



BIRMINGHAM FIGURE SKATING CLUB

BLADELINES

September 2025

Dear BFSC,

We hope everyone has had a great start to the school year and enjoyed the holiday weekend! The BFSC has a lot to report and some great events ahead so please read on!

Annual Banquet turned Picnic

On Sunday, August 17, BFSC members, their families and friends enjoyed a really hot summer day lakeside at Oak Mountain State Park. Skaters in attendance were each celebrated and recognized for their achievements during the 2024- 25 USFSA season. Every skater—from the youngest beginner skater, the advanced skater, and our adult skaters—had their moment in the sun. They received a participation trophy, their highest test pin, and notable placements and accomplishments were mentioned.

A special tribute to Marylin Warth, one of the club founders, underscored the Club's record number of USFSA Gold Medals achieved in one year. Six BFSC skaters passed USFSA Gold tests (Harper Breitenfeld, Adam Hudson, Reilyn Intemann, Adria Liliac, Palmer Lunsford, and Blayne Powers). This is the most ever in one year for BFSC. Also, Lucy Jett, a Pre-Juvenile level skater, had the distinction of passing the most tests in one year with a total of nine! As a USFSA judge, Marylin strongly encouraged BFSC skaters to progress in the USFSA test structure. It is a permanent record of your achievements in skating that remain with you forever. The collective success of our skaters this past season would have made her extremely proud.

At the picnic, we also acknowledged skaters who were nominated by the membership, the coaches, or their peers and/or earned special awards based on points earned from dedicated competing and testing. The 2024-25 winners of these awards are listed below:

Charlotte Howar Skater of the Year.....Adria Liliac

Haskins Bowman Adult Skater of the Year.....Adam Hudson

Herbert L Hollowell Standard of Excellence.....Scarlett Heide

John Zimmerman IV Standard of Excellence.....Adria Liliac

Bernice Huffman/Adele Fullerton Mentor's Award.....Rose Reedy

Marylin Warth Dedication to Skating.....Keir Breitenfeld

Rosemary Reid Landovsky Coaches Award.....Palmer Lunsford

Dawn Balch Most Improved Non-Qualifying Skater....Declan Sitzman

Tracee Mosely Most Improved Qualifying Skater.....Adria Liliac

Betty Bostwick Sportsmanship Award.....Caroline Lee

Priscilla Fowler Peer Choice.....Harper Breitenfeld

Mrs. Theodore Kunim President's Award.....Priscilla Fowler

Congratulations skaters!! We admire your work ethic, drive, and determination to excel on and off the ice. Thank you to members and coaches who participated in the nominations process. Thanks too to everyone who came out to the picnic. It was so much fun we are planning ahead for next year, but not in August!

2024-25 BFSC Participation Trophies

For those skaters not in attendance at the picnic to receive trophies, we will package them up to be collected from your coaches over the next couple of weeks.

COMPETITIONS

Last month, BFSC skaters participated in an impressive number of competitions around the country:

Showcase Nationals, Rochester, MI (July 29 – Aug 2); the Scott Hamilton Invitational, Bellevue, TN, (August 1 -3); the NQS DuPage Open, Evanston, IL (August 1 – 3); The Cranberry Cup International, Norwood, MA, (August 7 – 11); and in the NQS and Non-Qual Atlanta Open, Cumming, GA, (August 22 – 24).

Congratulations to everyone! Check Instagram and FaceBook for photos! Also, later this month, two skaters, Harper Breitenfeld (Novice Ladies) and Palmer Lunsford (Intermediate Ladies), will compete at Skate Cleveland, (Sept 19 – 21). This will be their third and final competition in the 2025 National Qualifying Series. Good luck girls!

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you returning members and welcome to all those who have joined BFSC for the first time! Even though the annual membership drive ended back on June 3, becoming a member of the club occurs on a rolling basis. You can join or renew at any time.

All club members 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), which includes receiving this newsletter, please check out this link for all details:

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

BFSC SKATING GUIDE

Please make some time to review the guide sent to club members in a previous email. Adapted from guidelines provided by USFSA, BFSC board members have created a digestible, practical, informative handbook for skaters at any age, level, and pathway. For parents who are new to the sport, it is invaluable information.

REACH YOUR TESTING GOALS!

Talk with you coaches and set your goals for the new season! For skaters ready to test Pre-Preliminary or Preliminary Skating Skills, “rolling admissions” remain set up in Entryeeze. Priscilla Fowler is a local, Silver-appointed official who is available for single panel (i.e., one judge) Pre-Pre tests. For Preliminary tests, the club can bring in Karen Litwiniec, also local, until Priscilla receives her Gold Appointment.

Mark your calendar for the following In-Person Test Sessions:

Sunday, November 16, 2025, 8:00 – 11:30 am, Practice Rink

Sunday, February 15, 2026, Time TBD

During the weekend of Magic City Ice Classic, May 1-3, 2026 (date and time TBD)

BFSC LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Otherwise known as “the LOC,” this group of club volunteers are the steam behind all our club’s activities and initiatives. Thank you to Monica Powers for wrangling us all into a well-oiled machine! And thanks to those members who have signed up so far. Monica reports that there are still areas of need remaining that are critical to our operations. **We have more than enough BFSC membership to comfortably fill the following roles. No previous experience is required! Come join our community, bring your ideas and expertise to the table, learn what it takes to run a club, meet nice people, do great things!**

AREAS OF NEED ON LOC:

Banquet Committee
Competition Committee
Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee
Nominations Coordinator
MCIC Transportation Coordinator
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The work of the LOC benefits every single member of our club and beyond, which is why it is so important to have a fully staffed LOC. Meetings will begin this month in order to address planning needs for events next year.

Please see sign up link below and add your name today. Email Monica Powers (monicapowers4@yahoo.com) or text her (601)-383-3573 if you have any questions.

LOC SIGN-UP LINK

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0444ABAA2BABFE3-57612182-20252026#/>

ADULT SKATER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations and gratitude to Jen Truette, a lifelong skater and new BFSC board member who is now a Trial Judge!!! All Judges, also called Officials, have to go through rigorous training and testing to receive a USFSA appointment. There are different levels and the process is accomplished on an individual's own time and nickel, demonstrating next level dedication to the sport. The next time you encounter any official at a test session or competition, thank them for their volunteer service and passion for Figure Skating! You'll make their day!

SAVE THE DATES

BFSC Adult Social Skate

Calling all adult skaters!! Come on out!

Date: Sunday, September 28

Time & Place: 6:30-7:30 pm, Main Arena, Pelham Civic Center

Arrive by 6 to pay, sign waiver, and lace up! MUST BRING OWN SKATES! No rentals available.

Format: 30 minutes of free skate followed by 30 minutes of (optional) ice dance.

Price: \$18/person (collected at the door — cash, check, or Venmo)

Registration: https://docs.google.com/forms/u/0/d/15Vk9KVN_Gfy7RSaB1WLpwqakSKyNI4RdHxT2eol8-20/viewform?edit_requested=true

Open to: Adults (18 and over) who are at least LTS 5 and above.

BRING YOUR SKATES! BRING A FRIEND! Open to both BFSC members and non-members.

Refreshments will be served.

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 Freeskate 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.

Fall Adult Skate Weekends

The Rhythm Awakens: 2025 San Diego Ice Dance Weekend

Fri Oct 10 - Sun Oct 12, 2025 at the Kroc Ice Center

Ben Agosto, US Nationals Ice Dance Champion and Olympic Silver Medalist will offer on-ice skills and technique seminars as part of the San Diego Ice Dance weekend this fall. It all starts Friday night with **Star Wars**-themed social ice dancing for two hours (costumes encouraged). Saturday there is an on-ice seminar followed by social ice dancing, an off-ice class, and an evening social. Sunday there will be another on-ice seminar, more social ice dancing, brunch, and a test session. There is all-weekend and a la carte pricing.

Also, a “**new to ice dancing**” seminar + 30 minutes of social ice dancing is offered Saturday and Sunday for **\$45 per day** for people that have never experienced an ice dance weekend and want to check it out. This is best for people who are at least at basic skills 5-6, or delta/gamma or freestyle 1, no previous ice dance experience is necessary.

To register: <http://www.bayareaicedancers.org/IDWSD.html>

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

JUNIOR BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

INFO MEETING & JUNIOR BOARD ELECTIONS

Saturday, September 13, 2025

11:15 am – 12: 15 pm

Upstairs Administrative Office at the Pelham Civic Center, second door on the left.

Kids interested in joining the BFSC Junior Board for the 2025-26 season are invited to attend an Info Meeting to review the activities of the Junior Board and the responsibilities of the Officers and Members-At-Large. Parents are welcome to join us to

learn more as well. Two adult advisors, currently Henrika Taylor and Ashley Pfeiffer, support the kids and their activities and we are always grateful to other parents who help in various ways from driving their kids to face-painting at events, to creating fabulous trunks for Trunk or Treat, to hosting meetings/activities at their homes. It takes a village.

Eligible to kids ages 13 – 18, the Junior Board plans and hosts the Halloween Spooktacular & Trunk or Treat (open to LTS, BFSC, and friends and family), the Valentine Social, and several community service projects from September to May each year. Recent recipients of their charitable initiatives include Oak Mountain Mission, The Greater Birmingham Humane Society, the Riverchase United Methodist Church Angel Tree Children project, and The Firehouse Mission. The kids also volunteer in a number of ways with the BFSC Adult Board to help with test sessions, competitions, exhibitions, and additional Club Ice events. They do a lot but we try to keep it real with school, family, and other obligations.

The Junior Board is also in charge of keeping a display case as current as possible and creates the Featured Skater posters displayed in the lobby. Featured Skater posters are prepared and posted on a rolling basis by our Junior Board Historian as the content is received.

SAVE THE DATE

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

Saturday, October 25, 6 – 7 pm, Costumes on Ice (Practice Arena) followed by Trunk or Treat

7 – 8 pm in the side parking lot. Registration details to be announced soon!

Any questions, reply to this email! Hope to see you at the meeting!

FOLLOW 2025 FALL COMPETITIONS

Regional NQS Competitions continue around the county until early October followed by Sectionals:

Nov 3 – 9

Pacific Coast Sectional Singles & US Ice Dance Final: Henderson, NV

Nov 10 – 16

Eastern Sectional Singles Final: Charleston, SC

Nov 17 – 21

Midwestern Sectional Singles & US Pairs Final: Lansing, MI

Jan 4 – 11, 2026

The 2026 Prevagen U.S. Figure Skating Championships: St. Louis, MO will be held at the Enterprise Center, serving as the final qualifying event for the [U.S. Olympic Team](#) for the Milano Cortina 2026 Winter Games. The national championships will feature top-

level skaters in women's, men's, pairs, and ice dance disciplines, with the Olympic team being named on January 11, 2026

Here's a link to view 2025 NQS Competitions:

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

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

