

2014 Boston Synchronized Skating Classic November 21-22, 2014

Hosted by Team Excel And The Skating Club of Boston

The 2014 Boston Synchronized Skating Classic will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Figure Skating, as set forth in the current Rulebook as well as any pertinent updates which have been posted on the U.S. Figure Skating web site.

This competition is open to all synchronized teams comprised of members who are eligible, restricted, reinstated or readmitted persons as defined by the Eligibility Rules, and currently registered members of a U.S. Figure Skating member club, a collegiate club or an individual member in accordance with the current Rulebook. Refer to the current Rulebook for non-U.S. Citizens.

This event is proud to participate in the Eastern Synchronized Skating Challenge Series. Participation in this series is open to all Beginner 1, 2, or 3 teams and preliminary, pre-juvenile, juvenile and open juvenile teams. Visit www.usfigureskating.org for more information on this series. Results of this event for participating teams will be reported to U.S. Figure Skating for calculation of the series results.

ELIGIBILITY / TEST AND AGE REQUIREMENTS: Skaters must meet the age requirements by the July 1st preceding this competition. This competition is not requiring that Moves in the Field

test requirements be met, with the exception of the maximum allowed at the Beginner level.

ENTRIES: All applications must be received by October 6, 2014. Early applications have a deadline of September 22, 2014. Applications should be entered online at: Entryeze [\[http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=324\]](http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=324)

The entry fee is \$230 per event plus \$24 per skater, including alternates. The entry fee for Basic Skills beginner is \$60 per team plus \$12 per skater. Combined fee for Junior and Senior teams entering both the short and long program is \$320 per team plus \$24 per skater, including alternates. Early applications (received by September 22, 2014) receive a \$25 discount off team entry fee.

We will use Entryeze for on-line registration and payment. You must register and pay on-line, which will include a nominal processing fee. Go to Entryeze [\[http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=324\]](http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=324) to access the competition registration. A link to the online registration is also available on the competition website [\[www.bostonsynchroclassic.org\]](http://www.bostonsynchroclassic.org)

Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the chief referee. We reserve the right to combine, separate, or eliminate categories.

If you have questions, please email: <mailto:info@bostonsynchroclassic.org>.

REFUND POLICY:

Entry fees will not be refunded after October 6, 2014 unless the competition is cancelled. The online processing fees are not refundable. Checks returned for non-sufficient funds and contested credit card charges will be assessed a \$25 fee. Payment of the fee will be required before the team is allowed to participate in practice ice or events.

FACILITIES: The competition will be held at New England Sports Center (www.nes.com), 121 Donald Lynch Boulevard, Marlborough, MA. The competition rink is 200 feet by 85 feet, with 20-foot radius corners. The rink temperature is often cold. There is a snack bar at the competition rink. Locker rooms will be assigned upon arrival.

MUSIC: Rules governing music selection can be found in the U.S. Figure Skating rulebook, rules 7200-7520.

Only CDs (standard Compact Disk format) will be accepted. CDs must be clearly marked with name, event entered and the music length, and must be contained in a hard-sided "jewel" case.

Due to compatibility and reliability reasons no music may be submitted on re-recordable "CDRW" discs.

The official competition music must be turned in at the registration table at the time of check-in. All music must be picked up at the completion of the competition. CDs will not be mailed back to competitors. Team Excel and The Skating Club of Boston will not accept responsibility for damage or loss of music, but will take every precaution to ensure its safety.

PLEASE HAVE SEPARATE CD's FOR PRACTICE AND COMPETITION. Teams must also have an extra copy available at rink side during the actual competition event.

LIABILITY: U.S. Figure Skating, The Skating Club of Boston, Team Excel, and New England

Sports Center accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition. This is in accordance with Rule 1600 of the official U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook.

JUDGING SYSTEM: The ISU judging system (IJS) will be used for collegiate, adult, intermediate, novice, junior and senior events. All other events will be judged using the 6.0 judging system.

All teams competing in a level judged under the IJS will be required to complete a Planned Program Content sheet. Each team's Planned Program Content sheet must be completed via their Member's Only profile at www.usfsaonline.org **at least 7 days** before the start of the event.

REGISTRATION: The registration desk will be located in the rink lobby and will be open one hour before the first practice ice of the day and through the end of the competition/practice ice on Friday evening, November 21 and Saturday November 22. Only one person designated by the team should register for the team. All coaches will need to sign for the coaches' packet and pass. Teams should register and submit their music 2 hours before the start of their event.

ADMISSION: Each skater, including alternates on a competing team, will be provided with a competitor's pass. In addition, each team will be issued passes for two team chaperones and two coaches per team. All-event tickets will be available at the door at a cost of \$12 per adult and \$5 for children under the age of twelve and seniors (65+). There will be no charge for children age two and younger.

PRACTICE ICE: Practice ice will be available Friday afternoon and evening and possibly Saturday morning. Practice ice should be requested through Entryeze [<http://comp.entryeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=324>] and availability will be determined after the close of entries. All practice ice sessions will be held at New England Sports Center, in the same rink as the competition (see dimensions earlier in this announcement). Practice ice schedules will be emailed once available. The fee for practice ice is \$80 per 10-minute session. Teams competing under the IJS system are required to purchase competition practice ice and will be grouped together. IJS practice segments will be 10- minutes long at a cost of \$80, with the exception of Junior free skate, Senior free skate, and Collegiate, which will have 12-minute segments at a cost of \$96. Only Junior, Senior and Collegiate teams may purchase 12-minute practice sessions.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to all skaters and alternates for first, second, third and fourth place teams. If the number of entries necessitates preliminary rounds, medals will be awarded to the first through fourth-place teams in the final round. The Junior and Senior short program and free skates are considered separate events. Results will be posted in the lobby, and awards will be given out off-ice at intervals during the competition.

OFFICIAL NOTICES: Official notices will be maintained at the registration desk. It is the responsibility of each competitor, parent, and/or coach to check for any schedule changes and/or additional competition information.

INFORMATION REGARDING COACHES:

To coach at a U.S. Figure Skating competition, a professional coach or choreographer must be:

- ✓ Declared by the skater or team in the registration process

- ✓ Listed as Coaches Education Requirement (CER) Category A or B compliant for the current season
- ✓ Current with Coach Registration (requires annual fee and background check)
- ✓ A current member in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating

A coaches' requirements chart can be found here:

[www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches Requirement Chart.pdf](http://www.usfigureskating.org/Content/Coaches%20Requirement%20Chart.pdf).

The local organizing committee/club will have a list of coaches who are cleared for a credential at the competition. Coaches will need to check in at the event registration desk and show a government issued photo I.D. to receive a credential. Coaches who are NOT on the list will need to show proof of membership in U.S. Figure Skating, a Coaches Registration card, proof of Category A or B compliance, and a photo I.D. at check in. **If a coach cannot provide a photo I.D. and is not on the list or cannot produce the necessary documents, he or she will not be allowed a credential – no exceptions. We strongly urge all coaches to have their cards with them. Non-credentialed coaches will not be permitted in the designated coaching area at rink side during events, including practice sessions.**

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Competition web site: www.bostonsynchroclassic.org

For questions, please contact the following individuals:

Competition Chair: Deanne Benson, chair@bostonsynchroclassic.org, 978.263.0323

Chief Referee: Judy Edmunds, judyedmunds@gmail.com, 508.775.9303

Registration/Practice Ice: info@bostonsynchroclassic.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Judges critiques will be provided. Information will be available at the registration desk.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Below is a list of recommended hotels in the vicinity of New England Sports Center. Please contact the hotels directly and mention the Boston Synchronized Skating Classic for the competition rate.

Embassy Suites (official hotel for the competition, 8 minutes to competition rink)
 123 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752
 508.263.7754
 Contact: Michelle Murphy, Michelle.Murphy2@hilton.com
 \$124.95/night King
 \$136.95/night Double/Double

Courtyard Boston Marlborough(6 minutes to competition rink)
 75 Felton Street, Marlborough, MA 01752
 508.263.9145
 Contact: Amy Allain, Amy.Allain@marriott.com
 \$149/night 2 Queen beds

Best Western Royal Plaza (9 minutes to competition rink)
 181 Boston Post Road, Marlborough, MA 01752
 508.303.1788
 Contact: Christine Kelly, CKelly@rplazahotels.com
 \$119/night Double/Double and King
 Continental breakfast included

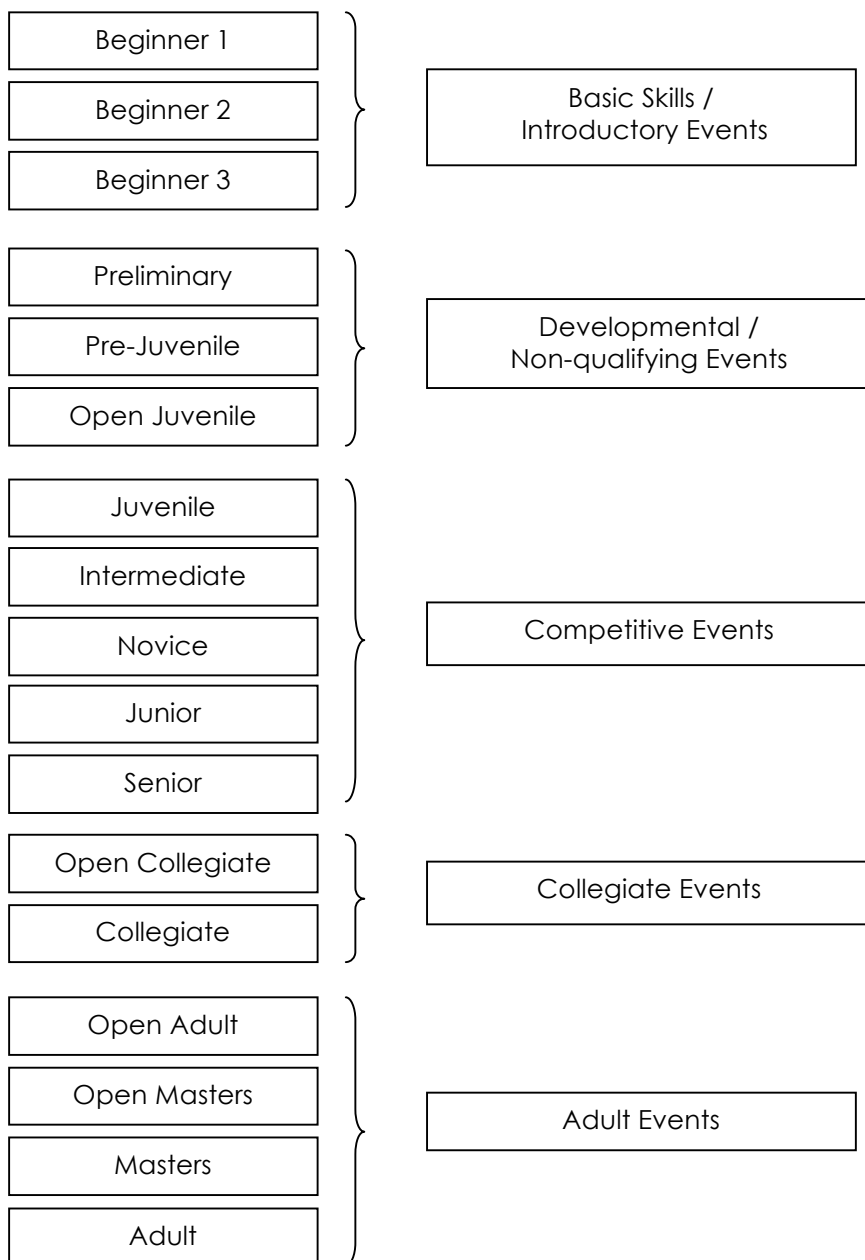
TRANSPORTATION: Free parking is available at New England Sports Center. Information about bus parking will be sent to teams prior to the competition. New England Sports Center is approximately one hour from major airports in Boston (MA), Providence (RI), and Manchester (NH).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: A tentative schedule will be posted on the website (www.bostonsynchroclassic.org) as soon as it is available.

EVENTS OFFERED:

See the current rulebook/website for current rules and ISU communications. www.usfigureskating.org/New_Judging.asp?id=361)

Illustration of Synchronized Skating competitive pipeline and events; age restrictions, test requirements, and program duration are on the next page:



This event is a standard U.S. Figure Skating Synchronized Skating Non-Qualifying Competition



- A. Basic Skills Beginner 1:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 9. No skaters may have passed a preliminary test, and the majority of the team must be no test.
Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.
Rules: www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=338
- B. Basic Skills Beginner 2:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be 9-11 years old. No skaters may have passed a preliminary test, and the majority of the team must be no test.
Program duration: 1 ½ -2 minutes.
Rules: www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=338
- C. Basic Skills Beginner 3:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be at least 12 years old. No skaters may have passed a preliminary test, and the majority of the team must be no test.
Program duration: 2 – 2 ½ minutes.
Rules: www.usfigureskating.org/Programs.asp?id=338
- D. Preliminary:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. All skaters must be under 12. The majority of the team must be under 10.
Program duration: 2 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7270
- E. Pre-Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of the team must be under 12.
Program duration: 2 minutes 15 seconds.
Well balanced program: Rule 7260
- F. Open Juvenile:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be under 20 and must have passed the pre-preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7250
- G. Juvenile:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under and have passed the preliminary moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7240
- H. Intermediate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 18 and have passed the pre-juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7230
- I. Novice:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be under 16, with the exception that up to 4 team members may be 16 or 17. All must have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7220
- J. Junior:** A team of 12 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 13 and under 19 on the preceding July 1. All skaters must have passed the intermediate moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 minutes
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7210

- K. Senior:** A team of 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 15 on the preceding July 1 and have passed the novice moves in the field test.
Short program duration: Maximum 2 minutes, 50 seconds
Free skate duration: 4 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program and short program: Rule 7200
- L. Open Collegiate** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7290
- M. Collegiate:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a college or university as a full-time student, as of the entry deadline, and have passed the juvenile moves in the field test.
Program duration: 4 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7280
- N. Open Adult:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. The majority of skaters must be at least 19 years or older.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7520
- O. Open Masters:** A team of 8 to 16 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 2 ½ minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7530
- P. Masters:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. Skaters must be at least 25, and the majority of the team must be at least 30.
Program duration: 3 minutes.
Well balanced program: Rule 7510
- Q. Adult:** A team of 12 to 20 skaters. All skaters must be at least 21 with the exception that up to four team members may be 18, 19 or 20 years of age. All skaters must have passed either the preliminary moves in the field test, the adult bronze moves in the field test, the preliminary figure test or the preliminary dance test.
Program duration: 3 ½ minutes
Well balanced program: Rule 7500

Crossover Rules:

No team may be comprised of more than 50% of athletes that are also on any other team. This applies to both the entire roster and the athletes that are skating on the ice at any given competition.

The chart below illustrates the levels where crossover skaters are allowed. The shaded areas indicate no crossovers are allowed. An "X" indicates crossovers are allowed between the two levels, providing all requirements are met as defined Rules 7200 – 7530, in addition to the statement above.

	Beginner 1, 2 or 3	Preliminary	Pre -Juvenile	Open Juvenile	Juvenile	Intermediate	Novice	Junior	Senior	Open Collegiate	Collegiate	Open Adult	Open Masters	Masters	Adult
Beginner 1, 2 or 3															
Preliminary															
Pre - Juvenile															
Open Juvenile															
Juvenile						X	X								
Intermediate					X		X	X	X						
Novice					X	X		X	X						
Junior						X	X		X		X				
Senior						X	X	X			X				X
Open Collegiate															
Collegiate								X	X						X
Open Adult															
Open Masters															
Masters															X
Adult									X		X			X	

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ENTRY FORM 1: Team Information

Team name:		U.S. Figure Skating #:	
Club: (if applicable)			
Team contact person:			
Daytime phone number:		E-mail:	
Address:		City	State / ZIP
Primary coach:		U.S. Figure Skating #	
Daytime phone number:		E-mail:	
Number of skaters:		Number of alternates:	

Please check the level/event(s) entered:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Skills Beginner 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior free skate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Skills Beginner 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Collegiate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic Skills Beginner 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Novice | <input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preliminary | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior short program | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior free skate | <input type="checkbox"/> Open Masters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior short program | <input type="checkbox"/> Masters |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult |

Entry Fee Enclosed: **Early registration (by 9/21/14) subtract \$25 per team entry**

\$230/team plus \$24/skater

\$230 + \$24 x _____ skaters = \$ _____

Junior & Senior teams entering both short and long programs:

\$320/team plus \$24/skater

\$320 + \$24 x _____ skaters = \$ _____

Beginner teams:

\$60/team plus \$12/skater

\$60 + \$12 x _____ skaters = \$ _____

All fees and entry forms must be received by October 6, 2014 (EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS September 21, 2014). Pay and register online at Entryeeze [<http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=324>].

Note for collegiate / open collegiate teams: Please bring with you a copy of the collegiate certification page, or alternate proof of your athletes' student status, as of the entry deadline.

Note for beginner teams: Beginner teams may choose to represent either a full member club or a U.S. Figure Skating Basic Skills school / program.

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ENTRY FORM 2: Team Entry Form

Team Name:	Level:
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SKATER NAMES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER Last name first	Birth date	U.S. Figure Skating #**	Highest MITF test passed *
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Alt. 1.***			
Alt. 2.***			
Alt. 3.***			
Alt. 4.***			

* Required for teams entering open juvenile, juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, senior, collegiate and adult. Also required for beginner teams. **Skaters on beginner teams are not permitted to have passed higher than preliminary, and the majority of the team must be no-test.**

** Skaters on beginner teams may be either full U.S. Figure Skating members or Basic Skills members.

***Teams are permitted to have a maximum for four alternates, in addition to the maximum number of athletes allowed on the ice at their level.

Please submit the team roster online using Entryeze

[\[http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=324\]](http://comp.entryeeze.com/Home.aspx?cid=324)

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ENTRY FORM 3: Liability Waiver / Certification by Club Officer

Team Name:	Level:
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U.S. Figure Skating and the clubs or organizers of competitions undertake no responsibility for damages or injuries suffered by the skaters or officials. As a condition of and in consideration of the acceptance of their entries or participation therein, all entrants, their parents and guardians and officials shall be deemed to agree to assume all risks of injury to their person and property resulting from, caused by or connected with, the conduct and management of the competition, and to waive and release any and all claims which they may have against any officials, U.S. Figure Skating, the club hosting the competition, and against its officers, and their entries shall be accepted only on such condition.

Skater's name in alphabetical order	Skater signature or parent / guardian (if skater is under 18)
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Alt. 1	
Alt. 2	
Alt. 3	
Alt. 4	

Club officer or skating school director: *All of the skaters listed on the team entry form are to the best of my knowledge, eligible members in good standing and eligible to compete under U.S. Figure Skating or Skate Canada rules.*

Print Name:	Signature
Title:	
Club or Basic Skills program name:	

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ENTRY FORM 4: Collegiate Certification page – for collegiate and open collegiate teams **ONLY.**

Collegiate and open collegiate teams must comply with Rule 7280 (collegiate) or Rule 7290 (open collegiate). Athletes must have a high school diploma or equivalent and be enrolled in a degree program at a college or university, as full-time students as recognized by the college or university they attend, as of the entry deadline for this event. Use a separate form for each institution the members attend, collect all of the forms and send them together. Students may also choose another method to prove their student status, such as a print out of an unofficial transcript or a letter from the registrar.

Team Name:	U.S. Figure Skating Number:
Level:	

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STUDENT ID NUMBER
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REGISTRAR:

I certify that the students listed above are considered full-time students by the following institution: _____

Name of Registrar: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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PRACTICE ICE REQUEST

All practice sessions are 10 minutes and cost \$80 per session.

IJS practice sessions for Junior free, Senior free and Collegiate are 12 minutes and cost \$96 per session. Only Junior free, Senior free and Collegiate may sign up for 12 minute sessions.

Practice ice will be held Friday afternoon, Friday evening, and possibly Saturday morning prior to the beginning of the competition.

Practice ice availability will be determined after the close of entries. Practice Ice is included with on-line registration. If you have any questions email

info@bostonsynchroclassic.org.

Please be aware that all teams competing under the IJS will have their practice ice monitored and will be grouped together for practice that purpose.

Club Name: _____

Team Name: _____

Division: _____

Desired Day/Time: _____

of 10 and 12 min Sessions Requested _____

Contact Person & Phone: _____

Contact E-mail Address: _____

Other information: _____

We will accommodate your desired times for practice ice to the best of our ability. You must include practice ice fees with application fees. Please remember that practice ice requests are taken in the order they are received; however, some adjustments to the schedule are always necessary to accommodate travel schedules for out of town teams.

Administrative Use Only:

Date Rec'd: _____

Check #: _____ **Check Amount:** _____

Sessions Purchased: _____ **Time Assigned:** _____