

# Showcase Skater Guide

National Showcase is truly a festival of inspiration and skaters who qualify are strongly encouraged to participate. The top four skaters within an artistic event qualify for National Showcase as long as they meet test requirements and the guidelines of non-qualifying competitions who include some or all-showcase competition events.

Join the discussion showcase group to talk with others about national showcase. <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/NationalShowcase/>. This link is not part of the U.S. Figure Skating web site and U.S. Figure Skating does not necessarily endorse the content.

The host club for National Showcase 2010 will be the Bourne Skating Club in Buzzards Bay, MA.  
[http://www.usfsa.org/event\\_details.asp?id=44314](http://www.usfsa.org/event_details.asp?id=44314)

Advice to help you succeed -

1. Delete any jumps you don't do with style and flow and confidence. You get no credit at all for jump difficulty in showcase, but errors lower marks.
2. Skate and perform with energy! A weak performance gets a lower mark.
3. Look at and play to the audience and judges. Ignore them and they will be happy to ignore you.
4. Exaggerate your gestures and the physical aspects of performance. You are a small creature in a large space, seen from a distance.

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National Showcase is a Competition in Theatrical Skating that fuses artistic creativity with figure skating for single skaters, duets, small ensembles of three to seven and production numbers of eight to thirty. National Showcase offers the categories of light entertainment, dramatic entertainment, and extemporaneous improvisation to singles skaters.

***Singles participating in light or dramatic entertainment programs perform under spotlights, as do duets. All other events are performed under full house lighting.***

Skating Under Spotlights is only scary until you have done it and figured out how to make it work. Then, it's like skating in a new rink - not a problem unless you make it into one.

It's a lot like driving at night when oncoming cars shines headlights at you. But it's easier than that because spotlights are usually above your line of sight, not at eye level.

First, it takes a minute for your eyes to adjust so expect that. Don't ever look into the spotlights. Look under them and between them. Try to stay aware of the barriers; they will help you know where you are. Don't look at the ice either; you'll get reflected light.

National Showcase 2010 Announcement -  
[http://www.bourneskatingclub.com/national\\_showcase](http://www.bourneskatingclub.com/national_showcase)

- [Competition Announcement](#)
- [Competition Forms](#)

<http://www.usfigureskating.org/content/ShowcaseRules.pdf>