WINTER BLAST

SKATING COMPETITION

January 15-17, 2027

Dear Skaters,

The City of St. Peters and the Show-Me State Games are proud to announce the 2027 Show-Me State Games Rec-Plex Winter Blast ISI Competition to be held Friday, January 15 – Sunday, January 17, 2027.

Events will take place in our 1,200-seat arena in Rec-Plex - South, home of eight ISI National Events in the past ten years – most recently the 2025 ISI Winter Classic along with the upcoming 2027 ISI Synchronized and Midwest Championships!

The 2027 Show-Me State Games Rec-Plex Winter Blast will serve as a qualifier for the 2028 State Games of America Championships (as ISI Figure Skating). The Show-Me State Games is a non-profit program of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Health, and its mission is to promote activities of health, fitness, family, and fun for all Missourians. Skaters placing in the top 3 spots for each event will qualify for the 2028 State Games of America in Colorado Springs, Colorado in the Summer of 2028.

Competition registration will be done through EntryEeze only and must be completed by December 11, 2026. If you have any questions, you may contact our Competition Director at isiwinterblast@gmail.com.

*We look forward to seeing you all in JANUARY 2027 for the Winter Blast event!*

*Thank you,*

*Kenny Roberts - Recreation Superintendent*
*Mandy Whitacre - Recreation Supervisor - Skating*
*Heather Dirksen - Winter Blast Competition Director*

ST. PETERS, MO Rec-Plex

# 2027 Show-Me State Games Rec-Plex Winter Blast ISI Competition

St. Peters Rec-Plex South • January 15 - 17, 2027
5250 Mexico Road, St. Peters, MO 63376
**Test & Entry Deadline:** December 11, 2026

## Eligibility:

This competition is open to skaters from all states who are individual members of ISI with current membership through the event. Skaters must represent an ISI administrative member rink, skating school, or club. Skaters must compete at their highest test level registered with ISI as of **December 11, 2026.** All entries must be approved by the skater's coach. False information will result in disqualification of the skater.

## Entry Form and Fees:

### Entry Deadline is December 11, 2026

> *Late entries **may** be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Director.*
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> ***If accepted**, late entries will be charged a late fee of $25 for individual skaters, or $10 per skater for teams.*

**Individual Event** Entry fees are $73* for the first event, and $25 for each additional event.

**Tot Events** are discounted to $58* for the first event.

Families of three or more may enter their first events for a total of $190.

****Please note, each individual entry's first event includes a $8 hospitality fee.***

**Team Event** Entry fees are $25 per skater with an additional Synchronized and Production team fee of $35 per team*.

****Please note, each team's event entry fee includes a $10 hospitality fee.***

All entries will incur a $5 Administrative fee.

# 2027 Events Offered

***All events will be conducted according to the 2026 ISI Handbook and all 2026 Revisions.***

Skaters will be grouped by similar age and by gender (may be combined in certain events).

## Individual Events:

**Tot 1-4 Solo:** Skaters in these beginning levels perform a one-minute program, set to music. The program should emphasize the required maneuvers for their test level. Tot events are usually for skaters six years or younger. Coaches can help skaters during this event.

**Pre-Alpha/Alpha/Beta/Gamma/Delta Solo:**

For these basic skills level programs, the skater performs a one-minute routine to music that emphasizes the required test level maneuvers from Pre-Alpha—Delta.

**Freestyle 1-10 Solo:** A technical program routine to music with emphasis on the required test level maneuvers from the skater's current freestyle level.

**Accessible Skater:** The current ISI Special Skater 1-10 tests have been revised into a new ISI Accessible Skater Program. Levels 1-10 are still part of the beginning skating skill progression (Tot-Delta levels) and must be taken in order. Additional gem levels (Emerald, Topaz, Ruby, Sapphire) have been added to include more advanced skating skills (Freestyle 1-5). The gem levels are similar to Open Freestyle levels and also more closely aligned with maneuvers from the Special Olympics program, making it easier for routines to fit in both skating programs. **Please see the *2026 ISI Handbook* for more details on the new ISI Accessible Skater Program.**

**Open Freestyle** (Bronze - Platinum Plus): Freestyle event category with no required maneuvers. Skaters should present a well-balanced program of jumps, spins, footwork and gliding maneuvers.

**Artistic:** Skater performs a routine to Music in which the emphasis is on strong edges, flow, choreography, innovative moves and music interpretation.

**Figure 1– 10**: Regular figures are based on the original "school" figure eights. Skaters perform the required figure patterns 3 times on each foot. Judging is based on the size & shape of the circles, cleanliness of edges & pattern. All skaters must pass the required figure test to compete in these events. **See Figure page to see which pattern will be competed at each level.*

**Footwork:** Skaters perform footwork sequences of their own design to music.

**Interpretive:** Skaters listen to a selection of music while they mentally choreograph a routine to it. Emphasis is on the skater's ability to choreograph to music, not on the difficulty of the skating maneuvers performed.

# Individual Events (cont.):

**Rhythmic -** *Ball, Hoop, or Ribbon*

*(FS 1- 10, Bronze-Platinum, Accessible Gem levels ):* The skater chooses only one rhythmic prop per routine (ball, hoop or ribbon) and must maintain control of the prop at all times throughout the program. This means the prop must be used by the skater throughout the routine. It can be thrown, bounced or juggled but control should be maintained. The prop should not be put down on the ice while the skater does jumps & spins. No additional props are permitted. Props are not allowed on the event warm-up.

**Solo Compulsories**

(Tot - FS 10, Accessible 1-10 / Emerald - Sapphire): Three previously chosen maneuvers are performed in a mini-program with no music. Connecting steps are limited and not judged.

**Solo Spotlight - Character**

*(All Levels including Accessible):* Individual skaters portray a famous, easily identifiable character through the use of music, costume, props (optional) and actions.

**Solo Spotlight - Light Entertainment**

(*All Levels including Accessible):* Skaters entertain in a light, vaudeville fashion using music, costumes, (props optional), comedy, dance, and skating.

**Solo Spotlight - Dramatic**

*(All Levels including Accessible):* Skaters entertain in a theatrical performance that sets a mood and evokes an emotional response.

**Solo Spotlight - Theme**

*(All Levels including Accessible):* Skaters entertain in a themed performance using music, costumes, (props optional) to the theme for 2026-27 season set forth by ISI: **"A Century Remix — the 'Roaring 1920s' Collides With the 2020s"**

*Create your version of the 1920s jazz, swing and flapper era mixed with 2020s hip-hop, electronic beats and high-fashion streetwear.*

**Stroking:** Skaters in Pre Alpha through Delta and Accessible 1-10 levels may participate in this event. Skaters will be grouped by level and be on the ice at the same time. Skaters will be asked to stroke in both the clockwise and counter clockwise directions. ***Reminder*-** In all stroking events, forward crossovers are required on the end pattern and will be judged.

**Surprise:** Skaters don't know what they will be asked to do until the event begins. The event usually consists of tasks not necessarily related to skating ability, typically race type events, timed, sometimes with props depending on the requirements.

# Couples Events:

**Couples 1-10:** Couples event. For skaters competing in the Couple event, if either skater has passed an ISI Freestyle test, the Couple may not compete any lower than one Couple test below the lowest Freestyle test passed. (Example: if one partner has passed Freestyle 3 and one partner has passed Freestyle 4, skaters may compete any lower than Couples 2.)

**If Couples skaters of different levels would like to compete together, the skater with lower test level must pass the test of skater with higher test level. *(Example: if one partner has passed Couple 2 and one partner has passed Couple 3, the lower partner must pass Pair 3 to compete.)*

**Couples Interpretive** (Low, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Accessible Emerald-Sapphire): Pair of skaters listen to a selection of music while they mentally choreograph a routine to it. Emphasis is on the two skaters' ability to choreograph to music, not on the difficulty of the skating maneuvers performed. Event will run just as individual interpretive events run but will be done with a partner. Please refer to the ISI handbook for all Interpretive event rules. All the same rules will apply to Couples Interpretive. *Rules and Guidelines for Created Events will NOT be found in the ISI Handbook.*

**Couples Spotlight** (Low, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Accessible 1-10 / Emerald-Sapphire): Two skaters (related or non-related) perform a routine together that may be fun, entertaining, emotional or portrayals of characters using costumes and props (optional). *Event will be grouped as Light Entertainment*

**Themed Couple Spotlight **** (Low, Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum, Accessible 1-10 / Emerald-Sapphire): Two skaters (related or non-related) perform a routine together that may be fun, entertaining, emotional or portrayals of characters using costumes and props (optional) skating to the theme for 2026-27 season set forth by ISI: **"A Century Remix — the 'Roaring 1920s' Collides With the 2020s"**

**Jump & Spin** (Low-Platinum, Accessible 1-10 / Emerald-Sapphire): Two skaters enter the ice as a team. The first skater performs a choice of a required jump two times, followed by the second skater performs a choice of a required spin two times.

**Pairs** (1-10, Bronze-Platinum):
Pairs event, skaters must pass the Pairs test for corresponding level. If Pair skaters of different level would like to compete together, the skater with lower test level must pass the test of skater with higher test level. (Example: if one partner has passed Pair 2 and one partner has passed Pair 3, the lower partner must pass Pair 3 to compete.)

# Hockey Events:

**Goalie:** The designated shooter will attempt 10 shots on each goalie. Five to be of the slap shot variety from inside the blue line and five will be of the one-on-one variety where the shooter picks up the puck on the blue line and skates in on the goalie from any direction, in an attempt to score a goal.

**Hockey Skating:** Skaters will race one or two at a time skating one forward lap around the rink carting the puck on the stick. After completing the forward lap, skater will drop the puck, keep the stick and skate another lap around the rink backwards. Skater with the best time wins.

**Puck Handling and Shooting:** Skater will carry the puck on the stick on a prescribed course, skating around pylons, and will then skate toward the net and take a shot on goal. Scoring for the competition is based on time taken to skate the course, with a deduction taken if a goal is scored (minus two seconds). Timing begins when the skater touches the puck and ends when the shot is attempted.

# Ice Dance Events:

**Solo *Free* Dance 1-10**: Skaters in the Solo Ice Dancing events must have the appropriate Ice Dancing tests passed and registered. The free Dance program should express the skaters' own inspiration and artistic capabilities.

**Ice Dancing 1-10 - Solo:** Skaters in the Solo Ice Dancing events must have the appropriate Ice Dancing tests passed and registered.
**Note: Dance Music is provided by Competition*
**See Ice Dancing page to see which patterns will be competed at each level.*

**Ice Dancing 1-10 -** *Similar, Mixed, Pro, Shadow:* All skaters must pass the required dance tests to compete in these events. All dancers can choose to compete in any or all dances from their highest completed test level. A separate event entry fee is required for each dance selected. Professionals and their students can compete together in the Pro Partner dance events at the student's current Ice Dance test level.
**The Professional must be a current ISI Professional member but does not have to pay any entry fees for that event. The Professional will not receive any medal for Pro Partner dance event participation.*

# Team Events:

***Event eligible as Accessible Skater Entry if all skaters are accessible***

**Ensemble*:** The event is open to 3-7 skaters of all ages and levels. Judged on entertainment and performance value of the program. There are no required maneuvers and no technical score but skating maneuvers can be performed at any level. The group must use costumes and props (optional) with music to enhance the theme.

**NEW! Ice Show Event*:** A new group event where you can enter a group number or program routine from your local ice show. Costumes and props can be used to illustrate the theme of the program, but they are not required. There are no maneuver limitations and no required maneuvers. See additional event details in the *2026 ISI Handbook*.

**Family Spotlight*:** Event open to 2 or more related family members of any age and skating level. Routines may be fun, entertaining, emotional or portrayals of characters using costumes and props.

**Production*:** Lavish, creative, artistic work marked by extreme freedom of style and structure using costumes and props to illustrate the number. All types of skating maneuvers are permitted (including jumps and spins). All participants must wear ice skates.

- Production
- Theater Production
- Themed* Production

**Theme for 2026-27 season set forth by ISI:*
**"A Century Remix — the 'Roaring 1920s' Collides With the 2020s"**

**Synchronized Teams:**

- Advanced Formation
- Compulsory (Formation, Skating)
- Dance
- Formation
- Skating

**Team Compulsories** (FS 1-10, Accessible Levels): Teams of Freestyle level skaters. Skaters are not permitted to skate below their current registered test level. The team consists of 6 skaters for FS 1-5 and 7 skaters for FS 6-10.

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# Judges and Coaches Information:

Each rink must submit a judges' inquiry form via email to isiwinterblast@gmail.com no later than **December 11, 2026.** Each rink is responsible for providing certified judges. **All currently certified ISI judges are required to take the 2026 Update Test after 8/1/26 to maintain their current certification level. If you take a Bronze, Silver, or Gold certification test after 8/1/26, *you are not required* to take the 2026 Update Test.**

Team points may be awarded to teams who meet or exceed their judging obligations, and team points may be deducted from teams who do not fulfill the requirements.

Coaches who are not qualified to judge and who wish to be by the ice with their skaters will be required to make a **$75 donation** to the St. Peters Figure Skating Association. Coaches will not be allowed by the ice with their skaters if they do not fulfill their judging requirements or make the required donation. ***Please note:*** *only professional ISI members are allowed to purchase a credential (no parents or junior coaches).*

If coaches choose to "buy" their credential, they still must be professional members of the ISI. There may be coaches and judges meeting preceding the competition at a date and time to be announced in the schedule.

## 2026 ISI JUDGING REVISIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

**Artistic Event**: The Innovative Moves judging criterion has been changed to Creative Moves. This will include the skater's ability to perform a variety of different, unique, and innovative moves. Variations of traditional maneuvers are also scored here.

**Synchronized Dance Event**: Three (3) of the five following synchro maneuvers must be included: line, circle, block, wheel, intersection. The first 3 maneuvers performed will each be scored by one judge under Correctness of Maneuver by a different judge. Each judge will score one of the three maneuvers.

**Updated Lift Reference Chart**: The Lift Reference Chart has been updated to show acrobatic, adagio, dance, group, and stationary/rotational lift limitations for each event and level. All coaches should carefully review the 2026 ISI Handbook Lift Definitions & Lift Reference Chart to ensure all lifts are allowed at your event and program level.

**Family-Friendly Programs**: Judges can score at the bottom of the point range (in General Overall or Judge Appeal) for programs that do not follow these family-friendly program guidelines: Costumes, props, themes, song lyrics, and choreography for all ISI competition programs should be family-friendly and suitable for viewing by skaters of all ages. Family-friendly implies that the content or experience is free from explicit or inappropriate material. Program content should prioritize values such as safety (non-violence), inclusivity, and entertainment that all ages can share and enjoy.

**Additional Penalties**: There are some events where guidelines have been given regarding performance; however, if a penalty is not listed in the *ISI Handbook*, a penalty cannot be given for not following the guidelines.

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# Miscellaneous Information:

## Performance Rules:

All routines begin from a stationary position. The timing of a routine begins with ANY action after the music starts. There is a short warm-up before each division skates.

## Practice Ice:

Practice ice *may* be available. If available, information will be sent out with the schedule of events.

## Music:

All music must be submitted electronically by the music registration deadline of **December 18, 2026**, through EntryEeze. Skaters must have a phone or mp3 device with appropriate dongle (preferred) or a cd on-hand as a backup.

## Photography:

***ProTronics Technologies is proud to provide photography services for the 2027 ISI Winter Blast.*** Cost is $30 for the first event package and $15 for each additional event. If you would like more photos of an event you may double the package for an additional $15.

For best results, photos are individually edited after the event. This is an extra time consuming step that dramatically improves quality. Therefore photos will only be taken for events that are pre-ordered. Each order will receive 4-5 of the best photos selected from several hundred. Each photo will then be edited and made available days after the competition.

To place your order you will need to send an email to this address andy@protronics.com with the **skaters name**, and **event number/s** at least 3 days before competition day. You will receive a confirmation of your order.

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# Photography (con't):

Payment can be made at any time through the media site: http://www.protronics.com/media/ or Venmo to @Andrew-Kastrup-1. If you don't use Venmo you may pay cash at the event with a print of your order. If there are photos that are not to your satisfaction or there are events that are unable to be taken, such as scratches, you will be refunded.

***Photography ordering reminders and details will be sent to competitors closer to competition once event times are available.***

# Awards:

Medals will be given to all competitors in all events. The maximum number of entries (individuals, partners, or teams) in an event group is seven (7). Per ISI 2026 Revisions, this is reduced from the current maximum of nine. Results will be posted for all seven places (without judge scores). As all ISI competitions are team competitions, skaters in each event will earn team points, as well as participation points. Team trophies may be awarded. Additional team awards may be awarded at the discretion of the Competition Director.

# Nearby Hotels:

The St. Peters Rec-Plex is located within the heart of St. Peters in St. Charles County, Missouri.

There are many hotels within 10 minutes of the rink. Here is a small list of a few, we encourage your rink to call and set up a block for your team!

**Courtyard by Marriott, St. Peters** (1.1 miles)

4341 Veterans Memorial Parkway, St. Peters, MO 63376

636-477-6900

**Hampton Inn, St.Charles/St. Peters** (2.2 miles)

3720 West Clay St., St. Charles, MO 63301

636-947-6800

**Drury Inn & Suites, St. Peters** (2.3 miles)

170 Mid Rivers Mall Circle, St. Peters, MO 63376

636-397-9700

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# Entryeeze – Competition Information:

All 2026 Show-Me State Games Rec-Plex Winter Blast ISI Competition information will be available on Entryeeze at:

http://comp.entryeeze.com/home.aspx?cid=639

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