



FMC Ice Sports hosts multiple ice shows throughout the year. Your child may express an interest in participating. The following will help to answer some the questions you may have about competition:

***Why do skaters compete?***

Skating in a competition is a great confidence builder and a memory maker. Competing also helps skaters learn the performance aspect of the sport, which can take many years to perfect. Most of all, most skaters compete because it's fun. It's a great way to meet other skaters in your rink and support the arena's competitive endeavors as each skater who places earns points for the team. The team with the most points gets a trophy to bring back to their home arena.

***Who may compete?***

Skaters of all ages and abilities are welcome to compete in a variety of event types. Competitors simply need to have an ISI membership and officially tested and passed ISI requirements for their ability level. For more information, talk to your coach, class instructor or Skating Director.

***What is the fee to compete?***

The competition entry fee is \$40 for the first event. Additional events may cost additional fees, please speak with your class instructor or Skating Director for more information. All skaters will receive an award for each event entered. Skaters can enter several events as the different types display aspects or disciplines of skating. For example, Solo is an overall event where skaters perform set skills and choreography to music and both technical and presentation aspects are considered. Solo Compulsory events have no music and just pre-chosen skills each skater will perform. Spotlight is an event where the skater wants to portray a theme or character and is judged on presentation value.

***What do competitors wear?***

Most skaters compete in skating attire or a costume that suits their music. For example, many female skaters choose a skating dress and tights and boys opt for flexible pants and a dress shirt. The specific outfit should match the music and should be discussed with your coach. Prices for skating attire do vary. Talk to your coach or Skating Director to find options that work for you.

***What comes next?***

Different programs offer different ways of participating in competitions although the most popular choice is to arrange private lessons and compete individually. Skaters purchase practice ice options and then arrange to have a coach teach them individually on the practice ice. Private lesson fees get paid directly to the coach. To find a coach that suits your needs, talk to your Skating Director.

***When do skaters compete during the competition?***

There are many different events at the competition. The Alpha through Delta skaters will compete on Sunday. Freestyle skaters will compete on Saturday morning. You will be given a time in advance and you must arrive 1 hour prior to your event. Oftentimes the events are running ahead of schedule and we'd like to be sure everyone gets their chance to perform.