

August 2024 Newsletter

Knoxville Figure Skating Club

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Dear KFSC member,

There are not enough words of Thanks for our volunteers and competition committee for a successful Smoky Mountain Classic. Also thank you to our coaches, skaters, officials, and spectators who battled the high humidity in the rink.

Please consider joining a committee. The Fundraising, Competition, and Show Committees are all in need of members.

If you are having trouble logging your hours into Entryeeze, please email knoxskating@gmail.com and we can assist in logging your hours. All club members must meet a minimum number of volunteer hours to be considered in good standing.

Thank you to everyone who sent us photos. If you have any pictures, especially competition 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

Do you know your board members?

Lori Clark (President)
Jenny Payne (Vice President)
Robert Darby (Secretary)
Kami Potts (Treasurer)
Amanda Olig
Abby Pace
Elizabeth Robinson
Vanessa Caja

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.

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

Upcoming Events:

Virtual Testing- The 1st of every month (except July and August) (video within 14 days)

Aug 17 – CoolSports Exhibition

Aug 17 - Power and Edge Class start of 8 week session

Sept. 7 – Club Ice

Sept 15 – Deadline to register for a solo and to submit audition video

Oct. 15 – submit interest in running for the KFSC Board

Nov. 1 – Ballot sent out

Dec. 1 – Board Election

Dec. 14 - Christmas Show

Jan. 4 - Skater Resumes are due

Feb. 23 – Banquet

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Our own club member, and mother of our founder (Catherine Wright) and grandmother of a former competitor/Disney/coach (Sarah Wright) Julia Jordan passed away peacefully at 89 years young.

We will share her funeral or memorial details, when that information becomes available.

Many of our younger or newer club members may not recall Julia, but pre- 2022 she was an integral part of our club development, competitions, and test sessions every single time! Julia's bright smile and enthusiastic attitude made testing a great experience for our skaters.





Congratulations to our skaters who tested!

July 19, Knoxville Figure Skating Club

Gracie Dong – Gold Skating Skills

Altair Zentgraf - Gold Standard Solo Free Dance

Dorothy Du - Preliminary Singles

Marlee Pace- Preliminary Skating Skills

Lily Mitchell – Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills

TESTS

The test structure is the backbone of U.S. Figure Skating. Skaters advance to the next level by passing skill tests officiated by certified judges. Skaters test in skating skills (moves in the field), singles (free skating), pairs and ice dance. As a skater advances, the tests become more difficult.

The highest achievement in each discipline is the Gold (Senior) test. Upon passing the gold test a skater becomes a USFS Gold Medalist.

Pre-Preliminary
Preliminary
Pre-Bronze
Bronze
Pre-Silver
Silver
Pre-Gold
Gold

Gold Skating Skills

Congratulations
to Gracie Dong
for passing her
Gold Skating
Skills Test and
earning her
first USFS Gold
Medal!

Gold Medalist



Gold Solo Free Dance

Congratulations
to Altair
Zentgraf for
passing his Gold
Solo Free Dance
Test and earning
his third USFS
Gold Medal!

3x Gold Medalist





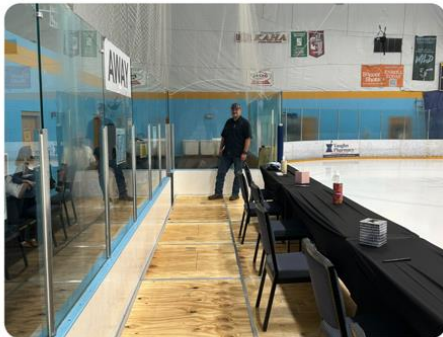
Congratulations to our skaters who competed.

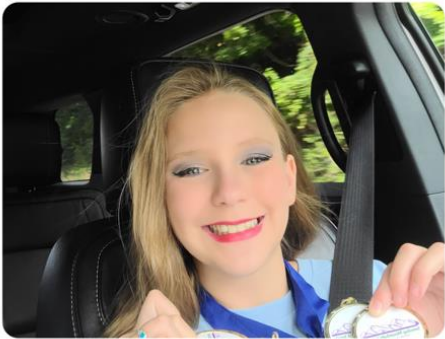




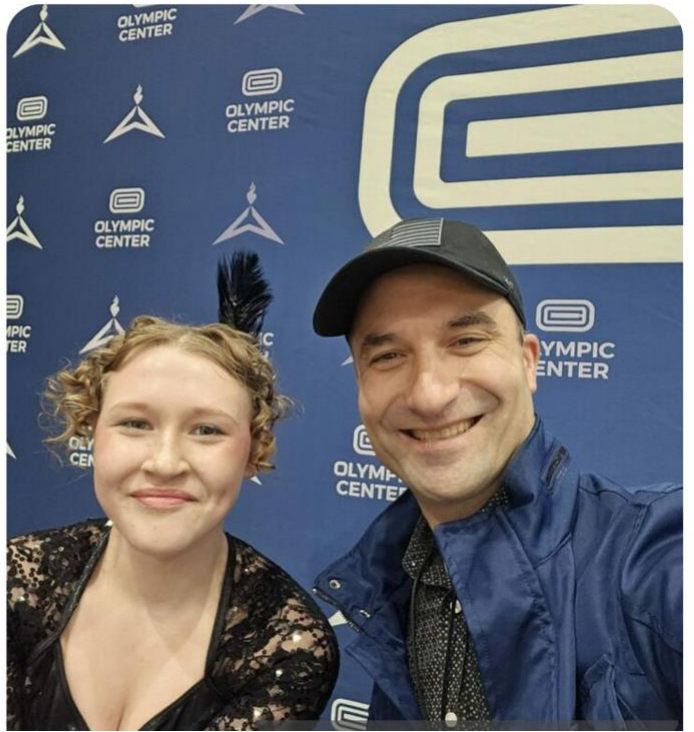
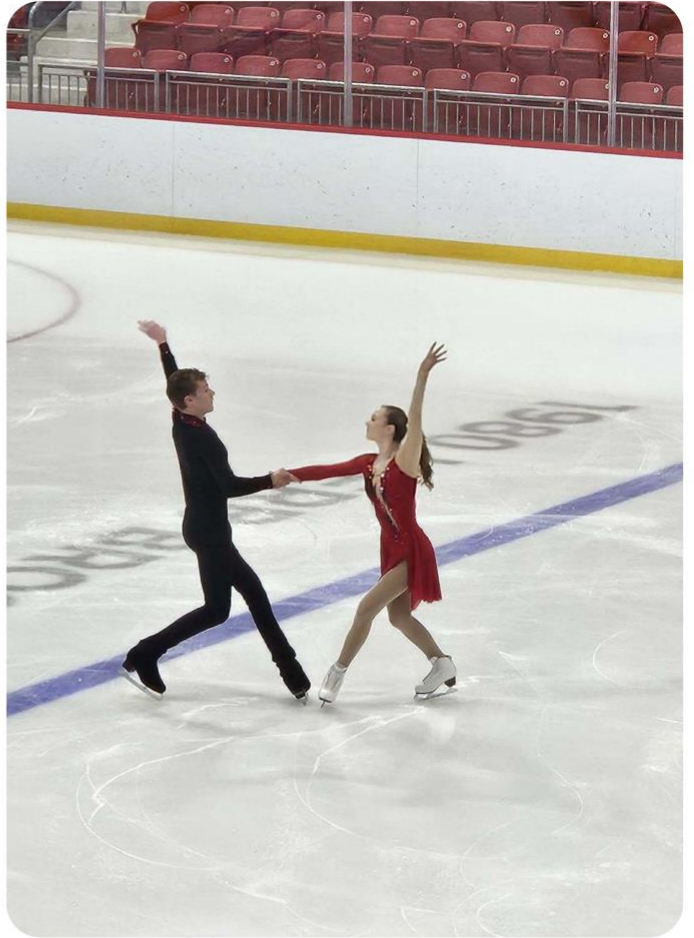
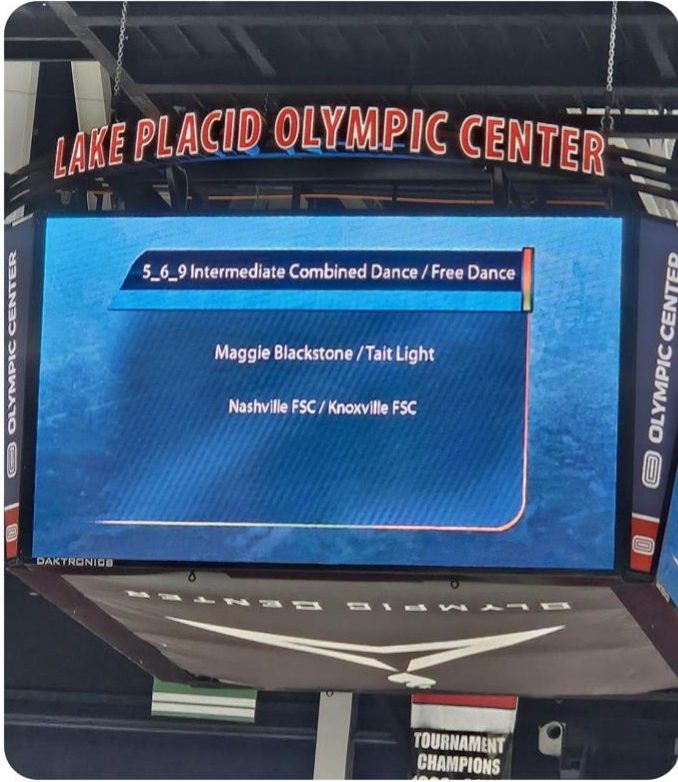
Smoky Mountain Classic
Knoxville Figure Skating Club











Camps and Events

Samantha Landrum attended Camp Show It Off! in McCall, Idaho with guest coach Keegan Messing, two time Olympian and two time Canadian Champion. The four day camp focused on theatrical and performance skills both on and off ice and ended with an amazing show under professional lights and curtains. There were 27 skaters from 5 different states.



Mariah Bush, Lillian Olig, and Marlee Pace attended Train with the Best Elite Summer Training Camp. A week long figure skating camp in Nashville, TN. Hosted by Nashville Skating Academy, skaters participated in on-ice and off-ice training offered by Guest Coaches Paul Wylie, Signe Ronka, Chris Conte and the NSA Elite coaching team, including ice Dance with Rob Peale.



USE OF MUSIC AT U.S. FIGURE SKATING SANCTIONED AND APPROVED EVENTS

Music is an important element in a figure skating performance. When using music for a performance, it is important to confirm the appropriate rights and licenses are in place. Regulations and laws regarding copyright and music licensing are strictly enforced, and failure to adhere to applicable regulations and laws may expose you to civil penalties and damages.

U.S. Figure Skating recognizes the complex nature of obtaining rights to utilize music for performances and has taken steps to better equip members with the information they need to avoid violating copyright laws. To assist its members in compliance with applicable copyright laws, U.S. Figure Skating has partnered with the two largest performance rights organizations, ASCAP (American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers) and BMI (Broadcast Music, Inc.) to secure a blanket Performance License for all music utilized by athletes at sanctioned and approved events so long as the song choice is 100% covered through ASCAP and/or BMI.

Below is additional information being provided for your use.

PERFORMANCE LICENSED MUSIC

A performance license is an agreement between a music user and the owner(s) of a copyrighted composition (song) that grants permission to play the song in public (regardless of how small a portion of the song is used).

SONGS COVERED BY U.S. FIGURE SKATING'S PERFORMANCE LICENSES

To comply with applicable copyright laws, it is strongly recommended that all music being used for competitions, shows, training, and other background or intermission music being utilized during a U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned or approved event, program, or activity is 100% cleared by BMI, ASCAP, or a combination of the two. Further, it is strongly recommended that the coach, choreographer, athlete, and/or parent/guardian only use music for competition that is 100% cleared as described above. This is for the protection of both the member organization, and of the athlete and their team.

SONGVIEW

[Songview](#) is an online music rights database that you can use to ensure that a song you'd like to use is fully licensed. For a song to be fully licensed through U.S. Figure Skating's blanket licenses, the song must be 100% covered between ASCAP, BMI, or a combination of the two. If you do not find your song in the Songview database, the rights to that song have either not been secured, or have explicitly been withheld. In either case, it is strongly recommended that you select a different song that can be found in Songview.

CLICKNCLEAR

If you have searched Songview and are unable to verify that a song is fully covered by U.S. Figure Skating's blanket license, and prefer not to select a different song, you may be able to utilize a paid option known as ClicknClear to attempt to obtain the appropriate license. ClicknClear may allow our members to pay for a music license if a song is not covered under the USFS's blanket licenses with ASCAP and BMI. Please visit their website at www.clicknclear.com for more information on their music licensing platform.

BOD Approved: 5/25/2024

RESPONSIBILITY PURSUANT TO FEDERAL COPYRIGHT LAW

It is the sole responsibility of the U.S. Figure Skating coach, choreographer, athlete and/or parent/guardian to ensure that music being used in U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities is cleared 100% by BMI and/or ASCAP, or that the proper licensing has been obtained (via ClicknClear or otherwise).

Ensuring that all other music being utilized during the sanctioned or approved event, program, or activity is properly licensed is the sole responsibility of the Organizer.

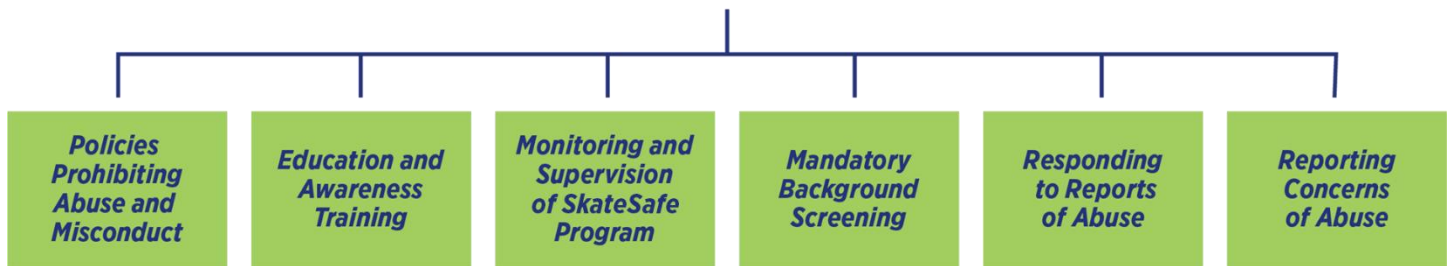
PROHIBITION OF STREAMING AND RECORDING

Live and on-demand streaming, and sales and distribution of U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs, and activities that include the playback of music is strictly prohibited. This prohibition does not apply to the distribution of footage that does not include music.

Use of music in this manner is not covered by U.S. Figure Skating's Performance License with ASCAP and BMI, and is strictly prohibited.

Questions or concerns regarding music at U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned and approved events, programs and activities may be directed to music@usfigureskating.org.

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.

<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/students/Physical-Activity-Should-Not-Be-Used-as-Punishment-and-or-Behavior-Management.pdf>



Are you interested in KFSC apparel?

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



Junior Board

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

Elected officers of the 2024-2025 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 will be volunteering at Young Williams Animal Shelter again. All skater 12 and up are invited to volunteer. Please tell a board or Jr board member if you are interested.

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

Exhibition – August 17th \$10 per skater for each routine

Power and Edge - Returns Saturdays August 17- October 5th \$112 for 8 session or drop in for \$18 per session



To search for competitions

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

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

USFS Competition information, including program requirements - [Compete | U.S. Figure Skating \(usfigureskating.org\)](https://www.usfigureskating.org/Compete)

Competitions

August 18 2024 – North Georgia Classic, Cumming, GA

August 23 2024 – Atlanta Open – Alpharetta, GA

September 6 2024 – John Smith Memorial – Indian Trail, NC

September 13, 2024 - September 15, 2024
Southern Indiana Ice Classic - Greater Evansville

The full U.S. qualifying season and domestically held international events calendar can be viewed below:

2024 Cranberry Cup International (Challenger Series – Singles Only)

Dates: August 8-11, 2024

Location: Norwood, Massachusetts

Venue: Tenley E. Albright Performance Center

Host: The Skating Club of Boston

2024 John Nicks Pairs Challenge International (Challenger Series – Pairs Only)

Dates: Sept. 3-4, 2024

Location: New York, New York

Venue: Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers

Host: The Skating Club of New York

2024 Skate America

Dates: October 18-20, 2024

Location: Allen, Texas

Venue: Credit Union of Texas Event Center

Host: U.S. Figure Skating

2025 Eastern Sectional Singles and U.S. Pairs Final

Dates: Nov. 11-17, 2024
Location: Norwood, Massachusetts
Venue: Tenley E. Albright Performance Center
Host: The Skating Club of Boston

2025 Pacific Coast Sectional Singles Final

Dates: Nov. 11-17, 2024*
Location: Ogden, Utah
Venue: The Ice Sheet
Host: Wasatch FSC

2025 Midwestern Sectional Singles & U.S. Ice Dance Final

Dates: Nov. 18-24, 2024*
Location: Plano, Texas
Venue: Children's Health StarCenter
Host: Dallas FSC

2025 Prevagen U.S. Figure Skating Championships

Dates: Jan. 20-26, 2025
Location: Wichita, Kansas
Venue: INTRUST Bank Arena
Host: U.S. Figure Skating/Visit Wichita

2025 Eastern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships

Dates: Jan. 20-26, 2025*
Location: Hershey, Pennsylvania
Venue: Giant Center
Host: Hershey FSC

2025 Midwestern Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships

Dates: Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 2025*
Location: Kalamazoo, Michigan
Venue: Wings Event Center
Host: Greater Kalamazoo Skating Association

2025 Pacific Coast Synchronized Skating Sectional Championships

Dates: Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2025
Location: Irvine, California
Venue: Great Park Ice and FivePoint Arena
Host: All Year FSC

2025 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships

Dates: Feb. 26-March 1, 2025
Location: TBD

2025 Eastern Adult Figure Skating Sectional Championships

Dates: March 14-16, 2025
Location: Indian Trail, North Carolina
Venue: Extreme Ice Center
Host: Carolinas FSC

2025 Pacific Coast Adult Figure Skating Sectional Championships

Dates: March 14-16, 2025
Location: Paramount, California
Venue: Paramount Iceland
Host: Los Angeles FSC

2025 Midwestern Adult Figure Skating Sectional Championships

Dates: TBD
Location: TBD

ISU World Figure Skating Championships 2025

Dates: March 23-30, 2025
Location: Boston, Massachusetts
Venue: TD Garden
Host: U.S. Figure Skating/The Skating Club of Boston
Tickets: Available at www.isuworlds2025.com

2025 Prevagen U.S. Adult Figure Skating Championships

Dates: March 31-April 5, 2025
Location: St. Louis Park, Minnesota
Venue: The Rec Center
Host: Twin City Figure Skating Association

*The dates of this event will occur within this date range. Exact dates will be finalized closer to the registration deadline.