

**BLADELINES  
FEBRUARY 2023**

**2023 MAGIC CITY ICE CLASSIC IS OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!**

In its 13th year, the Magic City Ice Classic is back with a new date and an all-new look!

**Registration is open NOW and runs through March 24.**

The competition will be held May 5 – 7 at the Pelham Civic Center and we look forward to welcoming over 200 participants.

**NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- MCIC is a participating **Excel Series Competition**
- MCIC offers all levels of **Well Balanced, Excel, Adult, Compete USA/Basic Skills, and Showcase**
- **FREE IJS critiques** available to all registered Preliminary through Senior Free Skate Competitors
- Experience an elite competitive setting in our beautiful 4000 seat arena

Instructions for how to register, upload music and PPC, and for the Excel Series information and registration links are included in the official competition announcement. Registration is in EMS and can be accessed at <https://m.usfigureskating.org/competition/32213?id=32213>

or through the QR code on the poster found around the rink.

*Please be sure to discuss the events you are registering for with your coaches before registering. It is very helpful to your officials to avoid registration changes if at all possible as these changes delay our ability to get the schedule out on time.*

**MAGIC CITY ICE CLASSIC LOC GEARING UP**

BFSC Volunteer Chair, Monica Powers has been gathering names to join the Local Organizing Committee.

Huge thanks to all who have signed up! THE LOC GETS THE JOB DONE and is paramount to the success of the competition. It is never too late to join the team! We need your expertise, enthusiasm, and advocacy for the club and our events. It's fun to be a part of it all! Please email Monica at [monicapowers4@yahoo.com](mailto:monicapowers4@yahoo.com) or [bhamfigureskatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:bhamfigureskatingclub@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up. *Thank you!*

**2023 REGIONAL COMPETITIONS**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINES APPROACH!!**

**DISCUSS WITH YOUR COACHES!**

**Save the Dates and Watch for Registration Announcements!**

March 10-12, Magnolia Open, Atlanta Figure Skating Club

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THIS FRIDAY, February 10**

March 17-18, Louisville Spring Invitational, Louisville Skating Academy

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday, February 19**

April 14-16, Skate Nashville, Nashville Figure Skating Club

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Sunday, March 12**

May 5 – 7, Magic City Ice Classic, Excel Series, Birmingham Figure Skating Club

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 24**

*Additional Competitions: we will add Registration Deadlines as they approach.*

July 7-9, Dogwood Classic, Triangle Figure Skating Club of NC

July 19 - 22, Skate Detroit, Detroit Skating Club

July 22 – 23, Peach Classic, Georgia Figure 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

**Visit USFSA EMS for a comprehensive listing of local, regional, and national competitions!**

### **NEW BFSC WEBSITE & ONLINE STORE LAUNCHES!**

**Check it out!**

<https://bhamsk8s.org/>

Big thanks to BFSC President, Keir Breitenfeld, for nurturing the new site to fruition! Our goal is to serve all BFSC members, prospective members, and fans of the club with this single source. The new site includes information about our organization, events, membership, history, coaches, skater education, team shop access, reservations, and ongoing news items of interest.

Moving forward, we'll be adding more content and photos to capture the spirit of BFSC. To that end, please feel free to add any high-resolution photos to this dropbox for potential website additions.

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/npjU3CnFn6kDtnrl2DC5>

**BFSC Team Shop** <https://blatantteamstore.com/collections/birmingham-figure-skating-club>

Show your team spirit and show your support for BFSC with some super cool merch available now at our online store. In addition to providing members with a great selection of apparel and gear emblazoned with the new BFSC badge, BFSC also receives 10% of the sales proceeds as part of our overall fundraising program!

The shop is open 24/7 and permits direct shipping to any location of your choice.

To celebrate the launch, we are offering a 10% discount on all items through Friday, February 10th. Simply use this code ( **SKATING10** ) to receive the reduced pricing on your item(s).

### **BULLS NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Thanks to over 25 volunteers from the BFSC, we raised over \$1500 for the club on Friday, January 13! Thanks to the Bulls for partnering with us and a huge thanks to all who volunteered. Star Wars Night was a blast! Stay tuned for another BFSC opportunity to volunteer soon!

### **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WHO PASSED TESTS ON JANUARY 15, 2023**

*17 skaters, 30 tests, 6 esteemed judges!*

Congratulations to the following skaters and their coaches and good luck to those who will retry. We are proud of you all. Keep up the great work!!

Harper Breitenfeld, American Waltz -- Passed  
Harper Breitenfeld, Rocker Foxtrot – Passed  
Cianna Brulez, Pre-Pre MITF – Passed  
Sophia Dmitriev, Pre-Pre MITF – Passed  
Lexie Duell, Juvenile Free Skate – Honors  
Johannes Gao, Pre-Prelim MITF – Passed  
Lucy Jett, Preliminary MITF – Honors  
Lucy Jett, Pre-Pre Free Skate – Passed  
Kashmala Kahn, Pre Juv MITF – Passed  
Adria Liliac, Fourteenstep – Honors  
Adria Liliac, European Waltz – Passed  
Palmer Lunsford, Intermediate MITF – Passed  
Palmer Lunsford, Juvenile Free Skate – Honors  
Sienna Newsome, Pre-Juv Free Skate – Honors  
Amanda Orr, Pre-Juv MITF – Passed  
Lauren Orr, Preliminary Free Skate – Passed  
Lucia Rodriguez Barrantes, Preliminary Free Skate – Honors  
Nicole Rodriguez Barrantes, Juvenile Free Skate – Honors  
Caitlyn Turner, Intermediate Free Skate – Passed  
Viva Tuanama, Pre-Prelim MITF -- Passed  
Lily Taylor, Prelim Dance (Rhythm Blues, Canasta Tango, Dutch Waltz)

-- Passed

### **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. The Excel Series is a great entry into competitive skating and a steppingstone to the qualifying series should skaters wish to pursue it. Available at nonqualifying competitions, including designated Excel Series competitions, Excel free skates consist of required elements different from the well-balanced track to help boost skaters' strengths and offer competitive experiences. New Excel Series information, including the list of Excel Series competitions for 2023, is now available on the [Excel Series Information page](#) in USFS Members Only.

**Note that our Basic Skills Skaters are eligible to participate.** Please 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.

Skater registration on EMS opened 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 our morning freestyle times before class. Come on out to skate together! There is an organizing group interested in gathering more names of students interested in a potential Collegiate Figure Skating Team.

Please contact Susie Gray, Director of Skating at [sgray@pelhamalabama.gov](mailto:sgray@pelhamalabama.gov) and she will connect you with the organizing students.

### **SPECIALTY CLASSES & PROGRAMMING**

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. We offer discounts for siblings and multiple class enrollments. Questions? Call Susie Gray at 205.620.6448 ext. 265 or email [sgray@pelhamalabama.gov](mailto:sgray@pelhamalabama.gov)

### **U.S. FIGURE SKATING SKATESAFE 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!**

*PS -- If you have questions or suggestions you may reply directly to this email.*