



**BIRMINGHAM FIGURE  
SKATING CLUB**

**BLADELINES: October 2025**

**Dear BFSC,**

After four years of preparing Bladelines for the club, I am pleased to introduce you to adult skater Nelia Koontz, who will be taking over as our newsletter coordinator and editor. Nelia is a librarian who works at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa. She began skating when her kids were young and although they all eventually stopped, Nelia never did! She moved to Tuscaloosa from Wyoming recently, and skated in Laramie and Fort Collins, Colorado. Previously, Nelia skated at the Ice Chalet in Knoxville, TN. Welcome Nelia and thank you!

*Warmly, Henrika Taylor*

**Local Organizing Committee (LOC)**

In addition to Nelia Koontz, Monica Powers, (BFSC VP, LOC Chair) reports the club has several new volunteer members as well as returning folks. The introductory meeting occurred last month and committees are getting up to speed for the 2025-26 season. Lots of work ahead but we have a great team in place to support the board and club. Grateful thanks to one and all!

It is never too late to join the crew! We always need more hands on deck. The sign-up link is below. Email Monica Powers ([monicapowers4@yahoo.com](mailto:monicapowers4@yahoo.com)) or text her (601)-383-3573 if you have any questions.

**LOC SIGN-UP LINK**

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/  
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Here are the amazing volunteers making it all happen:

**Banquet Committee**

Patrick Spencer (Chair), Raela Williford

**Hospitality Committee**

Regina Newsome (Chair), Conny Rodriguez

**BFSC/LTS Liaison**

Bethany Hubert

**Hotel Coordinator**

Patrick Spencer

**Competition Committee**

Priscilla Fowler (Chair), Henrika Taylor (Co-Chair), Jodi Lunsford

**Music Committee**

Rose Reedy (Chair), Amanda Owens, Rhonda Hill, Jenny Truette

**Competition Awards Coordinator**

Laura Lee

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Alysia Campbell

**Compliance Coordinator**

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**Transportation Committee**

Ashley Jett

**Fundraising/Sponsorship Committee**

Patrick Spencer (Chair)

**Practice Ice Coordinator**

Ashley Jett

**Officials Committee**

Priscilla Fowler (Chair), Susie Gray

**Vendors Coordinator**

Toby Lunsford

**Registration Committee**

Henrika Taylor (Chair), Ashley Jett, Autumn Jackson

**Volunteers Committee**

Ashley Pfeiffer (Chair), Jodi Lunsford (Co-Chair)

**Marketing Committee****BFSC Email Coordinator:**

Amanda Owens

**Bladelines Newsletter Coordinator:**

Nelia Koontz

**BFSC Social Media Coordinators:**

Monica Powers, Maddie Sewell

**BFSC Website Coordinator:**

Emily Heide

## **2024-25 BFSC Participation Trophies**

For those skaters not in attendance at the picnic to receive trophies, we have recently packaged them up to be collected from your coaches. Big thanks to all our coaches for this assistance!

## **COMPETITIONS**

Last month, two BFSC skaters, Harper Breitenfeld (Novice Ladies) and Palmer Lunsford (Intermediate Ladies), competed at Skate Cleveland, (Sept 19 – 21). This was their third and final competition in the 2025 National Qualifying Series, which ends in October. NQS Sectional Competitions will be held during November.

In September, Adria Liliac (Junior Ladies) also competed in a Test Skate in Romania. She will also compete in the ISU Golden Bear competition in Zagreb, Croatia Oct 23- 26 and the Romanian Nationals EduSport Trophy, Dec 8 – 14 in Bucharest, Romania.

## **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 30, 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:

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

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

[lkp5@cornell.edu](mailto:lkp5@cornell.edu)

## **REACH YOUR TESTING GOALS!**

Talk with your coaches and set 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)

### **ADULT SKATER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On Sunday evening, Sept. 28 a wonderful group of adult skaters came out to enjoy each other's skating company. An impromptu dance clinic occurred as well as lots of time and freedom to work on edges, knee slides, spins, and other skills. Thanks to Laurel Parker and Amanda Owens for organizing the event. It was so fun!

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.

### **ADULT SKATE WEEKENDS & CLINICS**

#### **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>

### **SOS Adult Skating Clinic with Mimi Wacholder**

**Atkins Arena, Athens, Georgia**

**Sunday, November 2, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**\$189**

Laurel Parker notes, “Mimi Wacholder is an amazing coach from Lake Placid who has an online learning platform called “System of Skating.” Mimi will be in Athens, Georgia teaching a full day adult skating clinic! It would be great to get a group from BFSC to attend together. Registration is open now and is expected to fill up soon! The Clinic includes on- and off-ice instruction, immersion in the principals of System of Skating, and is held at a brand-new skating facility.

See link below for details!

[https://www.systemofskating.com/sosadultclinicathensga?fbclid=IwY2xjawNJ4gtleHRuA2FlbQlzMABicmlkETFNNFp0OVhkVTlk0IZSDJ2AR4HLIV3aB7o\\_K3Wh0BHqmcT3QM6fZOpySD\\_5FOKVgrcnt3pafKpspkRCBX5gw\\_aem\\_rkFPLN-PvpKdRSIWnwrUOA](https://www.systemofskating.com/sosadultclinicathensga?fbclid=IwY2xjawNJ4gtleHRuA2FlbQlzMABicmlkETFNNFp0OVhkVTlk0IZSDJ2AR4HLIV3aB7o_K3Wh0BHqmcT3QM6fZOpySD_5FOKVgrcnt3pafKpspkRCBX5gw_aem_rkFPLN-PvpKdRSIWnwrUOA)

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

### **JUNIOR BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The 2025-26 Junior Board includes:

Lily Taylor: President

Caroline Lee: Vice President/Treasurer

Secretary: Avery Pfeiffer

Historian: Adria Liliac

Members at Large: Harper Breitenfeld, Cianna Brulez, Declan Sitzman

The Junior Board is preparing for the Halloween Spooktacular, Trunk or Treat, and annual Bakesale to fund holiday gifts for the Riverchase United Methodist Church Angel Tree Children project. Saturday, October 25, 6 – 7 pm, Costumes on Ice (Practice Arena) followed by Trunk or Treat & Bake Sale 7 – 8 pm in the side parking lot. Open to LTS, BFSC, and friends and family! Please register to participate and sign a waiver here:  
<https://forms.gle/j35g1QDYVrE1knWb6>

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. Sign up here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AwTLMWymOv2WQQ9f0f2N5CdIA46FC5eA9EyD-mH-saM/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AwTLMWymOv2WQQ9f0f2N5CdIA46FC5eA9EyD-mH-saM/viewform?edit_requested=true)

### **BFSC 2025-26 CALENDAR**

Saturday, Oct 18: Magic City Theatre on Ice Teen/Adult Halloween Workshop,  
<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLJK286VX1D0J/checkout/UA6ZMF2VRFYKIPDAALU3JB2V>

Saturday, Oct 25: Halloween Spooktacular, Trunk or Treat, & Bake Sale, <https://forms.gle/j35g1QDYVrE1knWb6>

Sunday, Nov 16: In-Person Test Session  
Saturday, Dec 20: A Christmas Show  
Saturday, Jan 3: Get Out & Skate Day  
Sunday, Feb 8: Valentine Social Skate  
Sunday, Feb 15: In-Person Test Session  
May 1 – 3: Magic City Ice Classic & In-Person Test Session  
Sept 2026 TBD: Bama Blades Ice Challenge

### **FOLLOW USFSA COMPETITIONS**

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

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, 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.*

### **THANK YOU 2024-25 BFSC SPONSORS**

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*NOTE: 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!*

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Sincerely,  
Birmingham Figure Skating Club