



ATHLETE & COACH HANDBOOK

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OVERVIEW: The U.S. Figure Skating 2021-2022 National Synchronized Skating Series will go into effect November 1, 2021 as an opportunity for synchronized skating teams at all levels to receive a national ranking against other synchronized skating athletes/teams from all parts of the country. This program does not advance teams to sectional and/or national competitions.

This series of official, U.S. Figure Skating approved competitions are hosted individually by member clubs nationwide in a standard format. At these competitions, synchronized skating athletes/teams earn official scores towards a national rank. The competitions will be held between November 2021 and March 2022.

All competitions accepted into the series must be a sanctioned U.S. Figure Skating competition and agree to the following U.S. Figure Skating requirements:

1. Use a panel of compliant officials, of a minimum level, approved by the Domestic Selections Committee
2. Conduct the events in accordance with U.S. Figure Skating rule 2460, so all events are standard and comparable across the country.
3. Utilize U.S. Figure Skating's Event Management System (EMS) for registration, officials' management and results transmission.
4. For International Judging System (IJS) levels, use the official calculation software with the latest related version of the software and official judging system hardware.

ENTRY PROCESS AND ENTRY FEE: To be included in a series, teams must complete a series application and pay the series entry fee of \$125/team (nonrefundable). The series application must be completed prior to the start date of the first competition the team will participate in for the results of that competition to be counted toward the series standings. Participating competitions will take place from November 2021 – March 2022. Registration will begin September 1, 2021, and end March 30, 2022.

To access the series application:

1. Log in to Members Only (team managers or coaches)
2. Click on the blue EMS button on the main page
3. Choose "Series Application"
4. Locate the "2021-22 National Synchronized Skating Series" and click "Register".
 - a. Note: roster information will be collected by each participating competition and is not a part of the National Synchronized Skating Series application.



POINTS (6.0 level teams only): Points earned will be weighted based on the number of teams entering any particular competition event, so the teams that place the highest in the largest group will receive the most points (please see Chart A for details). The median score will be calculated based on the points awarded per competition.

In the case of qualifying and final rounds, the qualifying round points will be counted and teams placing in the top three of the final round will receive two extra bonus points, fourth through sixth will receive one bonus point. The most points any team can receive in one competition is 12. If there are more than 10 teams in one competition group, first place will still receive 10 points.

*Note that Aspire Synchro events will be conducted under the U.S. Figure Skating Compete USA rules, which do not allow more than six teams in any group.

SCORES (IJS level teams only): Only the highest total score earned at a National Synchronized Skating Series competition will be factored into the standings. Junior & Senior level teams must enter the Combined event (includes both short program and free skate) for that competition's total score final placement to count towards ranked points. Individual segment events will not be counted.

STANDINGS: Standings will be updated 2 – 3 days after each competition concludes. IJS standings will be available in the Series Information section of EMS. 6.0 standings will be updated on the National Synchronized Skating Series page of the U.S. Figure Skating website.

LEVELS OFFERED: All synchronized skating levels can take part in the series. Junior and senior teams must compete in the Combined event (including both the short program and the free skate).

COMPETITIONS: For a list of approved competitions, see the [link to the National Synchronized Skating Page](#) which will include a list of those competitions. Please continue to check this list throughout the season for the most updated information.

After officially entering the National Synchronized Skating Series, the team must enter each competition directly, via U.S. Figure Skating EMS, in accordance with the entry deadline and entry fees set by that competition. It is the responsibility of the team to register for each competition and follow any entry rules set by that competition. Entering the National Synchronized Skating Series does not enter the team into any competitions.

ACCOUNTING: All results will be uploaded using EMS at the conclusion of the event.

AWARDS: Teams placing in the top 3 for each level will receive a medal. Winners in each level will also receive a trophy. Medals and/or trophy will be mailed to the team contact listed on the entry form, approximately 3 weeks following the conclusion of the last event in the series. Please keep in mind if giving out at end of year banquets.



AWARDING OF POINTS – CHART A

NATIONAL SYNCHRONIZED SKATING SERIES
POINTS AWARDED for PLACEMENTS AT EACH COMPETITION

Number of Teams Entered 6.0 levels only	PLACEMENT				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Remaining
10 (or more) Teams	10	8	6	4	2
9 Teams	9	7	5	3	2
8 Teams	8	6	4	2	1
7 Teams	7	5	3	1	1
6 Teams*	6	4	2	1	1
5 Teams	5	3	1	1	1
4 Teams	4	2	1	1	
3 Teams	3	2	1		
2 Teams	2	1			
1 Team	1				

** Per Compete USA rules, teams competing in Aspire Synchro will not compete in groups larger than 6. If teams are split into groups, teams will earn points based on the number they compete against.*

**Qualifying round placements will be counted towards a team's total score. When a final round is held, , teams placing 1st through 3rd will receive two extra bonus points and teams placing 4th through 6th will receive one extra bonus point towards their team's total score.*

