

Late Fall 2024 Newsletter

Knoxville Figure Skating Club

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Dear KFSC member,

We are so appreciative of everything our volunteers have done in September and October.

Our annual Board Election is December first and we have 3 candidates running for 3 spots, Faith Landrum is running for election and Jenny Payne and Robert Darby are running for re-election.

The Holiday Show large group ensemble rehearsal schedule is included in this Newsletter

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)

Nov. 1 – Ballot announced

Nov 18 – MidWest Sectionals

Nov. 24 Wreath Making

Dec. 1 – Board Election

Dec. 14 - Christmas Show

TBD. Cookie Decorating

Jan. 4 - Skater Resumes are due

Feb. 23 – Banquet

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



Board Elections will be December 1st.

Members eligible to vote will receive an electronic ballot from ElectionRunner.

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

Robert Darby

Faith Mackert-Landrum

Jenny Payne

1) **Jenny Payne**

- 2) I have been a KFSC member for about eight years. I have been involved with KFSC by volunteering on the board of directors for the past six years and I have served as the vice president for four years. I have two skaters, Abby and Molly, and I've been a proud skate mom since 2012.
- 3) I want to support all our skaters in order to help them find success in whatever figure skating path they choose. I love hearing from club members and want the board to work with the rink and with skaters, parents, and coaches to provide the best possible opportunities for all our skaters.
- 4) I regularly volunteer at club events. I'm in charge of the annual banquet, I plan the summer picnic, and I hold the consignment sale. I organize projects such as our wreath decorating service project and I help supervise the junior board. I serve on the holiday show committee and I hosted the auction at last year's show. I'm involved in our Hallowskate fundraiser and I volunteered for the entire duration of the Smoky Mountain Classic competition. I love being a part of our skating community and I look forward to the opportunity to continue to support our club.

1) **Faith Mackert-Landrum**

- 2) I have been a member of the KFSC for almost 2 years.
- 3) I believe I can contribute greatly to the club by bringing my knowledge and extensive experience as our previous club's President and board member for 5 years and competition chair for 3 years. I served as our Safe Sport Chair and Production Assistant to our rink's Figure Skating and Show Director for 8 years.
- 4) I have volunteered at several KFSC events but importantly assisted, in the background, with administrative planning and registration for the past two KFSC competitions.

1) **Robert Darby** (aka Maddie's dad)

- 2) I have been a KFSC member for 6 years and have served on the board of directors for the past three years. I am currently serving as the KFSC secretary.
- 3) As a member of the KFSC board since 2022, I have tried to listen to and advocate on behalf of our members and coaches. Over the past three years I have seen the KFSC grow and change for the better. Our membership participation has improved, and our skaters continue to excel in the many different skating events and activities available to them thru membership in the KFSC and USFSA. I am proud to be part of this upward growth and, if re-elected to the board of directors, I will continue to work diligently in the best interests of all of our members.
- 4) As a KFSC member, I have focused my time and energy to trying to help make the KFSC a positive and welcoming presence for all of our skaters, families, and coaches. I have directed or helped with a long list of initiatives and events including but not limited to the following: Creating the KFSC web page, establishing the club's online merchandise outlet, organizing multiple Disney on Ice group events, serving on multiple Ice Show Committees including serving as Chair, organizing the annual fundraising raffle, Co-Chair of Membership, Co-Chair of the Competition Committee, serving as Secretary of KFSC and volunteering and helping in whatever way the club needs me.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALTAIR, AND TO TAIT AND HIS PARTNER MAGGIE ON QUALIFYING FOR MIDWESTERN SECTIONALS

Per the USFS website - The U.S. Figure Skating National Qualifying Series (NQS) was approved by the 2018 Governing Council and implemented in the summer of 2019. The NQS is a series of competitions hosted individually by member clubs nationwide, in which athletes enter and earn a score. They will earn a placement in the individual competition they enter, an overall national ranking in their level and a regional and sectional ranking. Beginning 2022-2023, nine stand-alone October qualifying competitions, Regional (singles) and Sectional (pairs and ice dance) Challenges were consolidated into the National Qualifying Series, allowing athletes to advance to the NQS Finals in November – Sectional Singles, U.S. Pairs and U.S. Ice Dance Finals – and culminating with the U.S. Figure Skating Championships and National High Performance Development Team Camp in January.



Monday November 18-Sunday November 24, 2024



Congratulations to our skaters who tested Knoxville, TN

Lillian Olig - PreSilver Skating Skills

Presley Rosa - Pre-Silver Skating Skills

Altair Zentgraf - Silver Singles

Aaron Blake – Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills and Preliminary Skating Skills

Barbara Nicks- Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills

Remember to celebrate
milestones
as you prepare
for the road ahead.

-Nelson Mandela



Each Year October 6th is Coach Appreciation Day.



Jr. Board organized middle and high school skaters volunteering at Young Williams Animal Shelter. They made treats and toys and interacted with some of the animals up for adoption.





Congratulations to our skaters who competed.
Challenge Cup – National Qualifying Series
Philadelphia Skating Club & Humane Society
Ardmore, PA



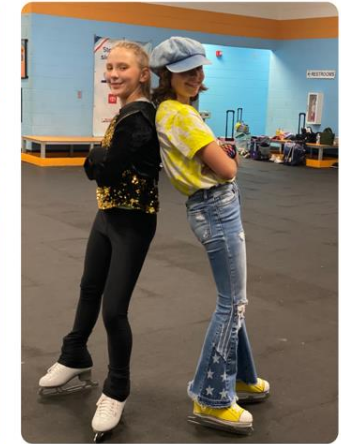


Autumn Leaves Compete USA Competition
CoolSports Skating Academy Knoxville, TN
October 20, 2024





Club Ice - Disco themed- September 7th







Knoxville Figure Skating Club hosted an afternoon with mental performance coach Kelly Hobbs. This seminar shared practical tips for staying motivated, overcoming mental blocks, and developing effective goal setting skills. For more information check out Camp Ultra Violet



Rilynn Rosa was featured in The Kids Zone of Skating Magazine.

RILYNN ROSA

Age: 10

Hometown: Knoxville,
Tennessee

Level: Free skate 6.
I am working on my
pre-bronze skills test.

**What do you enjoy
most about skating:**

I absolutely love
showcase routines; I've
have been skating for
almost four years.

Coaches:

Kathy Wolff-Baradkov,
Konstantin Baradakov

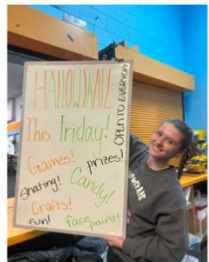
Favorite skater: Isabeau Levito

Hobbies: I love to go boating with
my family, act in my school plays
and do arts and crafts.



Favorite move:

Pancake spin,
which I'm trying
hard to perfect.





Holiday Show Information

***** New this year***** If you are participating in a small group or have a solo, participation in the large group is required.

Below are the scheduled times for large group practice, soloists and small groups will coordinate rehearsal schedules with their coaches.

Practice Schedule (Specific times for each group are TBD, but will be in the ranges listed):

Saturday 11/9 OFF Ice 2-4pm Farragut Community Center

Saturday 11/16 OFF ice 2-4pm Farragut Community Center

Saturday 11/23 **ON ice** 3:15pm

Sunday 11/24 **ON ice** 12:30

Saturday 11/30 Off ice 2-4pm Farragut Community Center

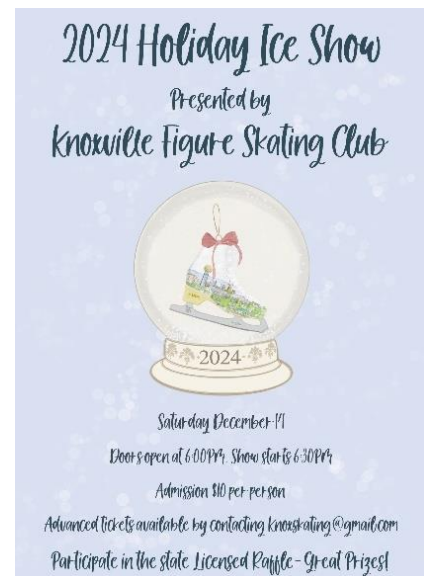
Sunday 12/8 **ON ice** 12:45

Tuesday 12/10 **ON ice** 6pm

Thursday 12/12 **ON ice** 6pm

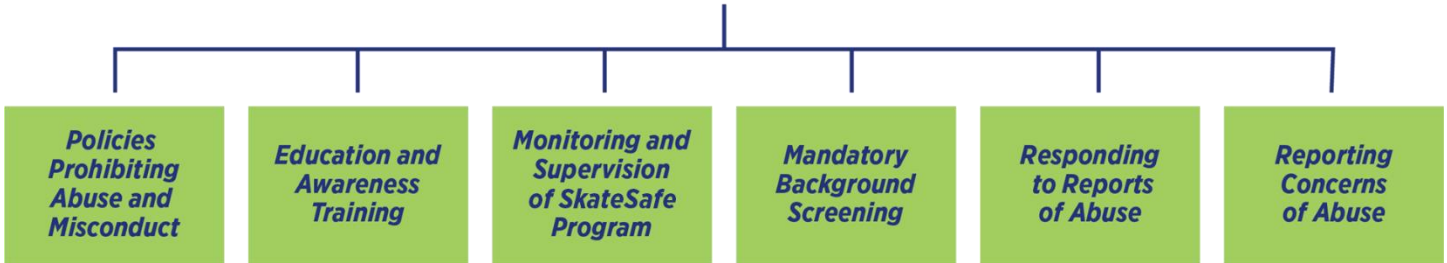
Friday, 12/13 Show marking run through **ON ice** 6 pm

Saturday 12/14 Show Day practice as needed.





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.

Registration links

For Classes, FS sessions, Learn to Skate and Aspire -Register on the Cool Sports website - <https://coolsportstn.com/>



To search for competitions

Entryeeze - <http://www.entryeeze.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/competition)

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

2025 Pacific Coast Sectional Singles Final

Dates: Nov. 11-17, 2024*

Location: Ogden, Utah

Venue: The Ice Sheet

Host: Wasatch FSC

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 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

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.