

General Information

Deadline: Entries must be **postmarked** no later than midnight, **February 25, 2008**. No refunds will be granted after this deadline unless an event is canceled or the limitation on number of competitors is exceeded. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Competition Committee and will require an additional \$25 late fee. No entries will be accepted after a postmarked date of **March 5, 2008**.

HMFSC will be utilizing the 6.0 judging system for the Garren Invitational.

Test & Age: As of deadline of **February 25, 2008**.

Fees: All Fees must accompany entry form: \$60 for the First Event, \$25 for each additional event, Basic Skills, \$25.00, and Team Compulsory \$40 per team, \$5 per team member, Late Fee \$25 after February 25, 2008. Only one application needs to be submitted per team.

Snack Bar: The snack bar will be open throughout the competition. Fresh coffee, breakfast food, fresh sandwiches, soups and desserts will be available.

Rink: The ice surface is 85' x 200' with rounded corners.

Admission: Admission is free. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Liability: US Figure Skating, the Hudson Mohawk Figure Skating Club, and Houston Field House accept no responsibility for injury or damage sustained by any participant in this competition.

Limitations: *We may not be able to accommodate all entries.* There must be two or more entries in a category to hold an event. If limits must be placed on any event, entries will be based on the postmark date. Anyone closed out of an event will be notified and the applicable portion of the fee returned. **Under no other circumstances will a refund be given including conflicting family activities, injuries, or other illness.** If there is only one entry for an event, a competitor may elect to skate an exhibition if the schedule permits. Skaters who choose to skate an exhibition will not receive a refund for that event or medal.

Schedules: Schedules will be available approximately 7 days prior to the start of the competition and will be available on our club website (www.hmfsc.org). Please note that the schedule is prepared by the Referee after the close of entries and is based strictly on the number of events and its competitors and the availability of judges. No changes to the schedule will be allowed to accommodate personal or family conflicts.

Awards: Medals will be awarded to the first THREE placements in each event. Ribbons will be awarded to fourth and fifth place. In events with less than 2 competitors no award will be given. If there is only 1 entry for an event, a competitor may elect to skate an exhibition of the schedule allows. Skaters who chose to skate an exhibition will not receive a refund or medal.

THE CHARLES B. STARO TROPHY to the first place winner of the Senior Ladies Free Skating event.

THE BETTY SHEEHAN AWARD to the first place winner of the Jr. Ladies Long Program.

THE JOHN ANDERSON AWARD, donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Palladino, will be awarded to the first place winner of the Novice Ladies Long Program.

THE LINDA LEVITT TROPHY to the first place winner in the Juvenile Ladies Free Skating event.

THE PALLADINO TROPHY, donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Palladino, will be awarded to the skating club accruing the most competition points.
Total number of each 1st place = 5 points, 2nd place = 4 points, and so on through 5th place = 1 point.

Photographer and Video Taping: A professional Video Taping Company and a Photographer will be available at the Event. Please check his table for details.

Practice Ice: Practice ice may be available during the event. Please check our website for more information at **www.hmfsc.org**.

Registration/Music: The registration desk will open 1/2 hour before the first event. Participants are advised to be present at least one hour before their event in case the competition is running early. Pre-recorded cassettes or CDs are required. Only one track per CD is allowed. Music must be clearly marked with the skater's name, level, and length of program and submitted one hour before the start of the skater's event. The Hudson Mohawk Figure Skating Club assumes no responsibility or liability for damage or loss of **cassettes/CDs**. **All competitors must have a duplicate cassette, or CD with them at rink. After each event, music will be returned to the hospitality desk for the competitor to pick up.**

THE GARREN INVITATIONAL WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF THE US FIGURE SKATING GOVERNING NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS, AND WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE OFFICIAL RULES OF US FIGURE SKATING AS SPECIFIED IN THE 2008 RULE BOOK, EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BY THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

Hotel Suggestions

Latham area <http://hotel-guides.us/new-york/latham-ny-hotels.html>
(Latham is approximately 10-15 minute drive to rink)

Troy
Franklin Square Inn <http://www.franklinsquareinn.com/>
Olde Judge Mansion [http://home.nycap.rr.com/oldejudgetmansion/olde_judge_mansion .htm](http://home.nycap.rr.com/oldejudgetmansion/olde_judge_mansion.htm)

Schedule information should be available on our website after March 20, 2008. Do not email for schedule information! Please save this announcement for your reference.

Please make all inquiries via email only to aseman@hmfsc.org.