

BLADELINES
December 2022

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE BIRMINGHAM FIGURE SKATING CLUB!!!

BLADELINES IS BACK

Bladelines is the BFSC E-Newsletter sent to all current BFSC members. Powered by volunteer steam, the newsletter has been on hiatus since the May-June 2022 issue while we went through a busy competition season and some reorganization. We can always use more help to provide the best offerings and communication about what is going on around the facility.

If you would like to become involved or can offer your expertise in marketing, communications, graphic design, please contact
Keir Breitenfeld, BFSC president kdbbham@gmail.com

There are so many great volunteer opportunities and the club needs all the help it can get to make all our events and programming a huge success for our skating community. Thank you!

HOLIDAY ICE SHOW

“Holidays at the Movies on Ice”

Important Dates:

Saturday, December 17 -- Dress Rehearsal 10:00am

Sunday, December 18 -- Two Spectacular Shows!!!

2:30pm and 6:00pm

Get your tickets for family and friends now at the PCC Box Office or
<https://linktr.ee/iceshow>

Flowers for Sale before the Show:

The BFSC will be selling flowers in the lobby before each show. Share the love with your skaters and coaches and support the club at the same time!

A very special shout out to the Holiday Ice Show Team!!!

Coaches, TA's, PCC staff, skaters, and parents are working hard on and off the ice and to make this year's holiday program truly spectacular. Can't wait to see the show!!

A BIG THANKS TO OUR HOLIDAY ICE SHOW COACHES:

Jana and Mark Militano, Aly McDougal, Austin Bachman, Brooklyn Bachman, Philip Bagnall, Ashley Deavers, Kim Harris, Reilyn Intemann, Erica Scholl, Maddi Smith, and Savannah Worth. Y'all ROCK!!!

TEST SESSION UPCOMING on Sunday, January 15, 2023

Talk to your coach and get ready to test!

Registration Deadline Wed, Dec. 28, 2022

Login to your membership account in Entryeeze to register for this test session.

SPECIALTY CLASSES & PROGRAMMING NEWS

Check out PCC offerings and sign up!

These classes are offered by the Pelham Skate School & Aspire Academy and be pro-rated for late enrollments, and walk-on rates are available too! We offer discounts for siblings and multiple class enrollments! Questions? Call Susie Gray at 205.620.6448 ext. 265 or email sgray@pelhamalabama.gov!

BFSC Jr. BOARD NEWS

The Halloween Trunk or Treat Club Ice was a big success!

Thanks to all who came out in costume, decorated cars, and provided baked goods for the Jr. Board Bake Sale. The Bake Sale raised funds to go towards holiday gifts for kids in need. The Jr. Board also held a sock drive for the homeless community.

CLUB ICE HOLIDAY PARTY LATE SKATE

Wednesday, Dec. 28 – 6:00 to 11 pm

Hey Kids! Join us in your festive holiday PJs for a late skate and off-ice fun with pizza and hot chocolate. *Registration Details to come!*

JOIN THE 2023 BFSC LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Help us plan, present, and manage our competition MAGIC CITY ICE CLASSIC (MCIC) and other club events!! Hosting a competition truly takes a village.

In 2023, we will host MCIC May 5-7 and our goal is to bring 200-300 skaters to our wonderful facility. We will not host BLADES IN BAMA to focus on making MCIC topflight in every way. BFSC also hosts an annual Awards Banquet in May so there is A LOT to do ahead and we need your participation!!!

Every BFSC member/ family is asked to pitch in at least ten hours every year. All hands and expertise are needed to make our events a big success. BFSC is one of the few clubs in the southeast, so we take pride in offering great events that competitors count on to advance in their sport. Please join us!

Email birminghamfigureskatingclub@gmail.com for more information and to sign up!

PLAN AHEAD

2023 REGIONAL COMPETITIONS – DISCUSS WITH YOUR COACHES!

Save the Dates and Watch for Registration Announcements!

March 10-12, Magnolia Open, Atlanta Figure Skating Club
April 14-16, Skate Nashville, Nashville Figure Skating Club
May 5 – 7, Magic City Ice Classic, Birmingham Figure Skating Club
July 7-9, Dogwood Classic, Triangle Figure Skating Club of North Carolina
July 19 - 22, Skate Detroit, Detroit Skating Club
July 27 - 30, Charleston Open, Figure Skating Club of Charleston
July 31 – August 6, National Showcase 2023, The Skating Club of Boston, Norwood, MA
August 4 - 6, Scott Hamilton Invitational, Nashville, TN
August 25 - 27, Atlanta Open, Atlanta Figure Skating Club
September 8 - 10, John Smith Memorial Competition Charlotte, NC

Note: this is not an exhaustive list. Check USFSA for a complete listing.

EXCEL SERIES 2023

The Excel Series launched in 2019 to offer athletes the opportunity to continue testing and developing their skills while showcasing their strengths at events. Available at nonqualifying competitions, including designated Excel Series competitions, Excel free skates consist of required elements different from the standard track to help boost skaters' strengths and offer competitive experiences. Brand new Excel Series information, including the list of Excel Series competitions for 2023, is now available on the [Excel Series Information page](#) in USFSA Members Only.

Note that Basic Skills Skaters are eligible to participate. Talk to Susie Gray for more information. A coaching package will be available for those first-time competitors who wish to participate but do not have a private coach.

Excel Skater Registration on EMS opens December 8, 2022. The 2023 Excel National Festival will be held July 13 - 16, 2023, in Austin, TX

UAB COLLEGIATE SKATING

Are you a UAB Student who figure skates? Several of our collegiate skaters already practice during morning freestyle times before class so come on out to skate together! For more information, contact Susie Gray, Director of Skating at sgray@pelhamalabama.gov

U.S. FIGURE SKATING SAFESKATE PROGRAM

Effective September 15, 2021, U.S. Figure Skating rebranded its SafeSport Program to the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe Program. While the name may have changed, the mission to promote a safe and healthy environment for all members and volunteers of U.S. Figure Skating has not.

U.S. Figure Skating strives to provide a safe environment for its members that is free of misconduct and harassment. The association will not tolerate or condone any form of abuse, harassment, or misconduct of any of its members including athletes, coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, volunteers, or any other persons while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating.

All forms of misconduct are unacceptable and in direct conflict with U.S. Figure Skating rules. The U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe Program addresses the following types of misconduct:

- Sexual misconduct
- Physical misconduct
- Emotional misconduct
- Bullying, threats, and harassment
- Hazing
- Willfully tolerating misconduct

All individuals, regardless of membership with U.S. Figure Skating, are encouraged to report suspected ethical violations and violations of SkateSafe. For more information visit <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/about/our-story/> or to report a concern visit <https://uscenterforsafesport.org/report-a-concern/>

Thanks for reading!