

GOPHER OPEN MINI CUP SEPTEMBER 27–28, 2008 INFORMATION SHEET

Plymouth Ice Center, 3650 Plymouth Blvd., Plymouth, MN 55446

For updates prior to the event, visit <http://pwspeedskating.homestead.com/2008AmericanCup.html>

Divisions and Races for the Gopher Open Mini Cup

The Gopher Open will combine male and female, class A & B and special need skaters into compatible racing groups based on age and seed time submitted. All distances will be age appropriate. There will be heats and finals for all groups.

Divisions include Tiny Tots through Open A. Sorry, no masters.

Awards will be given to 1st through 3rd place for males and females in each group. Tie breakers will be determined by the longest distance.

Organizers reserve the right to make changes based on the number of registered skaters or time constraints.

Entry Fee and Deadline

(See entry form for mailing information.)

Gopher Open Mini Cup entry forms with \$45.00 fee, \$120.00 max per family and the waiver/release must be RECEIVED by Friday, September 19, 2008.

Entry fee includes one student ticket for the American Cup event and an event t-shirt.

Late Entry: Add a fee of \$50.00 per skater. The fees, forms and waiver/release must be RECEIVED by Wednesday, September 24, 2008. If entering late, the t-shirt may be need to be shipped after the event, if not available the day of the event.

Make checks payable to: **Plymouth Wayzata Speedskating**

Requirements

Helmet, gloves, long sleeves, knee pads, neck protection and shin guards.

Skater Registration—Plymouth Ice Center

Gopher Open Mini Cup skaters should check in Saturday, September 27 at the rink from 6:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. A \$10.00 helmet cover deposit will be taken at the time of registration. Deposit will be refunded upon return of the helmet cover at the end of the meet on Sunday.

Contact Information

Meet Director: Greg Oly, 763-476-9375, gvoly@comcast.net

Registration Information

Send forms and check to: Sue Hambly, 3201 Midland Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110 / 651-770-1394, sbhambly@aol.com

Times (specific groups and exact times available at event)

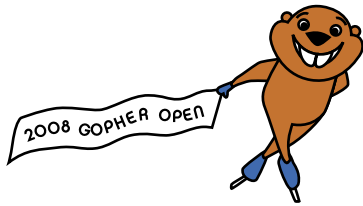
Friday, September 26	Practice ice: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 27	Check in: 6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.
	Warm up: 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
	Race: 7:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday, September 28	Warm up and race info available Saturday.

Accommodations

Country Inn & Suites by Carlson—Plymouth
210 Carlson Parkway North
Plymouth, MN 55447
(888) 201-1746
<http://www.countryinns.com/plymouthmn>
Fri–Sat: Starting at \$89.00
Sun–Thur: Starting at \$94.00

Radisson Hotel & Conference Center
3131 Campus Drive
Plymouth, MN 55441
(888) 201-1718
http://www.radisson.com/minneapolismn_plymouth
Sun, Thurs–Sat: Starting at \$99.00
Mon–Wed: Starting at \$119.00

Mention "Short Track Speed Skating Championship" to get special rates.



2008 GOPHER OPEN MINI CUP
ENTRY FORM

Return this portion with the waiver/release form and announcer form.

Name: _____ Male Female

Club: _____ Association: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

USS/SSC#: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Birth Date: _____ Age as of 6-30-08: _____

T-shirt size: Child M Child L Adult S Adult M Adult L

Division: (check one) Tiny Tot (6 & under) Pee Wee (7-8) Pony (9-10) Midget (11-12) Juvenile (13-14) Open A (15+)

500m time met during 2007–2008 or 2008–2009 (for Tiny Tots and Pee Wee, list 222m time):

Time: _____ Date: _____

Signature of skater (parent, if under 18): _____

Name and phone number of parent: _____

If parent not present, name of person responsible for skater if under 18: _____

By signing this entry form, the above-named participant certifies that he/she has read the USS Code of Conduct and agrees to abide by it.

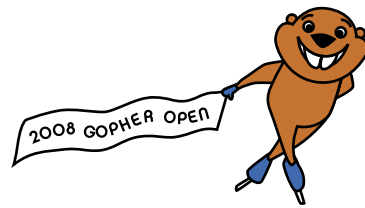
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Entry fee is non-refundable.

Make check attached payable to: Plymouth Wayzata Speedskating.

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2008 GOPHER OPEN MINI CUP RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER AGREEMENT

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NOTE: THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER AGREEMENT MUST BE READ AND SIGNED BEFORE THE PARTICIPANT IS PERMITTED TO TAKE PART IN THE 2008 GOPHER OPEN MINI CUP COMPETITION ON SEPT. 27-28, 2008 IN PLYMOUTH, MN BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, THE PARTICIPANT AFFIRMS HAVING READ IT.

In consideration of my involvement in the sport and activities under the auspices of U.S. Speedskating, I acknowledge, appreciate and agree that:

1. **I risk bodily injury, including paralysis, dismemberment, disability and death, and** while particular rules of my sport, equipment, and personal training and discipline may reduce this risk, this risk of injury does exist, as well as the risk to damage to or loss of property;
2. **I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the negligence of the releasees or others;**
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If however, I observe any unusual or unnecessary hazard during my presence or participation, I will bring such to the attention of the nearest official; and,
4. **I, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release, hold harmless and promise not to sue U.S. Speedskating, the Greater Minnesota Speedskating Association, Plymouth Wayzata Speedskating Club, the Plymouth Ice Center, the city of Plymouth, the International Olympic Committee, the United States Olympic Committee, the International Skating Union or other sponsoring organizations, their officers, volunteers, staff, sponsors and/or agents (*releasees") with respect to any and all injury and loss arising from my participation, whether caused by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise, except that which is the result of gross negligence or wanton misconduct.**

I have read this Release of Liability and Waiver Agreement, fully understand its terms and sign it freely and voluntarily.

Participant's Signature: _____

Participant's Name (Printed): _____ Date: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(Under Age 18 at the Time of Registration)

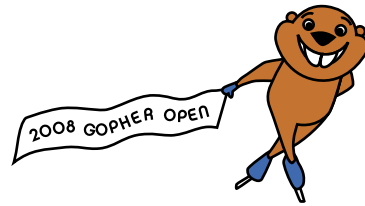
This is to certify that I/we as parent(s)/guardian(s) with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree not only to his/her release, but also for myself/ourselves and my/our heirs, assigns and next of kin to release and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability incident to my/our minor child's involvement as stated above.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (Printed): _____ Date: _____

Mail with entry form and waiver/release to: Sue Hambly, 3201 Midland Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

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2008 GOPHER OPEN CUP ANNOUNCER'S INFORMATION SHEET

Return this form with the entry fee and waiver/release form.

Name: _____

Age: _____ Male Female

Club: _____ Association: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

Favorite Music Group: _____ Favorite TV Show: _____

Other Interests: _____ Favorite Meet: _____

Favorite Distance to Race: _____ Favorite Speedskater: _____

Favorite Speedskating Memory: _____

How Did You Get Started in Speedskating? _____

I Like Speedskating Because: _____

Hometown Newspaper: _____ My E-mail Address: _____

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