



**BIRMINGHAM FIGURE  
SKATING CLUB**

## **BLADELINES: January 2026**

Dear BFSC,

Thank you to all of our skaters, coaches, volunteers, and families for making our holiday show such a wonderful success. Your hard work, teamwork, and holiday spirit truly shone on the ice. As we head into the new year, we're excited to keep building on this momentum, setting new goals, and continuing to grow together as a club.

### **Quick Dates & Deadlines**

- **Jan 3** — Get Out & Skate Day (9:00–11:00 am)
- **Feb 2** — Magic City Ice Classic registration opens
- **Feb 8** — Deadline to register for Adult Skate Social
- **Feb 8** — Valentine Social Skate (Junior Board)
- **Feb 15** — In-Person Freestyle Test Session (registration open now)
- **Feb 16** — Adult Skate Social (after Adult LTS)
- **Mar 16** — USFSA High School Seniors Award deadline
- **May 1–3** — Magic City Ice Classic & Test Session

### **FREESTYLE ICE CARDS FOR THE NEW YEAR**

Birmingham Figure Skating Club (BFSC) Freestyle ice cards are available for purchase. Each ice unit equals 30 minutes on the ice. Contact Skating Director, Christian Newberry for more information and to be invoiced for online payment:  
[cnewberry@pelhamalabama.gov](mailto:cnewberry@pelhamalabama.gov)

#### **Rates**

- \$2,500 Yearly Unlimited of Freestyle Ice
- \$250 Monthly Unlimited of Freestyle Ice
- \$300 membership = 40 units of Freestyle Ice
- \$180 membership = 20 units of Freestyle Ice
- Walk on rate of \$10 per half hour unit of Freestyle Ice

## Requirements

All skaters and coaches must hold a current **USFSA, Aspire, or Learn to Skate USA** membership (including those obtained as a part of BFSC membership) and have the following required agreements on file:

**Skaters:** Skater's Code of Conduct and Freestyle Ice Session Usage Agreement

**Coaches:** Coaches Code of Ethics, Standards, and Conduct

## Action Required

All skaters/parents must [sign or renew the Ice Usage & Code of Conduct Agreement annually](#).

## Testing News & Upcoming Sessions

Congratulations to all skaters who reached their testing goals in 2025! We have become aware that the newsletter did not acknowledge skaters who passed **virtual tests in 2025**. We sincerely apologize for the oversight and would like to congratulate the following skaters:

Van Beuingen, Alyssa

Preliminary Singles; Pre-Bronze Singles

Thomaston, Katelyn

Pre-Bronze Skating Skills

Sitzman, Declan

Bronze Singles

Rodriguez Barrantes, Lucia

Bronze Singles; Bronze Skating Skills

Ragsdale, Emily

Pre-Silver Singles

Pfeiffer, Avery

Pre-Bronze Singles; Bronze Skating Skills

O'Leary, Sophia

Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills

Newsome, Sienna

Swing Dance (Follow Solo); Silver Skating Skills; Cha Cha (Follow Solo); Fiesta Tango (Follow Solo)

Myers, Bianca

Pre-Bronze Singles

Morrow, Jessica

Adult Pre-Bronze Skating Skills

Lunsford, Palmer

Gold Skating Skills

Kim, Rinnah

Dutch Waltz (Follow Solo); Adult Pre-Bronze Skating Skills

Jett, Lucy

Foxtrot (Follow Partnered); Silver Skating Skills

Hu, Mille

Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills

Haskell, Colette

Pre-Bronze Singles

Gao, Johannes

Preliminary Singles

Federle, Zelig

Preliminary Singles

Davidson, Katie

Bronze Skating Skills

Ambler, Allison

Adult Silver Skating Skills 21+

### Upcoming In-Person Test Sessions

- Sunday, February 15, 2026 (Time TBD)
- Magic City Ice Classic Weekend: May 1–3, 2026

Please reach out to your coach to discuss whether you or your skater are ready to test!

### USFSA Graduating High School Seniors Award Program

High School Seniors graduating Spring 2025 may apply for recognition through U.S. Figure Skating for their skating achievements during high school.

- **Application Deadline:** March 16, 2026
- **Late Deadline:** June 30, 2026

More information:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/skate/skating-opportunities/high-school-skating>

### ADULT SKATER NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Adult Skate Social — Let's Make It Happen!

Adult skaters are invited to join us for our next **Adult Skate Social** on Sunday, February 16, immediately following Adult Learn to Skate. This is a fun, relaxed opportunity to skate, connect with fellow adult skaters, and build our adult skating community.

**Important:** To hold this event, we need 15 participants. BONUS: The first 15 skaters to sign up will receive a little gift bag.

**Sign-up** is required by February 8—if we don't meet the minimum number, the social will unfortunately be cancelled.

If you've been meaning to join us, this is the perfect time! Bring your skates, invite a friend, and help us keep adult skating events going strong at BFSC.

Please consider joining the Adult Skate Social [Group Me](#) for reminders and updates.

### *ADDITIONAL ADULT SKATING OPPORTUNITIES*

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

Dates: April 8-11, 2026

Location: Duluth, Georgia

Venue: Atlanta IceForum

Host: Georgia FSC

#### **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.

[Eden Seminars Mexican Adult Skate Camp](#): February 26-March 1, 2026. Clinics and sessions run daily 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

**Adult “ice-DOME Camp” in Bled, Slovenia:** August 3-8, 2026. Message [info@ice-dome.com](mailto:info@ice-dome.com) for more information!

### **JUNIOR BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to the Junior Board for creating holiday thank-you notes for skaters and coaches who participated in the Holiday Ice Show.



Valentine Social Skate



Sunday, February 8 | 5:45–6:45 pm

Registration details coming soon. All are welcome!

### **Featured Skater Opportunity**

If you or your skater would like to be a Featured Skater, 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 as the content is received.

Submit your info and photos here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AwTLMWymOv2WQQ9f0f2N5CdIA46FC5eA9EyD-mH-saM/edit>

### **Get Involved & Support BFSC**

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours on EntryEeze under the Volunteer tab.

**It's never too late to join the LOC:** Help plan Magic City Ice Classic and the new Bama Blades Ice Challenge (Sept 2026) Email Monica Powers (monicapowers4@yahoo.com) or text her (601) 383-3573 if you have any questions.

**Sponsors Needed:** Support BFSC for the 2026–27 season. Contact Henrika Taylor at henrikataylor@gmail.com.

We have two donor levels:

### **Leading-Edge Level \$500**

- \* Announced as a Leading-Edge Sponsor at the Magic City Ice Classic.
- \* Announced as a Leading-Edge Sponsor at all Club Ice and Exhibition Events open to the public.
- \* Listed in Programs, Signage, and Arena Jumbotron for Magic City Ice Classic.
- \* Business logo Included on lobby posters.
- \* Advertised in all Club social media, Bladeline newsletters, and on the website.

### **Cutting-Edge Level \$250**

- \* Announced as a Cutting-Edge Sponsor at Club Ice and Exhibition Events open to the public.
- \* Business Logo included on the 2024-25 Club Member T-Shirt.
- \* Listed in Programs and Signage.
- \* Advertised in all Club social media, newsletters, and on the website.

*Donations and Contributions are tax deductible and help underwrite the cost of ice time and bringing nationally ranked officials to our test sessions and competitions.*

Checks may be made out to:

Birmingham Figure Skating Club and dropped off or mailed to: BFSC, Attn. Loredana Cretu, Treasurer, Pelham Civic Center & Ice Arena, 500 Amphitheater Drive, Pelham 35124.

*Sidenote: Officials are volunteers who love figure skating and dedicate their free time and expertise to help further the sport. In return, clubs like ours cover their travel and accommodations when they serve on panels for competitions and test sessions. Besides ice time, this is the club's greatest expense.*

## ***FOLLOW USFSA COMPETITIONS***

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**

### **Leading Edge**

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### **Cutting Edge**

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### **In Kind Donors**

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Rodney Scott's BBQ  
Pelham Civic Center & Ice Arena

*NOTE: BFSC is soliciting for renewing and new sponsors for the 2026 – 27 season!  
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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Please reply directly to this email with questions or comments.

Sincerely,  
Birmingham Figure Skating Club

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