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2010 Atlanta Open Applications Due By May 6!



Registration (online and paper) is in progress for the 35th Atlanta Open. The entry deadline is **May 6!**

Our distinguished panel of judges hails from 12 states and includes 10 National level judges. Please welcome our officials, especially Chief Referee, **Rick Perez**, and Chief Accountant, **Cecelia Erisman**.

The competition has also been selected by U.S. Figure Skating as an official trial judge event. If you are 16 or older and are interested in learning more about becoming a judge, complete the form on the club website. A brief introductory meeting will be conducted on Saturday, and you will have an opportunity to trial judge IJS events.

In addition to his exhibition on Friday, **Ryan Bradley** will be available to club members for autographs and photos following his performance.

If you have not yet signed up to volunteer, please contact volunteer co-chairs Peggy McCarthy and/or Louise Szanto.

Confirmed vendors include Brad Griffies Skating Wear, Straw Productions, skatergirl logo activewear, Trudi Designs, and A' La Bing Design.

OFFICIALS

Judges

Lisa Boyer	Harvest, AL	Alexandra McCarthy	Roswell, GA
Todd Bromley	Carrollton, TX	John Millier	Atlanta, GA
Marcia Chaffee	West Chester, OH	John Patrick O'Connor	Philadelphia, PA
Jeannette Doney	Roswell, GA	Robert Ouellette	Columbus, OH
Lori Dunn	Harrisburg, PA	Roberta Parkinson	McMurray, PA
Beth Graham	Denver, CO	Daren Patterson	Knoxville, TN
Dana Graham	Smyrna, GA	Marie Pearce	Atlanta, GA
Ann Greenthal	New York, NY	Richard Perez	Mountain View, CA
Eric Hampton	Marquette, MI	Jennifer Simon	Galveston, TX
Mary Hiser	Worthington, OH	Elizabeth Stark	Coral Springs, FL
Sharon Hyre	Atlanta, GA	Sara Stephens	Marietta, GA
Fran Jesel	Mooreville, NC	Robert Wagner	Orlando, FL
Susan Johnson	Atlanta, GA	Ginger Whatley	Atlanta, GA
Gloria Lewis	Lawrenceville, GA	Miho Yoshioka	Atlanta, GA
Terri Maurice	Atlanta, GA		

Music/Announcing

John Richardson Atlanta, GA

Accounting

Cecelia Erisman	Reading, PA
Dennis Boyer	Harvest, AL
Kelly Ciramella	Marvin, NC
Maxine Ganter	Oakdale, PA

Technical Panel

Todd Bromley	Carrollton, TX
Marcia Chaffee	West Chester, OH
Scott Cudmore	Raleigh, NC
Dana Graham	Smyrna, GA
Susan Johnson	Atlanta, GA
Robert Ouellette	Columbus, OH
Richard Perez	Mountain View, CA
Laurie Vieth	Atlanta, GA
Miho Yoshioka	Atlanta, GA

Ice Dance Weekend Applications Available on Website

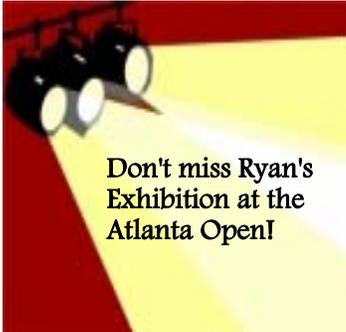
Applications for the 4th annual **ICE DANCE WEEKEND** are now available on the club website. The event will be held on July 16 - 18 and includes 10 hours of ice dancing as well as clinics with national and world competition coach **Graham Payne**. Please contact John Richardson at letsicedance@aol.com with questions. The registration deadline is July 1.



Ryan Bradley Wins *Champions in Life Award*

"Each year since 2006, Grassroots to Champions has given this award to a skater who has shown excellence in their sport, academics, and community service," said G2C President Audrey Weisiger. "The purpose is to recognize a well-rounded athlete who has a greater sense of purpose."

The 2010 winner Ryan Bradley strongly believes in being a positive role model for young skaters. He said, "I feel that mentoring the next generation is the most important thing I can do for our sport."



During the 2009-10 season, Bradley won the bronze medal at Skate America and finished the season at the World Figure Skating Championships in Turin, Italy, where he managed to skate two programs on a broken foot. He simply taped up the broken part of his foot and missed only a day of practice.

Bradley thinks it's important to do all you can to succeed not just in skating, but as a person. "How you represent our sport off the ice is just as important as the on ice, and G2C really sends out that message," he said. "I am really excited to be involved and to win this award."

Now that the competitive season is over, he is focusing on finishing his junior year at the University of Colorado-Colorado Springs, where he has been on the Dean's List for two years. He is also planning a busy show schedule, presumably including a number of his fantastic tricks, including his famous back flip that was featured on a Fuji commercial. He is also an ordained minister and enjoys working with young skaters.

New Photography/Videography Club Policy



Effective immediately, the Atlanta FSC is implementing a stricter policy regarding photography and videography of skaters during competitions, exhibitions, and test sessions.

For the safety and welfare of the skater, photography and videography will be permitted **in the stands only**. No one will be permitted to obstruct the view of other seated spectators by standing in front of or hanging over the plexiglass barriers or to film at alternative ice entrances. In order to comply with local fire safety codes, all aisles within the stands must also be clear.

Non-compliance with this policy or refusal to comply **immediately** with requests from event officials will result in the violator being escorted **out of the rink**.



~ Atlanta FSC Board of Directors

2009 National Pass Rates - Testing

<u>Level</u>	<u>Moves</u>	<u>Free Skate</u>
Pre-Preliminary	98%	99%
Preliminary	89%	98%
Pre-Juvenile	68%	94%
Juvenile	76%	90%
Intermediate	69%	73%
Novice	56%	62%
Junior	56%	63%
Senior	54%	59%
Adult Pre-Bronze	95%	97%
Adult Bronze	86%	85%
Adult Silver	60%	80%
Adult Gold	57%	59%

Junior Members Lend A Helping Hand



Junior members complete projects that support our club. In March, high schoolers **Tinsley Cohen, Lily Dowling, Rose Ceigler, Hayley Nunnally, and Martine Szanto** stuffed Magnolia Open goody bags.

They meet after ice practice and often help decorate the bulletin board.



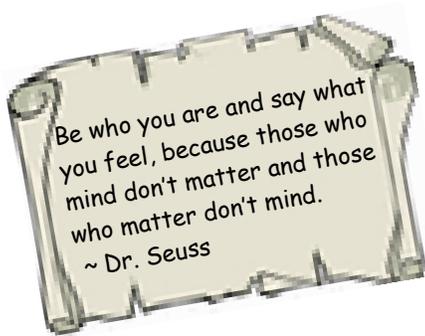
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Northview High School



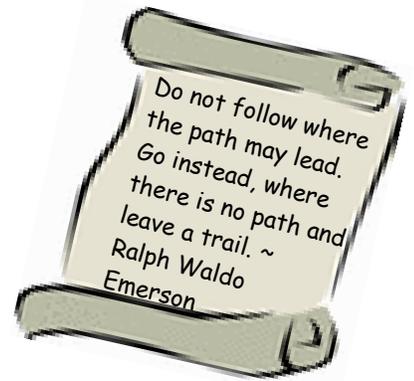
Ariel Collins
Bob Jones University -
Academy of Home Education
St. Joseph Institute of Allied Medical
Professions



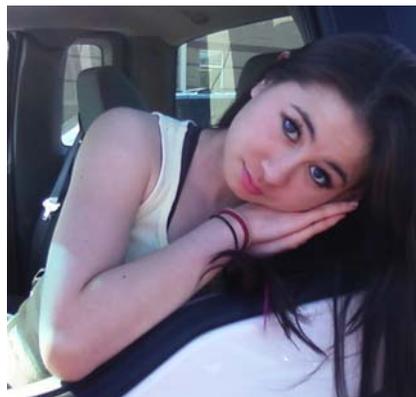
Tim Dolensky
Kennesaw Mountain High School
Kennesaw State University
Music and/or Sports Medicine



Congratulations, Class of 2010!



Kristin Hiller
Milton High School
University of Georgia
Journalism



Samantha Reese
Alpha Omega Academy
Georgia Gwinnett College
Nutrition, Philosophy



Wendy Wang
Parkview High School

SPOTLIGHT SKATER



Breanna Voyce

Where were you born?

I was born in Key West, Florida. I have lived in Georgia for the last 9 years.

What keeps you motivated to continue skating?

I love the way skating makes you feel. When you are skating you can put everything else aside and just be in the moment. I keep motivated by seeing progress each year.

What is your weekly training regimen?

I skate 5 mornings and 2-3 afternoons a week. Off ice I work out 6 days a week alternating all the required off ice training for skaters. Working with an off ice spinner really helped me get my spins centered.

What are your favorite and least favorite elements?

My favorite element is the flip because it's my biggest jump. Least favorite is the loop because I am always impatient with it.

Competitive accomplishments; favorite music/program.

My most memorable competitive accomplishment was my first competition when I was nine. It was the Atlanta Open, and I got first place. My favorite program is my long program this year to Libertango. The music just really works for me, and my program is awesome.

Tell us about your school and extracurricular activities.

I am a Junior at Chattahoochee High School and am on the leadership board for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes.) Skating on and off ice takes a lot of time so any spare time I like to read, watch movies, go jogging, bake and spend time with my friends.

What was the most embarrassing event of your skating career?

It was my first time at Regionals, and I was pre-juvenile. I had just recently gotten all my doubles, and my coach put all my doubles in my program. I fell on every one of them.

Who is your favorite skater?

Mao Asada because I envy her light technique and determination.

Best advice you have ever received?

Put your heart in everything that you do.

Whom do you admire most?

I admire anyone who is themselves and doesn't try and be something they're not.

Tell us about your family.

I have a sister who is 31 and a brother who is 29. They both live in Florida. I also have 4 cats and a pet iguana.

What are your future skating goals?

This year I plan on going to five competitions ending with Regionals. Beyond that I hope to make it as far as I can and skate in college.

What are your post high school plans?

I would like to make it to the University of Delaware so I could continue to skate. Also I would like to attend the University of Georgia.

Favorite word: Pumpernickel

Least favorite word: Crusty

What turns me off: Arrogance

Favorite quote: "Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly" ~John F. Kennedy

Favorite book: I love too many books to say.

Favorite movie: "Second Hand Lions" is one of my favorites

Sounds I love: Waves

A sound I dislike: Yelling

I would never want to be: A veterinarian because I don't like to see animals hurt.

Three words that best describe me: Funny, driven, loyal

If I weren't a skater I would be: A surfer

If I were stranded on a desert island, I would have to have: A book on edible plants, satellite or radio walkie-talkie and a flare gun.

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2010 GOVERNING COUNCIL REQUESTS FOR ACTION



The following requests represent only an excerpt from the entire document that may be accessed on the Members Only section of the U.S. Figure Skating website.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

MR 5.10 Withdrawal of \$15 charge to non-compliant coaches who reactivate. Non-complaint coaches are those who have not met stated education requirements.

ADULT SKATING COMMITTEE

Establish lower passing averages for adult and masters age levels.

For all adult pairs and free skate programs up to and including the adult silver level, vocal music with lyrics will be permitted regardless of the judging system.

Eliminate all references to ISI tests from test requirements.

SINGLES COMMITTEE

Amend Rule 3672 Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate:
Spins: Maximum of three spins of a different nature (one of which must be a flying spin and one a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position).

Spins: All spins in the intermediate free skate may have flying entries, may change feet and may change position. The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the intermediate free skate is five, two of which must be in the landing position. The combination spin must have a minimum of **8 revolutions total 4 revolutions on each foot**. The third spin element is the choice of the skater but must be held for at least 5 revolutions.

Amend Rule 3672: Intermediate Well-Balanced Free Skate
Spins: Maximum of three spins of a different nature (one of which must be a flying spin, and one a combination spin with at least one change of foot and at least one change of position, **and one a spin in one position with no change of foot and no flying entry**).

Spins: ~~All spins~~ In the intermediate free skate, **only the flying spin and the combination spin may begin with a flying entry** ~~have flying entries~~, may change feet and may change position. The minimum number of revolutions for the flying spin in the intermediate free skate is five, two of which must be in the landing position. The combination spin must have a minimum of 4 revolutions on each foot. **The number of revolutions in the solo spin is five with no change of foot and no flying entry.** ~~The third spin element is the choice of the skater but must be held for at least 5 revolutions.~~

Amend Rule 3681: Juvenile and Open Juvenile Well-Balanced Free Skate:

Spins: Maximum of three spins of a different nature (one a flying spin, one a combination spin with at least one change of position, and one a spin with only one position with no change of foot and no flying entry).

Amend Rule 3681 cont'd

D. The number of revs in the solo spin is 5 with no change of foot and no flying entry. **The third spin is the choice of the skater but must be held for at least 5 revs.**

Amend Rule 3681: Juvenile and Open Juvenile Free Skate Jumps: Maximum of ~~six~~ **five** jump elements.

Amend Rule 3671: Intermediate Short Program

A. Technical elements are:

B. 3. One jump combination consisting of a single jump and a double jump, or two double jumps, a triple jump and a single jump, or a triple jump and a double jump.

Amend TR 32.04: Juvenile Free Skate Test Jumps: Maximum of ~~six~~ **five** jumping elements.

Amend TR 32.03: Pre-Juvenile Free Skate Test Jumps: Maximum of ~~six~~ **five** jumping elements.

COMPETITIONS, JUDGES, TECHNICAL PANEL COMMITTEES

Amend CR 8.01 and JR 4.04 to extend renewal of officials' registration membership from September 1 to March 1 of the following year.

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Amend Rule 3212 to accept online registration only for adult sectional qualifying events and U.S. adult championships

Amend Rule 3241 to extend the entry deadline for the above events to February 1.

DANCE COMMITTEE

Amend several rules to allow novice, intermediate, and juvenile dance couples to choose their competition music for the asterisked dances.

JUDGES COMMITTEE

Amend Rule 2032 (singles short program): The execution of a non-prescribed element in place of a prescribed element must be considered as an omission. An element is omitted when it is not tried; the jump combo is omitted when neither one of the two jumps is attempted.

Amend Rule JR 12.01: Judges may earn CEUs by serving as a judge, trial judge, JET or referee at qualifying, nonqualifying and **Basic Skills** competition over a four-year period.

Atlanta FSC Hosts New Moves in the Field Judges School



The Atlanta FSC hosted 37 judges, coaches and prospective judges at a New Moves in the Field seminar on April 18. Facilitated by **Dana Graham, Terri Maurice, and John Millier**, the curriculum included on-ice demonstrations by local skaters and class discussions. All participants received certificates of completion. The new test structure will be implemented on September 2, 2010.



Seminar leaders Dana Graham, Tami Mickle, Terri Maurice, and John Millier.



Breakfast, lunch and snacks were handled by Louise Szanto, Barry Johnson, and Tony Maness.

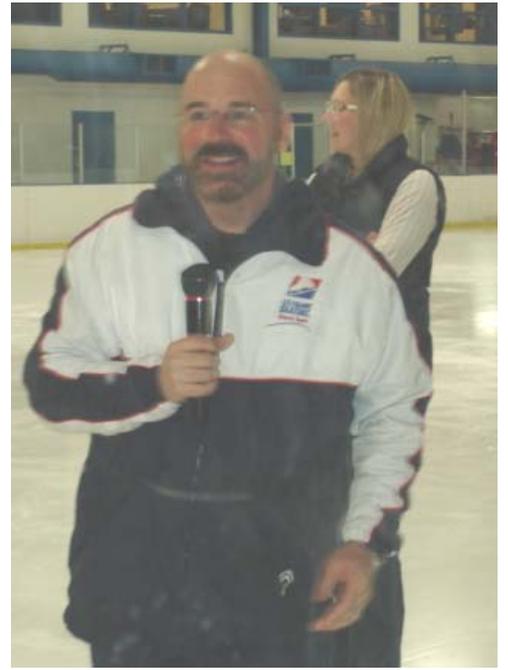


Megan Floyd and Ariel Collins.





On-ice demonstrators Dorothy Burns, Lydia Gokmen, Michelle Nguyen, Martine Szanto, and Jamie Kim.



John Millier and Terri Maurice



Lunch!



Many thanks to our volunteers!

DEMONSTRATORS

SEMINAR

Dorothy Burns
 Kaia Culotta
 Lydia Gokmen
 Jamie Kim
 Michelle Nguyen
 John Richardson
 Jabe Roberts
 Martine Szanto
 Caryn Voiles

Dana Graham
 Terri Maurice
 Tami Mickle
 John Millier
 Herbert Wiesinger

HOSPITALITY

Barry Johnson
 Tony Maness

Kathy Shehee
 Louise Szanto

POTPOURRI



By: Nancy Ellis Riggs



The 2010 Adult Figure Skating Championships were held April 14-17 in Bloomington, MN. The Atlanta FSC was represented by myself and Dr. Angela Smith. Angela grew up skating at The Igloo in Buckhead (as did I) and is a club member even though she now lives in Pennsylvania. The Georgia FSC was well-represented and earned several medals. I also enjoyed watching the strong free skate of former club member Karissa Fitzgerald, now a graduate student in Michigan.

Skaters range in age from 20s to 80s, competing in free skate, pairs, dance, solo dance, and MANY rounds of Interpretive in the Artistic/Dramatic and Light Comedy/Entertainment categories. There were quite a few complaints about the cost and the way things were running at the Bloomington Ice Garden, but the weather was beautiful, and the skating inspiring. We found plenty of good food, too, especially "free pie Wednesday" at nearby Baker's Square!

I enjoyed my free skate, but the interpretive events are usually the most fun. As I finished my monkey-themed skate to "I Wan'na Be Like You," friends in the stands threw real bananas onto the ice! I think it helped push me into the medals and is a typical example of what goes on at Adult Nationals. (The skater who was later asked by the announcer not to try to hit the sweepers with his "tossies" shall remain nameless. I could mention that he's on the board of a competing local club. He claims he was aiming for the baskets they were carrying.)

In addition to competing, the event is a chance for us to cheer on the skaters in age group V (61 and over), who prove that this is a sport for men and women of any age, and to be inspired by the performances at the Championship events. My favorites were Joseph Radomile, who was simply beaming through his entire 4th place performance, and Ladies winner Amy Entwistle, who always fills every moment of her programs with strength and expression. Adult skating is alive and well!

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New Members

Madeline Green
Lindsay Green
Matt Green

Cheryl Khoo
Yuqian Yip



2010 Intercollegiate Figure Skating Team Championships
University of Delaware, Newark, DE
April 17 - 18

Alyx McCarthy

Junior Ladies Championships	8th/9
Senior Ladies Short Program, Gr. A	6th/8
Miami University	4th/9



Alyx and Peggy



U.S. Adult FS Championships
FSC of Bloomington, Bloomington, MN
April 13 - 17



Master Senior Ladies IV Free Skate

Angela Smith	1st/1
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Master Ladies Artistic/Dramatic Interpretive IV

Angela Smith	1st/7
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Bronze Ladies III Free Skate

Nancy Ellis Riggs	5th/21
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Ladies Light Entertainment/Comedy Interpretive III

Nancy Ellis Riggs	4th/18
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Central Carolina Classic
Central Carolina SC, Hillsborough, NC
April 9 - 11

Martine Szanto

Novice Ladies Free Skate	2nd/4
Novice Ladies Short Program	1st/5

Madeline Green

Free Skate, Free Skate 1, Grp. A	1st/3
Compulsory Moves, Freeskate 1, Grp. A	2nd/2
No Test Jumps	2nd/2
Showcase A	1st/1



VOLUNTEER Movers & Shakers

Kim Leftwich Executive Membership Chair Extraordinaire

By: Peggy McCarthy

Modest and unassuming, Kim Leftwich needed a little prodding during her interview to recall her many contributions to the Atlanta FSC over the past seven years. Considered one of our steadiest and most dependable volunteers, each year she has cheerfully served in significant leadership positions, including her current role as Executive Membership Chair. For her unwavering dedication and service, Kim is acknowledged as our feature volunteer for the May *Freestyler*.

Kim believes her first stint as an Atlanta FSC volunteer was in the position of Ice Monitor for the Atlanta Open approximately seven years ago. During the 2004 US Figure Skating Championships, hosted by the Atlanta FSC, Kim additionally volunteered on the athlete security team and was stationed rink-side at Philips Arena to check credentials. Someone within the club obviously took notice of her skills because she was soon recruited to serve as Co-Chair of Registration for the 2005 Magnolia Open and Atlanta Open. Except for 2007, Kim has served consecutive years in this capacity from 2005 to 2010. One of the highlights during this time was serving as Co-Chair of Registration for the 2006 USFS Eastern Sectional Championships, hosted by the Atlanta FSC at The Cooler.



Kim Leftwich

Gradually expanding her volunteer responsibilities within the club, Kim was elected to the Board of Directors in 2006 and served as Treasurer for two years. The treasurer's duties are labor intensive, involving the preparation of the annual budget and monthly financial statements, paying bills, making deposits, submitting tax documents to accountants, and renewing licenses and contracts. Kim's other service activities include the large job of co-chairing the 2007 Magnolia Open, representing the Atlanta FSC at the annual USFS Governing Council in 2008, and serving on the club Nominating Committee for 2006, 2008, 2009 (Chair), and 2010.

In 2008, Atlanta FSC President Sharon Hyre appointed Kim to be Executive Membership Chair, a board position she has held for the past two years. Kim is responsible for reviewing and preparing registration forms, as well as recommending the fee structure to the board of directors. She communicates to members via e-blasts and answers questions from current and prospective members. Kim processes membership applications and creates the master spreadsheet upon which the club directory is based. She must also register each member online with USFS. At board meetings, Kim presents the monthly membership report and is in charge of ordering club jackets for members. If she is reappointed as Chair for the 2010-11 year, Kim plans to mentor a new Co-Chair.

Kim graduated from Furman University with a B.A. in Business in 1989 and worked for Raymond James in St. Petersburg, Florida, assisting with stock transactions. She eventually relocated to Atlanta, becoming an Executive Assistant for eight years to the V.P. of Accounting for HomeBanc.

Kim loves her current job as a stay-at-home mom to a very athletic and busy family. Her son Brandon, 11, plays basketball and football, daughter Kaitlyn, 15, participates on high school and travel softball teams, and oldest daughter Megan, 17, is involved with high school cheer leading and will captain her varsity squad next year. Megan is the figure skater in the family, testing this summer for senior moves in the field. Megan also represented the Atlanta FSC at the 2005 and 2006 US Junior National Championships in Intermediate Pairs with partner, Christopher Nolan. The pair also took 1st place at the 2006 South Atlantic Regional Championships. Following her mother's example as a volunteer, Megan has served as a Co-Chair of Runners for the 2009 and 2010 Magnolia Open.

When asked about the benefits of volunteering, Kim states that, "Volunteering has helped me really understand and appreciate the intricacies of the sport, including the two judging systems, how our board functions, how competitions operate, and our 100% dependency as a non-profit corporation on our volunteers. Overall, as a volunteer I have gained better insight into the world of figure skating."

In addition, Kim notes that daughter Megan has reaped many benefits from her involvement as a competitive figure skater. She has watched Megan develop from a shy little girl into a confident, disciplined, and self-motivated young woman who has learned to perform and excel under pressure.

Kim has been married for 20 years to husband Mike who is a Human Resources Manager at Oracle. When she has a little free time to herself, Kim enjoys reading, Bible study, and photography.

KUDOS TO KIM!!!

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Upcoming Events

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>SPONSOR/LOCATION/WEBSITE</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Charleston Classic (Basic Skills)	May 8	FSC of Charleston, Charleston, SC carolinaicepalace.com	
AWARDS BANQUET	May 16	Atlanta FSC	
Azalea Classic	June 4 - 6	Triangle FSC, Wake Forest, NC tfscnc.org	
June Test Session	June 6	Atlanta FSC	May 16
ATLANTA OPEN	June 17 - 19	Atlanta FSC	May 6
July Test Session	July 2	Atlanta FSC	June 11
Liberty Summer Competition	July 13 - 17	Liberty FSC, Aston, PA libertyskating.org	May 29
ICE DANCE WEEKEND	July 16 - 18	Atlanta FSC	July 1