

USE OF MUSIC AT U.S. FIGURE SKATING SANCTIONED AND APPROVED EVENTS

Music is an important element in a figure skating performance. When using music for a performance, it is important to confirm the appropriate rights and licenses are in place. Regulations and laws regarding copyright and music licensing are strictly enforced, and failure to adhere to applicable regulations and laws may expose you to civil penalties and damages.

U.S. Figure Skating recognizes the complex nature of obtaining rights to utilize music for performances and has taken steps to better equip members with the information they need to avoid violating copyright laws. To assist its members in compliance with applicable copyright laws, U.S. Figure Skating has partnered with the two largest performance rights organizations, ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) and BMI (Broadcast Music, Inc.) to secure a blanket Performance License for all music utilized by athletes at sanctioned and approved events so long as the song choice is 100% covered through ASCAP and/or BMI.

Below is additional information being provided for your use.

PERFORMANCE LICENSED MUSIC

A performance license is an agreement between a music user and the owner(s) of a copyrighted composition (song) that grants permission to play the song in public (regardless of how small a portion of the song is used).

SONGS COVERED BY U.S. FIGURE SKATING'S PERFORMANCE LICENSES

To comply with applicable copyright laws, it is strongly recommended that all music being used for competitions, shows, training, and other background or intermission music being utilized during a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned or approved event, program, or activity is 100% cleared by BMI, ASCAP, or a combination of the two. Further, it is strongly recommended that the coach, choreographer, athlete, and/or parent/guardian only use music for competition that is 100% cleared as described above. This is for the protection of both the member organization, and of the athlete and their team.

SONGVIEW

[Songview](#) is an online music rights database that you can use to ensure that a song you'd like to use is fully licensed. For a song to be fully licensed through U.S. Figure Skating's blanket licenses, the song must be 100% covered between ASCAP, BMI, or a combination of the two. If you do not find your song in the Songview database, the rights to that song have either not been secured, or have explicitly been withheld. In either case, it is strongly recommended that you select a different song that can be found in Songview.

CLICKNCLEAR

If you have searched Songview and are unable to verify that a song is fully covered by U.S. Figure Skating's blanket license, and prefer not to select a different song, you may be able to utilize a paid option known as ClicknClear to attempt to obtain the appropriate license. ClicknClear may allow our members to pay for a music license if a song is not covered under the USFS's blanket licenses with ASCAP and BMI. Please visit their website at www.clicknclear.com for more information on their music licensing platform.

RESPONSIBILITY PURSUANT TO FEDERAL COPYRIGHT LAW

It is the sole responsibility of the U.S. Figure Skating coach, choreographer, athlete and/or parent/guardian to ensure that music being used in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities is cleared 100% by BMI and/or ASCAP, or that the proper licensing has been obtained (via ClicknClear or otherwise).

Ensuring that all other music being utilized during the sanctioned or approved event, program, or activity is properly licensed the sole responsibility of the Organizer.

PROHIBITION OF STREAMING AND RECORDING

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music.

Use of music in this manner is not covered by U.S. Figure Skating's Performance License with ASCAP and BMI, and is strictly prohibited.

Questions or concerns regarding music at U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs and activities may be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.