



**BIRMINGHAM FIGURE
SKATING CLUB**

JUNE 2025

Dear BFSC,

HAPPY SUMMER!

As the saying goes, “there is no off season for figure skating,” and there is no down time for clubs either, which is why we are so appreciative of those who participated in the recent board elections and of all those who volunteer behind the scenes. With everyone’s help, BFSC accomplishes so much. We need your active support all year round!

If you have ideas, a little time, and want to play a part in keeping the sport and our club flourishing, we need your perspective and participation. Don’t hesitate to reach out in response to this email! We’d love to hear from you.

BFSC NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THE 2025-26 BOARD of DIRECTORS

The results of the recent election are as follows:

President - Keir Breitenfeld

Vice President - Monica Powers

Secretary - Henrika Taylor

Treasurer - Loredana Cretu

Test Chair - Ashley Jett

Members at Large - Priscilla Fowler, Rose Reedy, Laurel Parker,
Ashley Pfeiffer, Jen Truette, Toby Lunsford, Christian Newberry

A warm welcome to Jen Truette who joins this year as a member at large. To former board members, Cami Myers, Alysia Campbell, and Katie White, a sincere thank you for your contributions to a terrific 2024-2025 season. Your time, participation, and efforts resulted in a very successful year for our club. We’ll miss you! Good luck to Katie as she heads off to law school at Wake Forest!

Big thanks to Autumn Jackson for serving yet again as the BFSC Nominations Coordinator!

BFSC ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE June 1 – June 30, 2025

Don't delay! It's that time of year when clubs around the country are reminding members to renew membership or join before June 30.

BFSC is no exception!

Co-Membership Chairs Laurel Parker and Cami Myers have updated and clarified our club membership so that it is in keeping with new USFSA guidelines and is appropriate at every level. An email regarding Membership was sent to all members (dated June 7) with clear instructions and information.

To take advantage of being a member of the Birmingham Figure Skating Club (BFSC), please join or renew by June 30, 2025. Check out this link for all details:

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

Renewal by this date is necessary for continued USFS sports accident liability coverage, as well as USFS sanctioned testing and competing, so there is no lapse in eligibility. USFS membership, which includes club membership, runs from July 1 - June 30 of each calendar year, regardless of when you join.

We sincerely thank you for your immediate attention. Any questions about membership and the process, reply to this email or contact Laurel Parker directly: lkp5@cornell.edu

NEW SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL BANQUET, Saturday, August 16

Come join the fun and celebrate BFSC Skaters & Coaches! Open to all members, coaches, family and friends! Refreshed details to be announced soon!

TESTING

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

For the time being, Priscilla Fowler is able to test Pre-Preliminary skaters. She is available on the following Saturdays and can test skaters between 7- 9 am during Freestyle or the Aspire class time:

Saturday June 14

Saturday June 21

Saturday June 28

Saturday July 12

Saturday July 26

Priscilla and Test Chair Ashley Jett will work together with coaches to coordinate. 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

BFSC is delighted to welcome Jenny Truette to the Board. Jenny joins other adult skaters Laurel Parker and Rose Reedy who contribute so much to the club while also representing the adult skater community. A shout out to Amanda Owen who has created a FB page for Adult Skaters across Alabama called "The Adult Spin."

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 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.

2025 Upcoming Adult Skate Weekends & Camps

July 25 - 27, Starlight Ice Dance Club

Minneapolis Ice Dance Weekend, Eden Prairie Community Center .
Registration is open, visit <https://www.starlighticedanceclub.com/>
There is a \$20 early bird discount rate for the full weekend if your registration is postmarked by June 25, 2025.
Questions? 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>
Questions? 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/>

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

JUNIOR BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now that school is out, the Junior Board will be regrouping to organize nominations/ elections for the next season. There will be an end-of-year meeting to wrap things up and a Junior Board Info Meeting for those interested in joining the group. Stay tuned for more information!

Correction: in the May newsletter we mistakenly announced that graduating senior, Cianna Brulez, will be attending UAB, but in fact she will be attending the University of Pittsburgh. Congratulations Cianna!

Charlie Fitzgerald will be our next Featured Skater. Her poster should up by next week. Caroline Lee will be up next mid-July.

If you or your skater 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/1AwTLMWymOv2WQQ9f0f2N5CdIA46FC5eA9EyD-mH-saM/edit>

SUMMER COMPETITION DATES

July 17-18, Peach Classic (Adult Comp) & Peach Open (Non-Qual), Duluth, AL
Registration is open, deadline is June 17 unless it fills sooner.

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

Registration is open and closes June 15

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

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

Registration is open, deadline is June 28 unless it fills sooner.

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

Registration opens June 11, deadline for both is July 17

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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