



Around the Rink

Spring 2023

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WFSC Spring Exhibition

Save the date! WFSC Spring Exhibition will be held on Tuesday, June 20 from 4:10-6:00pm. Click this link [Spring Exhibition](#) to sign up. Refreshments will be served immediately following the conclusion of the event. Members can sign up to donate food various items to satisfy volunteer hours via [Signup Genius](#).

USFS Testing

WFSC continues to offer both in person and virtual testing opportunities for skaters. Our next in-person session will be on June 8 and virtual testing is open for rolling submissions; sign up for both on [Entry Eeze](#). Email video submissions and performance affidavits to [Nicole Tapp](#), WFSC Test Chair. Virtual tests will be processed and sent to judges as they are received.



WFSC Testing Updates

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| 1. Chloe C. - Pre-Preliminary MIF | 7. Julia C. - Intermediate MIF |
| 2. Chloe W. - Preliminary MIF | 8. Kamilah H. - Juvenile MIF |
| 3. Elise B. - Pre-Juvenile MIF | 9. Madalena M. - Pre-Preliminary MIF & FS |
| 4. Fiona H - Pre-Juvenile MIF | 10. Makenna M. - Pre-Preliminary MIF |
| 5. Helen Y. - Preliminary MIF | 11. Natalie G. Pre-Juvenile MIF & FS |
| 6. Irene P. - Senior MIF | 12. Nicola G. - Pre-Preliminary MIF |



Membership Renewal

With our 2022-2023 season coming to a close, it's time to renew your WFSC membership for 2023-2024! Membership is open to sign up or renew through [Entry Eeze](#).

WFSC Junior Board Update

The WFSC Junior Board meets to discuss any issues, provide input to Club events and exhibitions, and add to our skating community with new ideas.

At the April 10 meeting, the Jr. Board brainstormed fundraising ideas to gather funds in hopes of replacing the harness at the BIP.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, June 5th at 6:00-7:00pm** following the conclusion of WFSC ice. All members are welcome to attend!



WFSC skaters Lily T., Makenna M. Kasey T., Nyla H., and Maeve S. at the April WFSC Junior Board Meeting.

WFSC Skater News



WFSC skater Julia C. performed her Senior Solo at the BHSA Ice Show on 4/1/23.



WFSC skaters Maeve S., Fiona S. and Megan S. pose with Coach Christina Welch before performing their Graduates program at the BHSA Ice Show on 4/1/23.



WFSC skater Kamilah H. performed her Gold Solo at BHSA Ice Show on 4/1/23.



WFSC skaters Kasey T. and Taylor D. each skated their Freeskate 6 solo programs at the BHSA Ice Show on 4/1/23.



WFSC skaters Sossi P. and Nyla H. performed their Gold group program at the BHSA Ice Show on 4/1/23.

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WFSC skaters Makenna M. and Kasey T. skated with Nancy Kerrigan at a Revise Energy skating event at Stoneham arena on 3/21/23.



WFSC skater Esther N. won a gold medal at the North Atlantic Open on 3/5/23.



WFSC skater Elise B. performed with her synchro team and met Ashley Wagner at the Colonial Figure Skating Club's Ice Crystal Show on 5/6/23.



WFSC skater Izzy O. was the recipient of the Learn to Figure Skate Scholarship at Stoneham Arena on 4/2/23.



WFSC skater Makenna M. recently passed her USFS Pre-Preliminary moves in the field test.



WFSC skater Kamilah H. competed at the Eastern Synchro Championship with her Colonial Figure Skating Club Team in Norwood, MA on 1/19/23.



WFSC skater Kasey T., pictured with Coach Jessica Hilton, won a pewter medal at the North Star Classic in Westborough, MA on 4/29/23



WFSC skater Taylor D., with coach Jessica Hilton, competed at the North Star Classic in Westborough, MA on 4/29/23.



WFSC skater Lily T. won a pewter medal for her novice ladies excel program at the Southern Connecticut Open on 4/21/23.

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WFSC skater Ella T. recently passed her adaptive pre-bronze MIF test. Ella is the first club member to test in the Special Olympics Track.



WFSC skater Izzy O. attended her Winchester High School Senior Prom.



WFSC skater Meaghan R., pictured with coach Tracy Wilson and Lily T., won a silver medal at the North Star Spring Fling.



WFSC skater Nyla H. won a bronze medal for her intermediate excel plus program and a silver medal for her intermediate ladies short program at Bay State Games on 1/14/23 in Williamsburg, MA.



WFSC skaters Esther N. (gold, excel preliminary), Nyla H. (gold, intermediate ladies short), pictured with coach Tracy Wilson, at the North Star Open.



WFSC skater McKenna M. won a silver medal at the Northeast Ice Skating Club Winter Classic in Haverhill, MA on 1/22/23.



WFSC skater Sonia K. won a bronze medal at the Northeast Ice Skating Club Winter Classic in Haverhill, MA on 1/22/23.



WFSC skater Sossi P. played with her rock band The Offramps on 5/13/23.

If you have photos you'd like to be included in an upcoming Newsletter, please submit via our [Photo Submission Form](#).

Senior Spotlight: Isabelle Olson



Isabelle Olson is a senior student at Winchester High School. She has been skating for 12 years and 10 with Winchester FSC. Isabelle is coached by Lynda Murphy, Jess Hilton and Elliot Hilton with US Figure Skating and is currently competing at Junior level.

Tell us about yourself: *I like ceramics, crocheting, art, enjoy swimming (especially at the beach), aerial arts and adagio, and travelling. I really love to skate every day and I love to coach too now. I also love spending time with my friends, trying out new recipes, crocheting, knitting and sewing. I love to look at new patterns for making my own summer tops with crocheting as well as making my own clothes.*

During the summer I love to go swimming in Gloucester, at the lake, or at the pool after training. My parents bought me an aerial rig a few summers ago and I love training on it in my garden to keep up with my aerial skills. I also love to see Cirque du Soleil shows.

How did you get started skating? *When i was 4 years old, my family friends took me to a public skating session in Medford and I instantly fell in love with the sport. Throughout middle school and high school, I would spend my summers with Circus Smirkus camp up in Vermont and had the wonderful opportunity to piece a show together from scratch, train with amazing coaches and have the opportunity to train at night too in a big circus tent. Circus Smirkus gave me the inspiration to blend my skating with aerial arts, and anything is possible in the performance world. It's good to think outside of the box.*

What is it about skating that appeals to you? *I enjoy having control over my own achievements and never did well in sports like soccer, baseball, etc. Whenever I'm on the ice even if I'm having a bad day skating, it is the one time when i don't have to worry about anything else other than skating.*

What is your favorite skill and your current goal? *My favorite skill is either a spiral or a double Lutz. My current goal is to pass my senior freestyle and become a double gold medalist. as well as a tour with Disney On Ice.*

Plans After Graduation? *After graduation I intend to study education at UMASS Lowell or tour with Disney On Ice as it has been a lifelong goal of mine.*

Do you have plans to skate in college or coach? *If i don't get into Disney on Ice this year, I plan on skating at UMASS Lowell and reapplying. I have coached in the past and would like to continue coaching in the future*

What is one piece of advice you would give younger skaters? *There will be times when you're really frustrated and feel like you can't achieve a certain skill, but you just have to keep going and practicing because you will achieve that goal eventually. You can do anything you put your mind to.*

Senior Spotlight: Julia Cline

Julia Cline is a senior and an honor student at Burlington High School. She has been skating with Winchester FSC for 6 years and is coached by Christina Welch, Jessica Hilton, and Elliot Hilton.



How did you get started skating? *I told my kindergarten class that I was skating and then told my Mom that she had to sign me up for lessons.*

What is it about skating that appeals to you? *It's fun and takes skill.*

What is your favorite skill? What gives you the most grief? What is your current goal? *My favorite skill is double loop and counters. Twizzles and double toe give me the most grief, and my current goal is to land my double axel.*

Tell us about a challenge you faced or an experience you remember fondly. *Intermediate MITF, twizzle section was difficult because of my ballet experience, the movement just felt unnatural.*

Tell us about college. Do you know what you want to do after college? What attracts you to your major? *I'll be attending the University of Vermont in the Fall to study Neuroscience with a minor in Emergency Medicine. I have epilepsy and want to advance research in disorders of the brain.*

Do you have plans to skate in college? *Yes, I plan to skate on the UVM collegiate freestyle team and possibly Ice Cats show team.*

What other things do you enjoy besides skating? *I volunteered at the BHS learn to skate program, am a member of the National Honor Society, Human Rights Club and the Italian Club at Burlington High School. When I'm not skating or working at FMC Learn to Skate you can find me at Lexington School of Ballet working on my dance technique or drawing and painting.*

Do you have any advice for the younger skaters? *It's ok to fall.*



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