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## Spring 2024 Newsletter

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### Knoxville Figure Skating Club

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Dear KFSC member,

Happy Spring!

We hope to see you all at the Exhibition and Club Ice. This is a great opportunity to support and be supported by your fellow skaters. After the exhibition KFSC members may enjoy club ice where skaters may have fun skating under the disco lights.

For those who were unable to attend the annual club meeting, the financial statement has been posted to the club website.

Please remember to log you volunteer hours on Entryeeze. All club members must meet a minimum number of volunteer hours to be considered in good standing. There is an option to pay in Lieu of volunteering. The Membership year runs July through June.

If you are need of volunteer hours please consider joining a committee. The Fundraising, Competition, and Show Committees are all in need of members.

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

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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          Amanda Olig          Abby Pace  
Elizabeth Robinson

Please see [Knoxvillefigureskatingclub.org](http://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.

### Upcoming Events:

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

**April 6 - Exhibition and Club Ice**

**April 18-21 – Skate Nashville, Nashville, TN**

**May 3-5 Magic City Ice Classic, Birmingham, AL**

**June 23 – KFSC Picnic, The Cove at Concord Park**

**July 19-21 – Smoky Mountain Classic**

**Dec. 1 – Board Election**

**Dec. 16 - Christmas Show**

**January 4 - Skater Resumes are due**

**Feb ? – Banquet**

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# KFSC Spring Exhibition

Join us for the 2024 Spring Exhibition. Admission is FREE! Come see some of our amazing skaters highlight their skills and current programs. Whether you are a figure skating enthusiast or new to the sport, this exhibition is sure to captivate and inspire. Mark your calendars and join us for a celebration of our skater's hard work. Remember, admission is FREE, so gather your friends and family for an event of entertainment and exciting performances.

**April 6, 2024**  
**3 PM**



After the exhibition there will be club ice for KFSC members.



Congratulations to our skaters who competed.

## Synchro



Compete USA

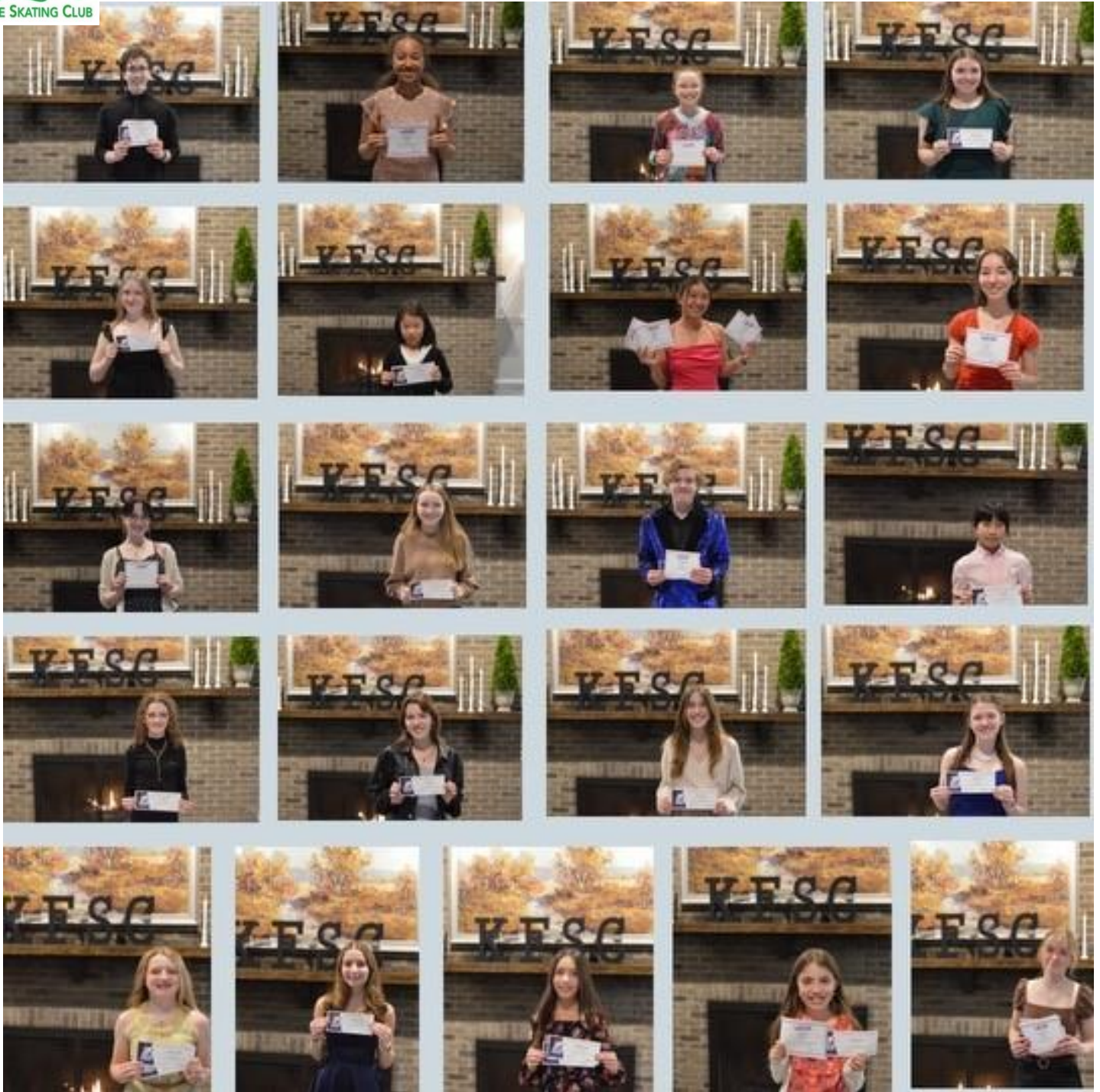


## Congratulations to our skaters who tested!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Test Description</u>	<u>Test Date</u>
Connor Allan,	Starlight Waltz (Lead Partnered)	9/30/2023
	American Waltz (Lead Partnered)	8/15/2023
	Tango (Lead Partnered)	8/15/2023
	Rocker Foxtrot (Lead Partnered)	8/15/2023
	Silver Dance Test (Lead Partnered)	8/15/2023
	Silver Skating Skills	6/1/2023
	Fourteenstep	2/1/2023
	Foxtrot	2/1/2023
	European Waltz	2/1/2023
	Pre-Silver Dance Test	2/1/2023
An, Elynn	Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills	7/14/2023
	Preliminary Skating Skills	7/14/2023
An, Jessie	Pre-Gold Skating Skills	7/14/2023
Bush, Mariah	Pre-Bronze Skating Skills	1/3/2023
Caja, Sophia	Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills	12/1/2023
Clark, Catey	Pre-Bronze Singles	9/1/2023
	Pre-Silver Skating Skills	4/1/2023
Darby, Madeleine	Bronze Skating Skills	6/23/2023
Du, Dorothy	Bronze Skating Skills	12/1/2023
	Pre-Bronze Skating Skills	7/14/2023
	Pre-Preliminary Singles	7/14/2023
Early, Kate	Bronze Skating Skills	
Godo, Ameliya	Pre-Silver Singles	10/4/2023
	Silver Skating Skills	1/3/2023
Hill, Kenli	Swing Dance	3/1/2023
	Cha Cha	3/1/2023
	Fiesta Tango	3/1/2023
	Pre-Bronze Dance Test	3/1/2023
Imai, Sora	Silver Skating Skills	1/3/2023
Kronquist, Jamie	Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills	12/1/2023
Landrum, Samantha	Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills	7/15/2023
Light, Tait	Gold Skating Skills	10/1/2023
	Pre-Gold Skating Skills	3/1/2023
Liu, Chloe	Bronze Skating Skills	6/1/2023
	Preliminary Singles	6/1/2023
Miller, Isabela	Pre-Silver Skating Skills	6/1/2023

Nipper, Camron	Pre-Gold Skating Skills	6/1/2023
	Silver Singles	5/1/2023
Olig, Lillian	Bronze Skating Skills	9/1/2023
	Pre-Bronze Skating Skills	6/1/2023
Pace, Kylee	Canasta Tango (Follow Partnered)	9/1/2023
	Rhythm Blues (Follow Partnered)	9/1/2023
	Preliminary Dance Test (Follow Partnered)	9/1/2023
	Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills	
Pace, Marlee	Canasta Tango (Follow Partnered)	9/1/2023
	Rhythm Blues (Follow Partnered)	9/1/2023
	Preliminary Dance Test (Follow Partnered)	9/1/2023
	Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills	
Payne, Abby	Gold Skating Skills	12/1/2023
	Pre-Gold Skating Skills	6/1/2023
Payne, Molly	Pre-Bronze Skating Skills	7/14/2023
	Pre-Preliminary Singles	6/1/2023
Rohrig, Nicole	Bronze Skating Skills	9/1/2023
	Preliminary Singles	6/1/2023
Rosa, Presley	Bronze Skating Skills	7/14/2023
	Pre-Bronze Skating Skills	6/1/2023
Rosa, Rilynn	Preliminary Skating Skills	7/14/2023
	Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills	1/3/2023
Spires, Emily	Bronze Skating Skills	10/1/2023
	Pre-Bronze Skating Skills	3/1/2023

# 2023 Test Certificates



# AWARDS



**Presidents Award**  
Abby Payne



**Senior Skater**  
Tait Light



**Junior Skater**  
Lillian Olig



**Rising Star**  
Molly Payne



**Showmanship Award**  
Addison Tanner & Campbell Thornton



**Spirit Award**  
Catey Clark & Presley Rosa



**Parent Volunteer**



**USFS GOLD MEDALISTS**  
ABBY & TAIT



**Sportsmanship Award**  
Sora Imai

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.

The 2023 awards were presented February 4, 2024 at the annual club banquet.

- PRESIDENT AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ ABBY PAYNE
- SENIOR SKATER AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ TAIT LIGHT
- JUNIOR SKATER AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ LILLIAN OLIG
- RISING STAR AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ MOLLY PAYNE
- SHOWMANSHIP AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ ADDISON TANNER AND CAMPBELL THORNTON
- SPIRIT AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ PRESLEY ROSA AND CATEY CLARK
- SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ SORA IMAI
- VOLUNTEER AWARD \_\_\_\_\_ CAROLYN ADAMS, MARIO AND VANESSA CAJA,  
FAITH MACKERT, ADAM AND ABBY PACE,  
MARK AND ELIZABETH ROBINSON

## Volunteer Award

2023 was a really great year for the club. We were able to host several successful events that we would not have been able to do without the help of our volunteers. We appreciate all of our volunteers and could not function without you. Each year we like to recognize a club member who has gone above and beyond with a volunteer award. This year is an exception though, as we have had several members really go out of their way to help make our events special. Their time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Carolyn Adams baked several dozen delicious cookies for the cookie decorating party.

Mario and Vanessa Caja donated many hours of their time, Mario meticulously prepared the cable and set up the curtain for the holiday show. Mario was also a huge help with setting up the judges platform at the competition.

Faith Mackert was instrumental in resurrecting our competition. She connected the club with the needed officials, and spent countless hours preparing the playlist of skater's music.

Abby and Adam Pace shared their time and talents by creating impressive balloon displays at the competition, holiday show, and here tonight at the banquet. They also volunteered to drive a judge to the airport.

Mark and Elizabeth Robinson showed up extra early to set up the holiday show, and made countless bags of cotton candy.

Join me with round of applause for all of our generous volunteers. We would not have been able to accomplish so much without you

## 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. Abby is a USFS Gold Medalist, 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 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 Lillian Olig. Lillian is coached by Olga Jitsova Todd. In 2023 addition to competing Lillian participated in numerous Club events and volunteer opportunities.

## Senior Skater Award

This award is presented to an Intermediate to Senior level club skater that has shown significant accomplishment in in skating skills, has participated in club activates and always tries to set a positive example for other skaters. This year's recipient Tait Light trains in Knoxville and Nashville and is coached locally by Lucie Krausova. Tait is a USFS Gold Medalist, participated in the National Solo Dance Series. He is a junior instructor 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 recipient is Molly Payne Molly is coached by Lucie Krausova. Molly competed, tested, participated in club events and volunteering, including assisting with Learn to Skate.

### 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.

ADDISON TANNER AND CAMPBELL THORNTON. Addison is coached by Su Jackson-Wagner and Campbell is coached by Kathy Wolff-Baradakov. Addison and Campbell earned a Gold Medal for their Duet and Campbell earned 2 additional Gold medals. Everyone is always excited to see them both on and off the ice.

### 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 Presley Rosa and Catey Clark. Presley is coached by Olga Jitsova-Todd and Catey is coached by Kim Patterson and Lucie Krausova. Presley is a hard worker and is always supportive of other skaters. So much so a member of the Scott Hamilton board reached out to ask Presley's name because they were so impressed with her comforting another skater, in her event, who did not have their best skate. Catey is the Jr Board President and is always willing to jump in and do whatever it takes to make an event happen, from organizing the music for competitions and shows, being the videographer for tests, making signs and flyers for events, going to competitions to support other skaters and working as a junior instructor for LTS.

### Sportsmanship Award

The sportsmanship Award is always the last award we announce. This 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 recipient is Sora Imai. Sora is Coached by Lucie Krausova, is on the Junior Board, is a junior instructor for Learn to Skate and actively participates in club events.

Here are some of what our skaters wrote on their nomination forms.

Sora has an outgoing and loving personality. Not only is she kind to her friends, but also to younger skaters. She makes sure everyone is included and is an extremely hard worker on and off the ice.

Sora works hard, is a good person to be around and puts others before herself.

Sora is always a joy to be around and never fails to hype you up.

Sora always lifts the mood.

Sora is a very kind and giving gal! She is very gentle with the learn to skaters. Sora has the ability to build anyone up and make them smile. I love Sora because she is always happy and kind to everyone around her. She is an amazing and graceful skater.

Sora is very kind and patient with skaters of all levels. She is always willing to offer kind words and a smile. She is a great example for younger skaters to follow.



**Congratulations to our newest Gold Medalist  
Abby Payne!**

Congratulations to Abby Payne for  
passing her Gold Skating Skills Test,  
and earning her first USFS Gold Medal!





# BRONZE Graduating Seniors Award



The Graduating Seniors Award Program was developed to recognize the achievements of those individuals graduating from high school who have made the commitment to continue their training in figure skating while pursuing their academic studies.



**KATE EARLY**  
Class of 2024



To further applaud the achievements of the individuals awarded, U.S. Figure Skating will publish the names of the recipients on the U.S. Figure Skating Graduating Seniors Award Program webpage. An article about the award will be published in SKATING Magazine in the Spring.

To be considered for this award, applicants must complete an online application. The application is available on U.S. Figure Skating's Members Only website on the "Graduating Seniors Page" on the "Programs" menu dropdown.

Application Timeline:

- Application opens: no later than September 1, 2023
- Early application deadline (to list award on college applications): October 2, 2023
- General application deadline: March 18, 2024
- Late application deadline: June 30, 2024

All deadlines are as of 11:59pm MT. No applications will be accepted after the close of the 2023-24 U.S. Figure Skating membership year on June 30, 2024.

Following each application deadline and review process by U.S. Figure Skating, the Graduating Questions regarding this program can be directed to Chloe Roberts, School and Alumni Programs Manager, at [croberts@usfigureskating.org](mailto:croberts@usfigureskating.org).

Awards are determined based on the athlete's accomplishments during high school. Tests, competitions,

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



From [www.usfigureskating.org/members-only/skater-journey/testing](http://www.usfigureskating.org/members-only/skater-journey/testing)



The test Structure is one of the most important and rewarding parts of figure skating. All U.S. Figure Skating members from recreational and competitive skaters can participate.

Figure skating in the U.S. can be either competitive or recreational, and those learning to skate can choose either route. While competitive skaters are required to participate in the U.S. testing structure to eventually compete in qualifying competitions, recreational skaters can also opt to take tests in order to continually challenge themselves and their abilities.

The official tests of U.S. Figure Skating may be taken by all figure skaters who are members of a member club or collegiate club, individual members who are currently registered with U.S. Figure Skating and are otherwise qualified under these rules, as well as by members of a member association of the ISU.

Test sessions can only be held under the auspices and control of a member club. Fees are involved and vary by club. Clubs do not need a sanction to hold a test session.

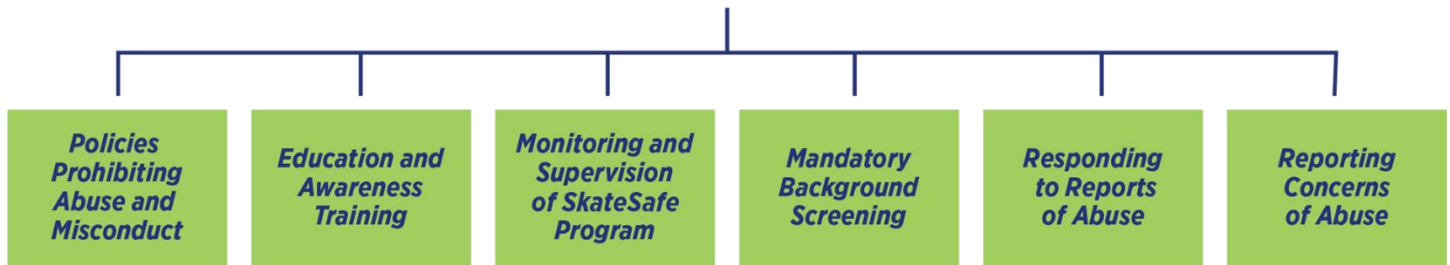
Sessions are organized and run under procedures outlined in the U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook. Any person who is interested in participating in the U.S. Figure Skating testing structure should review the [U.S. Figure Skating Rulebook](#), which addresses information such as the types of tests offered, the elements on each test, how tests are marked, which judges are required, age requirements for different test categories and conduct of coaches and candidates at test sessions.

The order in which tests are taken is important. According to Rule 4002 in the rulebook: "A candidate shall not be eligible to take a higher-level test until all of the preceding tests in the same category have been passed or completed except as otherwise specified in these rules."

As a way for U.S. Figure Skating to congratulate skaters for passing tests at the novice level or higher, we will write a personalized school recognition letter (in .pdf format) that can be forwarded to teacher(s) and/or principal, school leadership, etc. The letter will be personally addressed to them, will include the skater's name, the test passed and information about what this test means to the athlete's skating career and resumé.

These letters are generated in a "mail merge" format on U.S. Figure Skating letterhead, based upon the information entered into the form found at the link below. They will be e-mailed as an attachment to the skater or parent/guardian. Student-athletes may request as many letters for as many different people as necessary, however, a separate form **MUST** be completed for **EACH** personalized letter. Please note: letters will only be written for skaters who submit a form within **2 months** of passing a test.

SafeSport Certifications must be renewed each 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.

Are you interested in KFSC apparel?

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





## Junior Board

Abby, Catey, Janie, Jessie, Kenli, Kylee, Nikki, and Sora,.

### 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.**

Junior Board volunteered at Young Williams Animal Shelter.

They made treats and toys and interacted with some of the animals up for adoption.

## Registration links

Cool Sports Classes Register on the Cool Sports website -

<https://coolsportstn.com/>

Learn to Skate

Aspire



To search for competitions

Entryeze - <http://www.entryeze.com/>

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

## Competitions

April 1 - April 21, 2024

Skate Nashville – Nashville Figure Skating Club

May 3, 2024 - May 5, 2024

Magic City Ice Classic - Birmingham Figure Skating Club

May 31, 2024 - June 2, 2024

Metro Indy skating Challenge - Ice skating Club of Indy

June 25, 2024 - June 29, 2024

National Theatre on Ice - Greater Evansville FSC

July 11, 2024 - July 14, 2024

Troy Summer Competition - Troy Skating Club

August 2 - August 4, 2024

Scott Hamilton Invitational – Scott Hamilton Skating Club

September 13, 2024 - September 15, 2024

Southern Indiana Ice Classic - Greater Evansville

# Save The Date



**Smoky Mountain Classic**

Knoxville Figure Skating Club

**JULY 19-21, 2024.**

- **OPEN NON-QUALIFYING COMPETITION**
- **ALL LEVELS WILL BE OFFERED, AND THERE WILL BE A TEST SESSION ON FRIDAY EVENING.**
- **REGISTRATION OPENS MAY 1, 2024 THROUGH ENTRYEEZE.**



Holiday show videos and photos are still available for purchase.

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

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 <https://riegercreations.com>.