



PUERTO RICAN FIGURE SKATING FEDERATION

Federacion Puertorriquena de Patinaje Artistico Sobre Hielo

**2007 Puerto Rican
Figure Skating
National Championships**

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Chief Referee:

Competition Chair: Lorie Racobaldo
Competition Co-Chair: Mark Reina

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Official Announcement

2007 PUERTO RICAN FIGURE SKATING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hosted by the Skating Club of Southern New Jersey
Sanctioned by the Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation

The 2007 Puerto Rican Figure Skating National Championships will be held at the **Igloo**, located at: 3033 Fostertown Road, Mt Laurel, NJ 08054 (856) 638-0801. The event will be held on the weekend of Saturday, March 10, 2007 (ice time specifics to be published at a later date).

DUE DATE:

All entries, signatures, fees, and documents to accompany this application **MUST** be received at the same time and be ***POSTMARKED by midnight, January 25, 2007.***

RULES:

The competition will be conducted in accordance with the rules as set forth below:

1. The 2007 Official USFSA Rule Book (for the Junior Division Subalterno which includes the following classes: Pre-Juvenile, Open Juvenile, and Open Intermediate);
2. ISU Special Regulations & Technical Rules, Single & Pair Skating and Ice Dancing 2006, as accepted by the International Skating Union, 51st Ordinary Congress in 2006. ; and
3. ISU Communication 1397, Single & Pair Skating, Guidelines for Novice Competitions and employing the underlying Special Regulations, Single & Pair Skating 2006, as accepted by the International Skating Union, Ordinary Congress in 2006).

The Senior Division Superior shall include the Novice, Junior and Senior levels (as described below). There are age requirements or limitations, and test requirements, for all divisions, as described below:

SENIOR DIVISION SUPERIOR AGE REQUIREMENTS

To Be Eligible for the listed Division	You must be at least	and must not have reached	and tested no less than the FS/Pair/Dance level	Age as of July 1, 2007
Novice FS	10	15	USFSA Juvenile	
Novice Pair/Dance	10	15 for Ladies and 17 for Men		
Junior FS	13	19	USFSA Intermediate	
Junior Pair/Dance	13	19 for Ladies and 21 for Men		
Senior (all)	14	(no upper limit)	USFSA Junior	

OPEN (Junior Division Subalterno) ELIGIBILITY:

The competition is open to all eligible and re-instated persons who (1) are of Puerto Rican heritage or residency (any level of Puerto Rican heritage or residency is acceptable), and (2) are PRFSF members for 2006-07, and (3) shall be eligible to enter events based on test status as of January 25, 2007. Single skaters must compete at their free skating test level or higher, **BUT NOT BOTH**, based on the table listed below. The Open Juvenile, Intermediate, and Novice levels are open to all skaters at that level or above. However, no jump of 2 ½ rotations or more may be attempted.

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NATIONAL (Senior Division Superior) ELIGIBILITY:

The competition is open to all eligible and re-instated persons who (1) are of Puerto Rican heritage or residency, as described below (in accordance with ISU Rule 109 and Communication 1117), and (2) are PRFSF members for 2006-07, and (3) shall be eligible to enter events based on test status as of January 25, 2007. Single skaters may compete at a free skating test level based on the table listed above. All National Level skaters must complete and return a Program Content form for the Short Program and Free Skate (from the PRFSF web site at: <http://www.prfsf.com/Skaters%20Program%20Content.DOC>).

Puerto Rican Heritage:

A skater must fulfill the basic requirement that the skater, and/or at least one parent, and/or at least one grandparent, was/were born in Puerto Rico. Proof of the aforementioned Puerto Rican birthplace must be made by providing a copy of the Puerto Rican birth certificate to accompany the competition application.

If Puerto Rican birth is proven through the grandparent, then the application MUST also include both the grandparent AND the intervening parent birth certificate (no matter where that comes from) in order to show that there is a direct link between the grandparent to the parent, and finally to the skater. All National skaters' birth certificates must be included with the application. All National skaters must be US citizens. Skaters who have competed at the 2004 or 2005 or 2006 Puerto Rican Nationals have already satisfied this requirement and need not re-submit the birth certificates.

Puerto Rican Residency:

In lieu of Puerto Rican birth certificate, a skater must have Puerto Rican residency and be able to prove such. Under current ISU rules, in order for a figure skater to represent Puerto Rico in the 2007-08 competition year, a skater must have been a continuous resident of Puerto Rico as of July 1, 2006, and be able to prove such residency status.

EVENTS AND AWARDS:

Medals will be awarded for first through third places.

ENTRIES AND FEES:

ALL entries must be postmarked no later than January 25, 2007. Late entries may be accepted by the discretion of the competition committee and will include an additional late fee of \$25.00. There will be a \$25.00 fee assessed for NSF checks. Fees are per person, per event, in U.S. dollars. Fees are as follows:

Novice through Senior Level - Superior	\$140.00
Junior Division - Subalterno	\$100.00
Pair or Dance (per skater, per event).....	\$ 80.00

Skaters may enter any event for which they are eligible. All forms (Forms A, B, C and D) must be submitted with each and every entry. For pair and dance, each partner must fill out an application. **NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN FOR ANY REASON, INCLUDING MEDICAL, AFTER THE January 25, 2007 CUTOFF DEADLINE, EXCEPT FOR DEATH IN THE IMMEDIATE FAMILY.**

Entry forms must be filled out completely and mailed, along with a check, made payable to "PUERTO RICAN FIGURE SKATING FEDERATION". **YOU MUST INCLUDE A STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED LEGAL SIZED ENVELOPE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE A CONFIRMATION OF COMPETITION TIMES.**

SEND ENTRIES TO: PRFSF Attn: Mark Reina, 34124 Moore, Farmington, MI 48335
DIRECT INQUIRIES TO: Mark Reina (248) 474-2903 MReina@prfsf.com

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REGISTRATION:

The official registration desk will be located in the lobby of the Igloo. Registration will open one and one-half hours prior to the first event. Competitors must register at least one hour prior to their first event, and skaters should be in the rink one hour before subsequent events.

OFFICIAL NOTICES:

An official bulletin board will be maintained in the lobby of the rink. Posting of schedules and announcements thereon shall constitute sufficient official notice to competitors, coaches, and officials.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

A COMPETITION CONFIRMATION and EVENT TIMES will be mailed to each competitor approximately three (3) weeks after the closing date for those competitors who have included a stamped and self addressed envelope. Please check the official bulletin board immediately upon arrival for any changes. Schedules will be posted at the PRFSF's Website: <http://www.prfsf.com/>

OFFICIAL ARENA:

Competitive events will be at the Igloo in Mt. Laurel, NJ. The ice surface measures 85' X 200'. The facilities have dressing rooms, ample parking, and a concession area.

MUSIC:

Music will be reproduced through the rink sound system from cassettes or CDs furnished by each competitor. Music will be provided for compulsory dance. Cassettes or CDs must be furnished by each competitor for all other events. ALL Music MUST BE TURNED IN PROPERLY LABELED AND RE-WOUND AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. ALL skaters should have additional copies available as back-ups. Tapes should not exceed thirty minutes in length. (It is preferred that ten minute tapes be used). Tapes should be recorded on one side only. No broken cassettes will be accepted.

VIDEOGRAPHY:

A videographer will be available to make VHS recordings of your event at a cost. You may either bring a blank VHS tape or purchase one from the vendor. The recording will be available within 24 hours after the event.

COMPETITOR BIOGRAPHY:

The PRFSF will be compiling a competition program. If you would like the PRFSF to consider any competitor biographical info or pictures for this program, please e-mail this information to: MReina@prfsf.com. Include an additional payment with your application along with the advertisement form included in this announcement package.

PRACTICE ICE TIME:

Practice ice time is available either through drop-in figure skating time with the times listed below that are worked out with the Igloo.

COMPETITIVE REPRESENTATION AND DISCLAIMER NOTICE:

International Events: The Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation is a full member of the International Skating Union. From time to time, the PRFSF receives invitations from the ISU and other ISU member skating federations to allow Puerto Rican figure skater(s) to enter an international figure skating competition. Consequently, this National Championship will be used as a primary, but not sole, decision making criteria for Puerto Rican representation in such international figure skating competitions that are sanctioned by the ISU. Eligibility for such events is still primarily controlled by ISU rules.

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Other Criteria: Other factors to be used by the PRFSF to determine placement for such international representation include, but are not limited to: membership in the PRFSF, existence of a contractual relationship, skater health, skater competitiveness, review of the competition season in total, and available funding. Non-attendance at this National Championship, and participation in the Open Events, will reduce the likelihood that a figure skater will be selected as Puerto Rico's representative in any such international competition. Participation in a National (Superior) Event is required for a skater to be designated on the PRFSF World Development Team. To be eligible for World Development Team, a skater must be able to skate competitive programs at an international event under the applicable rules and age restrictions.

Special Age Notice: Eligibility for events at ISU events is based, in part, on the skater's age. Selection by a skater to compete in any specific level at this National Championship does NOT preclude the PRFSF from selecting the skater to represent the PRFSF at a different level. For example, a 14 year old skater may compete as a Junior at this National Championship. However, the PRFSF is free to select this skater to represent the PRFSF at an ISU event as either: a Novice, Junior, or Senior. This decision is subject to the sole discretion and judgment of the PRFSF. The skater is always free to decide not to represent the PRFSF at the different level.

Lone Entrant Events: The PRFSF intends to run a competitive event where more than one entrant actually competes for an individual title. In the event that an event or category has only one entrant, then the PRFSF Competition Committee may declare the winner as the sole entrant. In the event that all of the Senior National/Superior Divisions are entered by a sole skater/pair, then the Competition Committee may elect to not hold the 2007 National Championships. Any Open Junior Division Subalterno entrants will receive a refund of their entry fees. All fees received for the Senior National/Superior Divisions will be retained by the PRFSF. Medals and trophies will be delivered to the sole entrant/winners.

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EVENT CATEGORIES, TIMES AND REQUIREMENTS (SKATERS MAY COMPETE AT THEIR LEVEL OR ONE LEVEL HIGHER UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

JUNIOR DIVISION SUBALTERNO

<u>FREE SKATING</u>	<u>MINUTES</u>	<u>REQUIRED ELEMENTS</u>
Pre-Juvenile	2	Open to skaters who have passed the pre-juvenile test and no higher. Only 4 different double jumps are allowed but may be repeated individually, in combination, or in a sequence.
Open Juvenile	2:15	Open to skaters who have passed the associated FS test.
Open Intermediate	2:30	Program requirements according to 2005-06 USFSA rulebook.
Open Novice	3:00	These levels open to all skaters at Juvenile and above. However, no jump of 2 ½ rotations or more may be attempted.

SENIOR DIVISION SUPERIOR

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>MINUTES</u>	<u>FREE SKATING / FREE DANCE REQUIRED ELEMENTS</u>
Novice	3 (Ladies) 3-3 ½ (Men)	Program requirements according to ISU Communication 1397.
Junior	3 to 3½ (Ladies) 3½ to 4 (Men)	Program requirements according to 2006 ISU Special Regulations NOTE: Range of time added so that Novice Free Skate programs may be ran for Junior Free Skate programs.
Senior	4 (Ladies) 4½ (Men)	Program requirements according to 2006 ISU Special Regulations

SHORT PROGRAMS / COMPULSORY DANCE

Novice	2:30 or less	Program requirements according to ISU Communication 1397; Except that only One Spiral or Step Sequence is required; but both a Spiral and Step Sequence may be performed.
Junior	2:40 or less	Program requirements according to 2006 ISU Special Regulations
Senior	2:50 or less	Program requirements according to 2006 ISU Special Regulations

NOTE: This competition occurs in the 2006-07 competition year.

All Novice, Junior and Senior competitors must complete a Program Content Form and return it to: Mark Reina at: 34124 Moore, Farmington, MI 48335 or via email to: MReina@prfsf.com. The Program Content Form is available on the website at: www.prfsf.com.

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MARCH, 2007 PUERTO RICAN NATIONAL ENTRY FORM

Form A

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Female: ___ Male: ___ USFSA #: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Home Club: _____

Last Test Passed: Freestyle: _____ Pair: _____ Dance: _____ Moves: _____

(Print) Professional's Name: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Coach/Professional's USFSA #: _____ PSA #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ___ Zip: _____

Single

- Senior
- Junior
- Novice
- Open Novice
- Open Intermediate
- Open Juvenile
- Pre-Juvenile

Pair

- Senior
- Junior
- Novice

Dance

- Senior
- Junior
- Novice

Contestant Certification

I am an eligible skater under the rules of the PRFSF to enter the event(s) checked on the registration form.

I am requesting to compete at the Puerto Rican Nationals. (initial one or more of the following that apply)

____ I, one or both of my parents, or one or more of my grandparents, was born on the island of Puerto Rico; and I am submitting a copy of the birth certificate (of that person, and of the parent in case the grandparent was born on Puerto Rico) that proves this. I also certify that I am a US citizen in accordance with the rules of the Puerto Rican Olympic Committee (COPUR) and the Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation (PRFSF).

____ I am a resident of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. I am including proof of my residency.

In all cases, I am including a copy of the skater's birth certificates; except that NO Birth certificates are required of skaters who competed to either the 2004 or 2005 or 2006 Puerto Rican National Championships.

The PRFSF and the organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by skaters or officials. As condition of, and in consideration or, the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials, the PRFSF, and against the officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition. I hereby assign all rights to, and release from, liability the PRFSF and its assigns to use my name and image, either in still form or in motion, for non-profit use in any form of media.

Skater Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(if the Skater is under 18 years of age- there must be parent or legal guardian)

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Certification of Club Officer or Test Chair

Form B

To the best of my knowledge, the information indicated on this application is true and correct. The competitor is a member in good standing of our club.

Signature: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

Certification of Coach

To the best of my knowledge, the information indicated on this application is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Waiver of Claims for Injury

The competitor and family holds the Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation harmless from any and all liability for injuries to the Competitor and from any and all liabilities for damages to, or loss of property. I also understand that no refunds will be made after January 25, 2007, INCLUDING MEDICAL. The only exception is a death in the immediate family, or cancellation due to lack of entries.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Entries must be postmarked by January 25, 2007

U.S. Funds only.

\$25.00 fee for returned checks.

No refunds will be given after Closing Date.

Novice, Junior, and Senior Free skate Event \$140.00

Adult Events \$100 - Pair and Dance Events \$80 per skater

Make your check payable to the "Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation"

Mail to: Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation

Attn: Mark Reina

34124 Moore

Farmington, MI 48335

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Form C

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Competition Assistance

The Puerto Rican Figure Skating Federation needs you to make this competition a success. We need assistance running the competition; catering for the officials; and gifts for the skaters. Please identify how you can assist the PRFSF in running this event.

Yes No I can help run this event by assisting (i.e. ice monitor, announcing, playing music, lobby signup, selling flowers, runner, etc.). If you volunteer to help run this event, check out at the lobby registration to see where you have been assigned.

Yes No I can provide tax deductible, monetary assistance:

Yes No I can provide tax deductible, goods for gifts: _____

Advertisements

The PRFSF will be accepting applications to place advertisements in the Competition Program. If you would like to place an advertisement in the program, please fill out the information below and return this form with your competition entry application. Attach the artwork for the advertisement and mail to: Mark Reina, 34124 Moore, Farmington, MI 48335.

<u>Size</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Business Card	\$10	_____
Quarter Page Ad	\$25	_____
Half Page Ad	\$50	_____
Full Page Ad	\$100	_____
Back Cover Page	\$120	_____
Total		

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PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

Form D

Name of Physician: _____ Telephone #: _____

Insurance Company Information

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Name of Insured: _____

In the event I am unavailable, I hereby give my permission for any medical treatment by the physician representative of the medical committee of the sanctioned competition of which I (my son/daughter) is entered. I further authorize and consent to the release of any pertinent medical information and records regarding the treatment, diagnosis, and/or examination (of myself) (my son/daughter) to the PRFSF Competition Committee and the medical staff of the competition for which I am entered.

Skater Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(if the Skater is under 18 years of age- there must be parent or legal guardian)

THIS FORM MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR ENTRY

Fee Summary Section

Senior Division	\$140	_____
Pair/Dance	\$80	_____
Junior Division	\$100	_____
Advertisements		_____
Late Fees	\$25	_____
Other Fees	_____	_____
	Total	_____

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