# Knoxville Figure Skating Club

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Dear KFSC member,

There are several pieces of information and important dates in this newsletter.

Group practices for the show have begun participants should check their email for schedule reminders, and costume information. The rehearsal schedule is at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who participated in HallowSkate and the wreath making service project.

The annual Board Election is December 1<sup>st</sup> and we will, once again, utilize Election Runner. All club members age 18 and over, as of the cutoff date, are eligible to vote. There are five candidates for two positions.

December 1<sup>st</sup> will also be a cookie decorating and on ice party.

Skater resumes for 2023 are due by January 6, 2024. Resumes forms are on the website and are used to determine the annual award winners.

Please speak to your coach about what USFS has to offer. Now is the time to start planning 2024. 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.

Thank you, The KFSC Board **Upcoming Events:** 

Virtual Testing- The 1<sup>st</sup> of every month (video within 14 days)

Dec. 1 – Board Election

Dec. 1 - Cookie Decorating and Club Ice

Dec. 16 - Christmas Show

January 6 - Skater Resumes are due

Feb 4 – Banquet

March 22-24 SEGL Competition. Louisville, KY

July 19-21 – Smoky Mountain Classic

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Do you know your board members? Lori Clark(Pres) Jenny Payne(VP), Robert Darby(Secr), Kami Potts (Treas.) Jennifer Rohrig Sonia Allan Jessica Light Amanda Olig

Please see Knoxvillefigureskatingclub.org for more information and for KFSC forms. Documents on the website include by-Laws, Financial Statements, Board Meeting Minutes, Junior Board application, Testing Handbook and blank Skater Resume forms. KnoxvilleFigure Skating Club.org

Club Merchandise <u>https://www.personaliteez.com/Kn</u> <u>oxville-FSC-s/2310.htm</u> Many thanks to the following businesses for supporting the KFSC. Their donations are among some of the many gift certificates that will be featured at our upcoming holiday show. Buddy's BBQ Alumni Hall The Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Benefit Your Life Bakery & Cafe

Breakout Games Knoxville

Board Elections will be December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The following five members are running for two positions on the Board of Directors.

Abby Pace

Elizabeth Robinson

Elizabeth Sowers

Jennifer Thornton

Kathy Wolff-Baradokov

The statements submitted by each candidate follow in no particular order.



# Candidate Interest Statements

### 1) Name: Elizabeth Sowers-Tanner

- 2) How many years have you been a KFSC member?\_ 3years
- 3) How would KFSC benefit from your involvement with the board?

I love giving back to my community, brainstorming new ideas to bring togetherness to our club along with making lasting friendships for our skaters and parents, and offering ideas on how to keep the club financially stable so it is here years after my daughter has completed her skating journey.

4) What ways have you contributed to KFSC during your membership?

I have volunteered since my daughter started skating in 2018 and have donated things as needed for the club.

### 1) Name: Kathy Wolff-Baradakov

- 2) How many years have you been a KFSC member? 17 yrs
- 3) How would KFSC benefit from your involvement with the board?

I would be honored to be chosen as a part of the KFSC Board. I have numerous years of experience in the skating industry / world and very much enjoy helping skaters, parents, coaches and the skating community grow, have fun, build camaraderie & learn to love of the sport of skating as much as I do. I'm friendly, outgoing, and have a lot of energy. I have good organizational and marketing skills. I'm willing and available to help where needed.

4) What ways have you contributed to KFSC during your membership?

Over the years I've volunteered consistently and donated items to events since becoming a member of KFSC. I've organized & been the competition chairperson for 5 LTS competitions held at Cool Sports (Skate Your Heart Out, Glide into Summer, Spooktacular x 2 and Dogwood Spring Festival) in 2021 & 2022 as well as promoted KFSC and all programing to support figure skating in the community. I'm continually learning through USFS, PSA webinars, conferences, specialty classes and certifications and I'm a master rated coach through PSA. As I oversee the Smoky Mountain Ice Theatre, I support active participation and membership, encouraging team members to be involved in all KFSC events.

I would love to continue to share my knowledge and experience as a KFSC Board member. Thank you for your considering me, Kathy

## 1) Name: Abby Pace

- 2) How many years have you been a KFSC member? 3 years
- 3) How would KFSC benefit from your involvement with the board?

I am Energetic and Creative with a heart for making things special for our kids. I tend to focus on the hospitality and details within event planning. I bring a sense of humor and a positive outlook, most of the time believing that the Fun is on the other side of Yes!

4) What ways have you contributed to KFSC during your membership?

I have jumped in the last three years volunteering time and resources to decorating for our competitions and shows. Regularly volunteer and donate supplies to our hospitality room and the goodie bags for the skaters. I come with a pretty handy husband who has also assisted over time to set up and tear down of events.

### 1) Name: Jennifer Thornton

- 2) How many years have you been a KFSC member? 2
- How would KFSC benefit from your involvement with the board?
  I would advocate for all members no matter what level they reach. I have a lot of ideas for fundraising and group activities.
- 4) What ways have you contributed to KFSC during your membership?I have volunteered at all KFSC figure skating events since being a member.

### 1) Name: Elizabeth Robinson (Kinsley's Mom)

- 2) How many years have you been a KFSC member? 1 year.
- 3) How would KFSC benefit from your involvement with the board? I want to become a board member to further help all skaters be successful and have fun. I will support the club, Coolsports, coaches, and skaters, to help make decisions that always keep the skaters best interests as the top priority.
- What ways have you contributed to KFSC during your membership?
  I have volunteered at competitions and skating events. I have attended club functions and helped when needed. I also have bought and sold items at consignment sales.

# Congratulations! Midwestern Sectional Qualifiers

# Ameliya Godo Intermediate Women EGL 5th

Cat Rivers Junior Pairs M 5th

# Altair Zentgraf Intermediate Men EGL 5th





KFSC skaters competed at the following competitions in September and October







Abby Payne Kinsley Robinson Lillian Olig Molly Payne



Kate Morozov Rilynn Rosa Sarah Edmonds Presley Rosa Samantha Landrum Sophia Caja





# Congratulations to our skaters who tested!

September 1 – Knoxville FSC

Catey Clark: Pre-Bronze Singles Lillian Olig: Bronze Skating Skills Kylee Pace: Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues, Preliminary Dance Marlee Pace: Canasta Tango, Rhythm Blues, Preliminary Dance Nicole Rohrig: Bronze Skating Skills

# September 30 – Vaca Valley FSC

Connor Allan: America Waltz, Tango, Rocker Foxtrot, Silver Dance

October 1 – Knoxville FSC

Ameliya Godo: Pre-Silver Skating Skills Tait Light: Gold Skating Skills Emily Spires: Bronze Skating Skills



Congratulations to our newest Gold Medalist Tait Light!

# Congratulations to Tait Light for passing his Gold Skating Skills Test, and earning his first USFS Gold Medal!



# Congratulation to our own Chloe and her husband Adam!

(daughter of Coach Su Jackson-Wagner and sister of Aimee Wagner) Chloe married Adam Rothstein of Detroit on 10/13/2023 at 5:30pm. Their wedding and reception took place at The Treasury in Pontiac,MI.

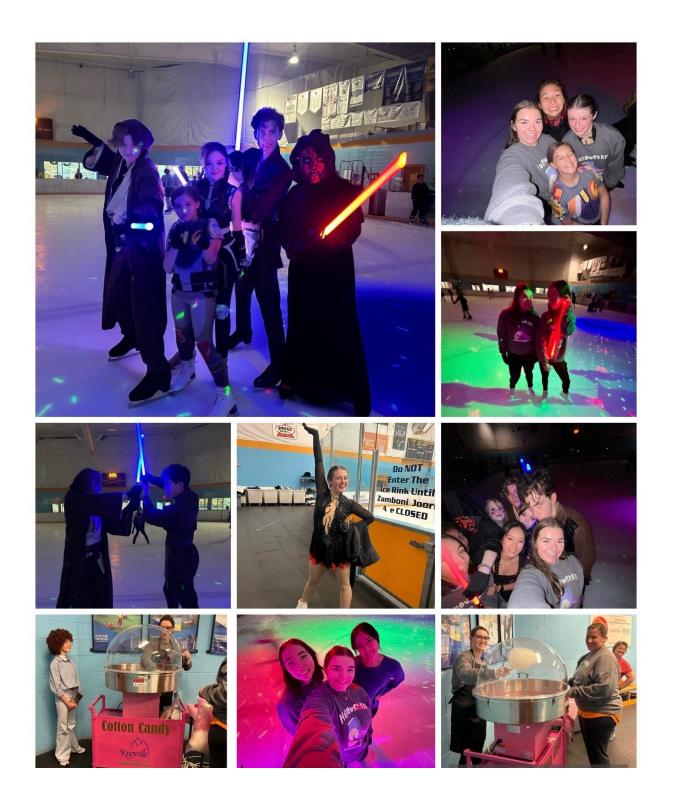
The wedding cake was made in Knoxville, by KFSC member, Sweets by Maya.











Do you like seeing photos in the newsletter? Please submit your photos to knoxskating@gmail.com









Members made wreaths to be donated to the Veterans' Home.

Please consider donating any of your unwanted ornaments, florals, wreaths or ribbon that could be used in wreath making for next year.









# Upcoming SEGL (South Eastern Great Lakes Region) Events

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

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

# NATIONAL QUALIFYING SERIES (NQS) SNAPSHOT

- Twenty (20) competitions have been designated as National Qualifying Series in Singles, Pairs, and Ice Dance – Juvenile through Senior from late July to early October. The competition list can be found <u>here</u>.
- Additional information can be found <u>here</u>. Questions? Email <u>events@usfigureskating.org</u>.

March 22-24, 2024 SEGL Competition Louisville,KY

# SafeSport Certifications must be renewed for the 23/24 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 <a href="https://usfsaonline.org/">https://usfsaonline.org/</a> and click on the Skate Safe Logo

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





Junior Board Abby, Catey, Janie, Jessie, Kenli, Kylee, Nikki, 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. All high school students are encouraged to submit an application.

## Remember to check out Knoxfigureskating on Instagram.



Are you interested in KFSC apparel?

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

# **Registration links**

<u>Cool Sports Classes</u> Register on the Cool Sports website - <u>https://coolsportstn.com/</u> Learn to Skate Aspire



To search for competitions

Entryeeze -<u>http://www.entryeeze.com/</u>

# Cookie Decorating

Club members are invited to join us on December 1st for cookie decorating and club ice. We will be decorating cookies, and also making cards to send to local nursing homes. The party begins at 5:30 and Club Ice is 6:30-8:00!





Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> Doors open at 6pm. Show Starts at 6:30pm. Admission is \$5 per person Advance tickets may be purchased by contacting knoxskating@gmail.com

Holiday show videos for 2023 may be pre purchased.

To purchase a video recording of the show email <u>nodudphotos@gmail.com</u> The cost is \$45 - pay by Venmo @Renee-Dudley-11

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

REMAINING LARGE GROUP PRACTICE SCHEDULE: Friday 11/17 OFF ice 7-8pm Saturday 11/18 OFF ice 3-4pm

Tuesday, 11/21 ON ice 6-7pm

Friday 12/8 OFF ice 7-8pm

Tuesday, 12/12 ON ice 6-7pm Thursday, 12/14 ON ice 6-7pm

Friday, 12/15 Dress rehearsal ON ice 6:15-7:45pm