

## March -April 2023 Newsletter

### Knoxville Figure Skating Club

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Dear KFSC member,

We hope you all enjoyed the Consignment Sale and Banquet.

We look forward to seeing you at Blaze on 4/19 and at the annual club meeting 5/10

KFSC is excited to be hosting our first competition since 2018. The Smoky Mountain Classic will be July 15<sup>th</sup>. We will need many volunteers to make this event a success. If you are interested in joining a competition committee please reach out to a board member,

Please speak to your coach about what USFS has to offer. There are many opportunities to compete and test. If you want something more there is the Qualifying Series, US National Championship, National Showcase, National Synchro, National Theatre on Ice, National Solo Dance, and Excel National Festival.

Thank you to everyone who sent us photos. If you have any pictures, especially completion or testing, or member recognitions, or event ideas please submit them to the club email. It is very much appreciated that more people are submitting photos for the newsletter and social media.

We offer Monthly Virtual Testing, the first of each month. Please discuss Virtual Testing with your coach. We have created a testing handbook which is on file with the skating director and on our website.

Thank you,  
The KFSC Board  
[KnoxSkating@gmail.com](mailto:KnoxSkating@gmail.com)

Do you know your board members?

Lori Clark (President)  
Jenny Payne (Vice President)  
Robert Darby (Secretary)  
Kami Potts (Treasurer)  
Trevia Ogle  
Jennifer Rohrig  
Sonia Allan  
Jessica Light  
Amanda Olig

### Upcoming Events:

**Virtual Testing- The 1<sup>st</sup> of every month (video within 30 days)**

**April 14-16 SEGL 2023 Skate Nashville**

**April 19 Blaze fundraiser 5-9pm share the flyer with your friends**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> – 7:45pm Annual Club Meeting, zoom link will be provided**

**June 1-June 25 Membership Renewal**

**June 4 – KFSC Picnic at the Cove**

**July 15 -Smoky Mountain Classic (competition)**

**December 1 – Board Election**

**December 16 - Christmas Show**

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[KnoxvilleFigure Skating Club.org](http://KnoxvilleFigureSkatingClub.org)

Club Merchandise  
<https://www.personaliteez.com/Knoxville-FSC-s/2310.htm>



## **Congratulations to our skaters who tested!**

### February 1- Knoxville Figure Skating Club

Connor Allan: Fourteenstep, Foxtrot, European Waltz, Pre-Silver Dance Test

### March 1- Knoxville Figure Skating Club

Kenli Hill: Swing Dance, Cha Cha, Fiesta Tango, Pre-Bronze Dance Test

Tait Light: Junior Moves in the Field

Emily Spires: Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field

Banquet – February 26



ProSkaters Live Auditions & Performance Camp - March 25 & 26 at The Ice Chalet

Connor Allan, Jade Aubuchon, Shelby Kartal, and Isabela Miller

# KFSC 2022 Award Recipients

Presented February 26, 2023





# Congratulations to the KFSC 2022 Award Recipients!

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PRESIDENT AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ ABBY PAYNE  
SENIOR SKATER AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ TAIT LIGHT  
JUNIOR SKATER AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ MADELEINE DARBY  
RISING STAR AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ CHLOE LIU AND LILLIAN OLIG  
SHOWMANSHIP AWARD  
    JUNIOR \_\_\_\_\_ MARIAH BUSH AND CAMPBELL THORNTON  
    SENIOR \_\_\_\_\_ JANIE BALES AND CONNOR ALLAN  
SPIRIT AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ MOLLY PAYNE AND CATEY CLARK  
SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ CONNOR ALLAN  
VOLUNTEER AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ CATEY CLARK AND AMANDA OLIG

## Awards

Each year the Knoxville Figure Skating Club asks the skaters to submit a Skater Resume. Points are awarded based on Competition levels and placement, Tests passed and involvement in shows, camps and volunteer activities. We highly encourage every skater to submit their skater resume in January, for the previous year.



## Volunteer Award

This award is open to all club members. This year the award is presented to a skater and a parent who have devoted their time and energy to promoting the sport of Figure Skating and the Knoxville Figure Skating Club. There are many invisible and visible things that need to happen for us to pull off events. Thank you very much Catey Clark and Amanda Olig. Amanda was integral to the execution of the Christmas show and joined the Board in 2023. Catey is a founding member of the Jr Board and current Jr Board President.

## President Award

This award is presented to a club skater who has demonstrated an exemplary level of commitment to the sport and the Knoxville Figure Skating Club. This year's recipient is Abby Payne. Abby is coached by Lucie Krausova and Konstantin Baradakov. Abby works as a junior pro for Learn to Skate, loves to be on the ice and is a friend to all. Abby is an active participant of the Junior Board serving as Secretary in 2022 and as the current Jr Board Vice President.

## Junior Skater Award

This award is presented to a Preliminary to Juvenile level club skater who has shown significant accomplishment in skating skills, has participated in club activities and always tries to set a positive example for other skaters. This year's recipient is Madeleine Darby. Maddie is coached by Lucie Krausova. In 2022 in addition to participating in numerous Club events, Maddie competed both in and out of TN and attended camp at Shattuck St Marys and Go for Gold Skating Academy, is a serious dance student and skates synchro with the Ice Chalet.

### Senior Skater Award

This award is presented to an Intermediate to Senior level club skater that has shown significant accomplishment in skating skills, has participated in club activities and always tries to set a positive example for other skaters. This year's recipient is Tait Light is coached by Lucie Krausova. Tait participated in the National Qualifying Series and qualified for Sectionals, is a junior pro for Learn to Skate, was the 2022 Jr Board Vice-President, is active in participating in club events, and is always eager to lend a helping hand to anyone on or off the ice.



### Rising Star

This award is open to skaters the Basic Skills (LTS) through Pre-Preliminary FS test. These skaters have shown dedication to improving their skills, participate in club activities and set a positive example for other skaters. This year's recipients are Lillian Olig and Chloe Liu. Lillian is coached by Olga Jitsova-Todd and Chloe is coached by Konstantin Baradakov. Both skaters competed, tested, are part of TOI and skated breakout roles in the Christmas show.

### Showmanship

This award is open to club skaters of all age and skating levels and is presented to skaters who are accomplished in ice show participation, showcase events and excel in presentation and theatrics. These skaters are crowd favorites in shows and competitions and are all members of TOI

JUNIOR: MARIAH BUSH AND CAMPBELL THORNTON

SENIOR: JANIE BALES AND CONNOR ALLAN. All four of these skaters competed solos at Nationals Showcase. Campbell won a gold medal.

In addition to their solos Janie competed in a mini production and Connor competed a bronze medal winning duet.

### Spirit Award

This award is open to Club skaters of all levels and is presented to skaters who support the club and represent the club actively, positively during competitions, test sessions, events and practices.

This year's recipients are Molly Payne and Catey Clark. Molly is a friend to everyone and is always ready to make everyone smile. Catey is always willing to jump in and do whatever it takes to make an event and loves working as a junior instructor for LTS.

### Sportsmanship Award.

The sportsmanship Award is open to all club members. At the bottom of the skater resume each skater is asked to nominate a skater whose conduct both on and off the ice is exemplary. Who has demonstrated a high degree of leadership evidenced by strong qualities of integrity, camaraderie, hard work and a willingness to aid others in their efforts to become better skaters, sportsmen, and people. This skater is a positive role model and ambassador for the club.

This year's Sportsmanship Award Recipient is Connor Allan.

Connor is coached by Kathy Wolfe-Baradakov and Konstantin Baradakov.

Here are some of the reasons listed why this skater was nominated:

*Connor is always a great example for the younger skaters, he is always so kind and polite.*

*He was the former President of the Jr Board and led well. He takes care of his Mom, during her illness, comes to rink and 6am and stays almost all day when there are freestyle sessions.*

*He is very hard working in order to pass tests and get into a show.*

*Connor never gives up on his team, he is always willing to help and teach/assist his teammates.*

*He is positive and helps us to be our best.*

*Connor works hard, always lends a hand and kind word to fellow skaters and as one of the few boys, serves as a role model to younger boys while helping girl skaters with partner skating.*

*Connor is such a nice kid and sets a great example for the younger skaters with his calm and respectful manner.*

*He would be perfect for this award.*

Graduating Seniors – Class of 2023

Reagan, Shelby, Connor, Isabela, and Catherine (Not Pictured)





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## Upcoming SEGL (South Eastern Great Lakes Region) Events

APR13

All day

[Test Session \(Nashville, TN\)](#)

APR14

April 14 – April 16

[Skate Nashville/SEGL](#)

APR22

All day

[Skate Cincinnati Competition](#)

APR23

All day

[Test Session \(Cincinnati, OH\)](#)

MAY5

May 5 – May 7

[2023 Magic City Ice Classic](#)

JUN2

June 2 – June 4

[Metro Indy Skating Challenge](#)

JUN12

June 12 – June 16

[Train with the Best Camp](#)

JUL7

July 7 – July 9

[47th Annual Kathy Slack Troy Competition](#)

JUL15

All day

[Smoky Mountain Classic Competition & Test Session \(Knoxville, TN\)](#)

AUG25

August 25 – August 27

[Battle of the Blades](#)

**Midwest Sectionals and US Ice Dance Final Nov 14, 2023 Bloomington, MN**

**2024 US Figure Skating National Championships Jan 22-28 2024 Columbus, OH**

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/news/article/us-figure-skating-announces-2023-24-and-2024-25-national-qualifying-series-schedule>

2023-24 National Qualifying Series Schedule:

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Disciplines</b>
July 15-17	Dallas Classic	Plano, Texas	Ice Dance
July 19-23	Sun Valley Summer Championships	Sun Valley, Idaho	Singles
July 19-22	Skate Detroit	Bloomfield Hills, Mich.	Singles
July 27-30	Charleston Open	North Charleston, S.C.	Single
July 27-30	Glacier Falls Summer	Anaheim, Calif.	Singles; Pairs
July 31-Aug. 2	Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships	Lake Placid, N.Y.	Ice Dance
Aug. 3-5*	Silicon Valley Open*	San Jose, Calif.*	Ice Dance*
Aug. 17-20	Minnesota L'Etoile du Nord Challenge	Bloomington, Minn.	Singles
Aug. 24-26	Battle of the Blades	Fort Wayne, Ind.	Singles; Pairs
Aug. 24-27	Sherwood Invitational	Sherwood, Ore.	Singles
Aug. 25-27	Atlanta Open	Alpharetta, Ga.	Singles

Sept. 1-3	Golden West Championships	Irvine, Texas	Singles
Sept. 1-4	Skate Houston	Sugar Land, Texas	Singles; Pairs
Sept. 8-10	Middle Atlantics	New York, N.Y.	Singles; Pairs
Sept. 9-10	Skate St. Moritz	Oakland, Calif.	Singles
Sept. 21-24	Challenge Cup	Ardmore, Penn	Ice Dance
Sept. 21-24	Broadmoor Fall Classic	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Singles; Pairs
Oct. 4-6	Texas Trophy	Plano, Texas	Singles
Oct. 5-8	L.A. Autumn Classic	El Segundo, Calif.	Singles
Oct. 5-8	Boston Open	Norwood, Mass.	Singles; Pairs

*\*U.S Collegiate Figure Skating Championships & Invitational will be held in conjunction with this event Aug. 3-5 in San Jose, Calif.*

**2023-24 National Qualifying Series Finals Schedule:**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Disciplines</b>
Oct. 31- Nov. 5	Eastern Sectional Singles Final	Coral Springs, Fla.	Singles
Nov. 7-12	Pacific Coast Sectional Singles & U.S. Pairs Final	Tacoma, Wash.	Singles; Pairs
Nov. 14-19	Midwestern Sectional Singles & U.S. Ice Dance Final	Bloomington, Minn.	Singles; Ice Dance

In addition, U.S. Figure Skating will host the following National Qualifying Series events in 2024. The 2024-25 National Qualifying Series Final and 2024 U.S. Collegiate Figure Skating Championships dates and locations will be available Summer 2023

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Discipline</b>
July 19-21	Peach Open	Duluth, Ga.	Singles
July 31-Aug. 4	Philadelphia Summer Championships	Aston, Penn.	Singles
Aug. 2-4	Scott Hamilton Invitational	Nashville, Tenn.	Singles
Aug. 2-3	Silicon Valley	San Jose, Calif.	Ice Dance
Aug. 7-9	Lake Placid Ice Dance Championships	Lake Placid, N.Y.	Ice Dance
Aug. 7-11	Copper Cup	Bountiful, Utah	Singles
Aug. 15-18	Cup of Colorado	Highlands Ranch, Colo.	Singles; Pairs
Aug. 15-18	Skate the Lake	Pleasant Prairie, Wis	Singles
Aug. 16-18	Potomac Open	Ashburn, Va.	Singles
Aug. 23-25	Skate San Francisco	San Francisco, Calif.	Singles
Sept. 5-8	Providence Open & Little New England Championships	Providence, R.I.	Singles
Sept. 6-8	Greater Chicagoland Fall Invitational	Evanston, Ill.	Singles; Pairs

Sept. 6-8	John Smith Memorial Competition	Indian Trail, N.C.	Singles
Sept. 19-22	Pacific Northwest Interclub Championships	Everett, Wash.	Singles; Pairs
Sept. 20-22	Skate Cleveland	Lakewood, Ohio	Singles
Sept. 26-29	Austin Autumn Classic	Cedar Park, Texas	Singles; Ice Dance
Sept. TBD	Challenge Cup	Ardmore, Penn.	Ice Dance
Oct. 3-6	Cranberry Open Fall	Norwood, Mass.	Singles; Pairs
TBD	45 <sup>th</sup> Annual Pasadena Open Championships	Pasadena, Calif.	Singles

*(All dates are subject to change)*

Registration for the 2023-24 National Qualifying Series will open in May. Preliminary information can be found [here](#).

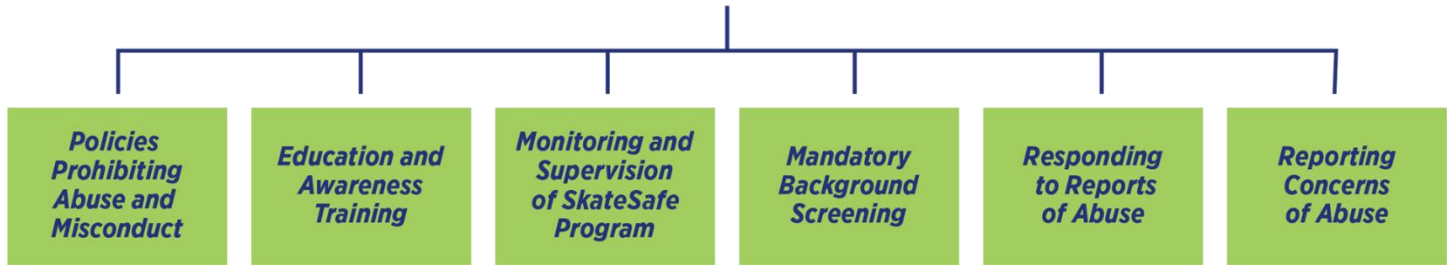
If you're interested in competing, please join U.S. Figure Skating on Tuesday, April 18 at 8:00 p.m. ET to discuss registration details and review the National Qualifying Series athlete and coach series handbook. Interested participants can pre-register for the call [here](#).

Please email [events@usfigureskating.org](mailto:events@usfigureskating.org) for questions about the series.

For more information on the National Qualifying Series rules and events, visit [usfigureskating.org](http://usfigureskating.org).

# USFS SafeSport is now USFS SkateSafe

SafeSport Certifications must be renewed for the 22/23 membership year.



**The USFS program is called Skate Safe but the certification is still SafeSport.**

The renewal is shorter than the initial certification. Current certifications and memberships expire in June.

**Every adult member must be Safe Sport certified. If the member is under 18, an adult family member must be Safe Sport certified.** You must login to <https://usfsaonline.org/> and click on the Skate Safe Logo

We are interested in keeping our children safe both physically and emotionally.



#### Junior Board

Abby, Caroline, Catey, Catherine, Connor, Izzy, Janie, Kenli, Nikki, Shelby, Sora, and Tait.

#### Elected officers of the 2023 Junior Board!

**President: Catey**

**Vice President: Abby**

**Secretary: Kenli**

**Jr Board has several events planned. Let us know if you need service hours.**

The Junior Board has been established to create a voice for the skating members of KFSC and to connect the skaters to the Board of Directors, coaches and parents. Members of the Junior Board, will share a passion for skating and serving the KFSC community. Members of the Junior Board, will help foster a fun, positive, welcoming, and supportive environment.

**Remember to check out Knoxfigureskating on Instagram.**

**A club member will be randomly drawn, by the Jr Board, for the skater of the month profile.**

**Keep an eye out for Themed Public Skates and Friday Funday Themes.**

Do you like seeing photos in the newsletter? Please submit your photos to [knoxskating@gmail.com](mailto:knoxskating@gmail.com)

## Friday Themes

If you can't make it for the group photo please send in your photos of you in your themewear.

**Friday Theme Days will be returning soon**



We have partnered with a new apparel company

<https://www.personaliteez.com/Knoxville-FSC-s/2310.htm>





## Holiday Show

Thank you to all of our skaters, coaches, volunteers and vendors for making the show a success.

Event photography provided by Rieger Creations. Proof galleries images are available for review and purchase online at <https://riegercreations.com>.

To purchase a video recording of the show email [nodudphotos@gmail.com](mailto:nodudphotos@gmail.com)





Enjoy yourself and support our cause at a special fundraising event for:

**Knoxville Figure Skating Club**

**April 19, 2023**

**5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**10978 Parkside Dr. Knoxville, TN 37934**

**Join us on April 19th and help support the  
Knoxville Figure Skating Club.**

**In-Restaurant (show flyer before paying)**

**Blaze Pizza App or Blazepizza.com (promo code 1144A)**

When placing order online via the Blaze Pizza App or blazepizza.com **Enter code 1144A into the 'Promo Code' field** at checkout to have your transaction count toward the fundraiser. If entered correctly, you will see a \$.01 discount applied to your check which confirms that 20% of your transaction will be counted into the total donation. If you do not see the discount please try again. **DINE IN** - Your order maybe placed in the store for dine-in or carry about, please observe social distancing & please show this flyer. **Not valid on third party delivery.**

**Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of proceeds from your meal back to our organization.**



VALID FOR DINE-IN, PICKUP, CURBSIDE & CARRYOUT ONLY THROUGH THE BLAZE PIZZA APP & WEBSITE. For online orders, only transactions that have the promo code applied during the time and date specified above will be counted toward the donation total. Donation amount excludes proceeds from tax and gift card purchases. Excludes 3rd party delivery or phone orders. Alcoholic beverages excluded. Event proceeds void if flyers are distributed in or near the restaurant.

## Registration links

Cool Sports Classes Register on the Cool Sports website - <https://coolsportstn.com/>

This session started March 21<sup>st</sup> but it is not too late to register or drop in.

Learn to Skate

Aspire

Thursday Axel, Jumps, and Spins

Friday Power and Edge

To search for competitions

<http://www.entryeeze.com/>

<https://m.usfigureskating.org/account/login?url=%2Fems%2F>



**July 15<sup>th</sup> at CoolSports.**

**Registration will be opening the beginning of May.**



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