



BIRMINGHAM FIGURE
SKATING CLUB

BLADELINES JULY 2025

Dear active members of the BFSC,

This summer the Pelham Civic Center & Ice Arena has been a busy place with graduations, a spa expo, Vulcan Vault, a rodeo, and of course lots of figure skating and hockey!

BFSC wishes all our skaters, families, and coaches well in the following competitions: the Peach Open in Duluth, GA, this weekend; Showcase Nationals in Rochester, MI July 29 – Aug 2; the Scott Hamilton Invitational, Bellevue, TN, August 1 -3; and the NQS DuPage Open is also August 1 – 3 in Evanston, IL.

Also in August, skaters will be competing in The Cranberry Cup International in Norwood, MA, August 7 – 11; and in the NQS and Non-Qual Atlanta Open, Cumming, GA, August 22 – 24.

Safe travels and happy skating to all!

BFSC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE BIG SUCESS

Thank you returning members and welcome to all those who have joined BFSC for the first time! Even though the annual membership drive ended on June 30 and our membership numbers as of that date determine how many representatives/votes BFSC is permitted at the next USFSA Governing Council, becoming a member of the club is on a rolling basis. You can join or renew at any time.

Club members across the country are eligible for USFS sports accident liability coverage, USFS sanctioned testing and competing, and USFS membership, which includes club membership, which runs from July 1 - June 30 of each calendar year, regardless of when you join.

To take advantage of being a member of the Birmingham Figure Skating Club (BFSC), check out this link for all details:

<https://bhamsk8s.org/membership/types-and-benefits/>

Any questions about membership and the process, reply to this email or contact Laurel Parker directly: lkp5@cornell.edu

BFSC SUMMER PICNIC: Sunday, August, 17, 2025

Join us for a day of fun at Oak Mountain State Park! This event is in lieu of the previously banquet. Open to members, family, and friends!

WHERE:

Oak Mountain State Park: Magnolia and Sycamore Beach Pavilions

SCHEDULE:

11 am to 1 pm -- Beach, Hiking, and Games (Badminton, Corn Hole, Bocci, etc.).

1 to 3 pm -- Celebrate the Skaters Program & Raffle

3 pm to sunset -- Continue the fun with friends!

Food and Drinks provided!

TICKETS: Tickets are \$5 per person and are available for purchase on Entryeeze under the Merchandise tab. Presale raffle tickets are also available for purchase. *NOTE: The day of the event, attendees will need to pay the per person Oak Mtn State Park entrance fee: \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids. Park entry is free to active and retired military and veterans.*

TESTING

For Summer Testing, “rolling admissions” is set up in Entryeeze specifically for Pre-Preliminary and Preliminary testing to allow skaters to register to test throughout the summer.

Priscilla Fowler is able to test Pre-Preliminary skaters. She is available on Saturday, July 26 and can test skaters between 7- 9 am during Freestyle or the Aspire class time.

Priscilla and Test Chair, Ashley Jett will work together with coaches to coordinate test dates as needed. For Preliminary tests, the club will bring in Karen Litwiniec, a local judge, until Priscilla receives her Gold Appointment.

The club is committed to holding two to four in-person test sessions in the coming season, including one during MCIC the first weekend in May 2026. Ice availability will determine the dates to be announced soon.

1961 SOCIETY

As part of BFSC's ongoing fundraising efforts, we have created the **BFSC 1961 Society** in honor of the club's founding year. Tax-deductible donations of any size can be made via our non-profit organization's partner, SpotFund.com. Contribute here for the Upcoming Season! All donors will be acknowledged in a roster on the club website.

<https://www.spotfund.com/story/9932a9b8-de62-4d91-94fb-d554ad060fff>

Since 1961, the Birmingham Figure Skating Club (BFSC) has been a nonprofit U.S. Figure Skating club that allows members of all ages and abilities to participate, develop, and achieve success in the sport of figure skating. The mission of BFSC is to host and facilitate a variety of activities ranging from group and private lessons to USFSA testing and competitions. Club activities foster a culture of fellowship, philanthropy, and fun as we embrace USFSA's mission of developing champions on and off the ice. BFSC supports skaters at every age across a variety of skating disciplines including singles, pairs, ice dancing, synchronized, and showcase.

ADULT SKATER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Hudson and Rachel Morris will be competing at the Peach Classic this weekend in Duluth, GA. Skate Great!

SAVE THE DATE:

2026 U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships Presented by Prevagen

Dates: April 8-11, 2026

Location: Duluth, Georgia

Venue: Atlanta IceForum

Host: Georgia FSC

ADULT SKATING OPPORTUNITIES

Pelham Skate School

Adult Learn to Skate, Monday nights, 6:30-7:30 pm.

<https://pelham.finnlyconnect.com/registration/activitylist>

Huntsville Skating School and Training Academy, Huntsville Ice Sports Center:

Adult Only Freeski Sessions Saturdays 12:10-1:10 PM

Adult Only Learn to Skate Saturdays 11:10 am to 12:10 PM

Morning Brew Glide Crew Tuesdays 6-7 a.m.

For more information call (256) 883-3774.

2025 Upcoming Adult Skate Weekends & Camps

July 25 - 27, Starlight Ice Dance Club

Minneapolis Ice Dance Weekend, Eden Prairie Community Center .

Registration is still open, visit <https://www.starlighticedanceclub.com/>

Contact Connie Fukuda-Clark, cfukuda@comcast.net

August 1 – 2, DMV (Delaware- Maryland-Virginia) Adult Skating Weekend

Gardens Sports Academy, The Gardens Ice House, Laurel MD

<https://www.thegardensicehouse.com/dmv-adultskatingweekend>

Contact Greg Maddalone at gregm@thegardensicehouse.com

August 15-17, Boston Ice Dance Weekend, Skating Club of Boston

Registration is open! For more information and to register go to

<https://scboston.org/icedance/>

August 15-17, Detroit Skating Club, Adult Skating SummerFest Camp

Guest coaches Kurt Browning, Alissa Czisny, Keiffer Hubbel, Yuka Sato

Registration is open. Visit <https://dscclub.com/events/dsc-adult-skating-summerfest>

For more info about Adult Skating: <https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/skating-opportunities/adult-skating>

JUNIOR BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

An Info Meeting will be announced soon for kids ages 13 – 18 who are interested in joining the Junior Board for the new season.

Charlie Fitzgerald is our current Featured Skater. Caroline Lee will be up next. If you or your skater (kids and adults) would like to be a Featured Skater in the lobby, please fill out the form (link below) with your information (age, coaches, goals, favorite skating skills, etc.) and 4 to 5 photos, preferably on the ice. High resolution, 300 dpi is best. Featured Skater posters are prepared and posted on a rolling basis by our Junior Board Historian as the content is received.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AwTLMWymOv2WQQ9f0f2N5CdIA46FC5eA9EyD-mH-saM/edit)

[1AwTLMWymOv2WQQ9f0f2N5CdIA46FC5eA9EyD-mH-saM/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AwTLMWymOv2WQQ9f0f2N5CdIA46FC5eA9EyD-mH-saM/edit)

SUMMER COMPETITION DATES

July 17-18, Peach Classic (Adult Comp) & Peach Open (Non-Qual), Duluth, GA

July 25 – 27, Charleston Open (Non-Qual)

July 28 – Aug 2, Showcase Nationals, Rochester, MI

Aug 1 – 3, Scott Hamilton Invitational, Ford Ice Center, Bellevue, TN

August 22 – 24, Atlanta Open (both Non-Qual and NQS),
Cumming, GA

Here's a link to view 2025 NQS Competitions and the schedule for registration:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/2025%20-%202026%20NQS%20Competitions%20Calendar.pdf>

This is not a comprehensive listing! Go to EMS to search all competitions! Note that Adult Skaters and Collegiate Skaters often have different competitions and schedules.

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BFSC will be soliciting for renewing and new sponsors for the 2025 – 26 season soon! Please reply to this email if you or your business is interested in supporting the BFSC in this way. Thank you!

And thank you for reading to the end! Any errors or omissions are unintended!
Any comments or questions, please reply directly to this email.

Sincerely,
Birmingham Figure Skating Club