email.
- No old footage is permitted. Videos must be recorded specifically for the 2026 Cyber Challenge.
- Video must be high or recognizable resolution. Any videos deemed unreviewable will not be judged.
- Video submissions will not contain any editing, splicing, and must be and recorded from one angle. Any videos that are deemed edited, will be automatically disqualified. No refunds given. Add something about one continuous shot, no cuts, not a long video spliced into multiple clips
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- Videos must be recorded in landscape mode (not vertical).
- Videos can be recorded with a computer, tablet, phone, or camera.
- Videos will not be judged or scored based on the quality or location of the video.
- The skater's full body should always be visible during their skating performance, including their skates & blades.
- It is recommended that the person videoing be standing as close as possible to the red line and slightly elevated (not on the ice). However, it is understood that some rinks have limitations as to who is allowed in the rink, and this may not be achievable.
- Skaters should wear their competition attire or black. Skaters do not need to purchase new skating dresses or attire; however, this is a video that will be presented to a panel of officials and should be viewed as more formal than simply skating a program in practice.
- The team will be required to confirm that their videos have not been edited in any way on the submission form.
- Most importantly, have fun and showcase high school spirit!