



Around the Rink

Winter 2024

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2023 Winter Exhibition

Thank you to the 29 skaters who performed their solo and/or group programs at the Winter Exhibition on December 19 and all the volunteers who donated food for the after-party! **Mark your calendars, the 2024 Spring Exhibition will be held on Tuesday, June 18 from 4:10-6:00pm!**



The BHS Graduate-level skaters performed their Holiday Group Program at the WFSC Exhibition. Pictured is Megan S., Lauren C., Sossi P., Taylor D., Nyla H., Maeve S., Kamilah H., Gwen M., Fiona S., Elise B., Kasey T., and Jason C.



WFSC skaters including Natalie G., Maddie M., Makenna M., Emily T., Esther N., Nyla H., Zoey W., Kayla W., and Ella T.

Junior Board Meeting

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. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, March 18 at 6:00pm** at the BIP. On the agenda is selecting a date for a Chick-fil-A meetup for members, stay tuned for date/time. All members are welcome to attend!

Save the date!



November 13 meeting with Nyla H., Taylor D., Kasey T., and Lauren C.



December 11 meeting the Jr. Board made signs for all skaters for the exhibition to. Pictured (top) Lauren C., Fiona S., Maeve S., Taylor D., Nyla H., Natalie G., Kasey T. and (bottom) Nikki G., Nadia G., Zoey W. and Kayla W.



USFS Testing @ WFSC

WFSC continues to offer both in person and virtual testing opportunities for skaters. Virtual testing is open for rolling submissions, sign up on [Entry Eeze](#).

Email video submissions and performance affidavits to [Nicol Tapp](#), WFSC Test Chair. Virtual tests will be processed and sent to judges as they are received.



Spring Ice Contracting & Dates



Our Spring ice contracting begins on Monday, March 4, however, ice times won't shift to **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday @ 4:10-5:00pm and 5:10-6:00pm until March 11** due to **BHS Girls Hockey playoffs**. Please log into [Entry Eeze](#) to book your ice in advance to avoid late fees.

REMINDER: If you are a late add to a session, please have proof of payment from EntryEeze (not confirmation email) to show the ice monitor when you arrive.

Skater Testing News

1. Catalina S. Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills
2. Chloe W. Pre-Bronze Skating Skills
3. Helen Y. Prel-Preliminary Singles, Pre-Bronze Skating Skills
4. Jason C. Adult Gold Skating Skills 50+
5. Kamilah H. Pre-Bronze Singles
6. Kasey T. Pre-Bronze Skating Skills
7. Lily M. Blues (Follow Solo)
8. Maeve S. Pre-Silver Skating Skills
9. Meaghan R. Gold Skating Skills
10. Reine W. Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills
11. Sossi P. Willow Waltz (Follow Solo), Bronze Dance Test, and Ten-Fox (Follow Solo)



WFSC Gear



Log on to [Squad Locker](#) to view the WFSC Store and some **new items added!** A portion of every purchase comes back to us as fundraising dollars that we use for WFSC events.

WFSC Skater News

**Northeast Ice Skating Club
Winter Classic
Haverhill, MA
1/21/24**



Seraphina K. (2nd)



Catalina S. (4th)



Kayla W. (2nd), Aspire 1



Reine W. (2nd), Aspire 2



Zoey W. (3rd), Aspire 3



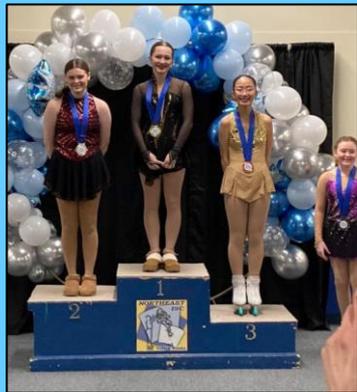
Chloe W. (1st), Vienna L. (2nd), and Kasey T. (3rd), Aspire 3



Fiona S. (1st), Nicola G. (3rd), Pre-Preliminary



Sam F., Pre-Preliminary



Maeve S. (2nd)



Lauren C., (4th)



Megan S. (4th)

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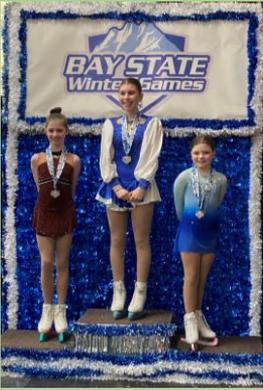


Kayla W., Aspire 1

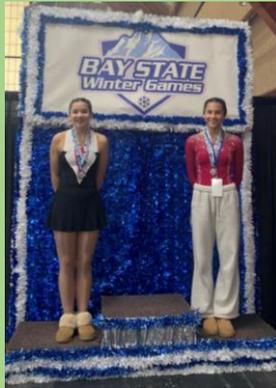


Zoey W., Aspire 3

Bay State Games Williamsburg, MA 1/28/24



Makenna M. (2nd), Aspire 4



Lauren C. (3rd), Juvenile Plus Excel



Maddie M., Preliminary Plus



Nyla H. (1st) and Meaghan R. (2nd), Ladies Intermediate Short & Long



Emily T. (2nd), Intermediate Excel



(top) Emily T., Nyla H., Maddie M., Meaghan R., Lauren C. and (front) Zoey W., Kayla W.



(clockwise) Coach Tracy W., Makenna M., Emily T., Kayla W., Zoey W., Nyla H., Meaghan R., Maddie M., and Lauren C.

WFSC Skater News



Lily Mansfield and her Hayden Ice Mates Team at Eastern Synchronized Skating Competition where they placed 1st.



Jason Cline and his Colonials Open Masters Team at Eastern Synchronized Skating Competition.



Elise Beaulieu, Chloe Chan, Raya Eichenbaum, Kamilah Hassan, Carys Jones, Gwen McNulty-Lu, and Sossi Pimental and their Colonials Pre-Juvenile Team at the Eastern Synchronized Skating Competition where they placed 4th.



Elise Beaulieu, Chloe Chan, Raya Eichenbaum, Kamilah Hassan, Carys Jones, Gwen McNulty-Lu, and Sossi Pimental and their Colonials Pre-Juvenile Team at Colonial Classic in January 2024 where they placed 3rd.

North Atlantic Open Falmouth, ME 3/3/24



Nyla H. (1st)



Emily T., (3rd)



Lauren C. (2nd)



Maddie M. (4th)

Spotlight: Synchronized Skating

Many are familiar with Singles, Pairs, Ice Dance, but there's growing interest for another U.S. Figure Skating discipline not only within the U.S. and across the world, but here at WFSC, synchronized skating (aka Synchro)!

What is Synchro? Synchronized skating is a team sport that incorporates jumps, spins, lifts, and step sequences like singles, but they do it as a team, in addition to synchro-specific elements like blocks, pair elements, and intersections. Similar to Singles, each Synchro team has a level they compete with their peers starting from Aspire to Masters, team sizes vary but range from 8 to 20 skaters. Kyleigh Gaff, current Director, High Performance Operations and former Manager, Synchronized Skating for U.S. Figure Skating is a former WFSC Member and skated with WSFC Pro Liaison Roberta Bailey. Read below to hear more about current WFSC skaters and their synchro teams -

Hayden Ice Mates Team:

WFSC member **Lily Mansfield** spent this season competing for Hayden Synchro's Novice team the Ice Mates. They practice on ice 4 times a week, in addition to fitness and ballet sessions. This season they competed locally in multiple competitions, culminating with a first-place finish at the Eastern Regional Championships and punching a ticket to compete at Nationals in Las Vegas. They finished in 6th place in Las Vegas with a beautiful skate and a season's high score.



Colonials Pre-Juvenile Team

The Colonials "Pre-Juv" Team, coached by Amanda Werner, had a great season! Of it's 12-member team, 7 are WFSC members (**Elise Beaulieu, Chloe Chan, Raya Eichenbaum, Kamilah Hassan, Carys Jones, Gwendolyne McNulty-Lu, and Sossi Pimental**). Synchro is a prime example of a team sport, where all the girls must completely work together to be successful. It teaches them important life skills such as teamwork, good sportsmanship, and discipline. On-ice practices are held 2 times a week for ~2 hours at Nashoba Valley Olympia in Boxborough, MA.



2023-2024 Competitions:

- Terry Connors, December 2023 (2nd)
- New England Synchro Open, December 2023 (2nd)
- Colonial Classic, January 2024 (3rd)
- Eastern Sectional, January 2024 (4th of 22 teams!)



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Colonial Open Masters Team:

Jason Cline is a member of the Open Masters Team with Colonial Synchronized Skating. He joined in 2022 when someone suggested he try it out. He started mid-season and didn't know what to expect, but there was a spot open on the team. The team, typically between 8-20 skaters who are at least 25 years of age, was very welcoming. There was a lot to learn about skating formation, Jason describes it as a combination of skating skills and marching band. The team, coached by Amy Boucher, practices once a week with additional sessions before competitions. The team, who has multiple skaters over the age of 70, competes in 3 competitions per season. Because Open teams don't go to Nationals, Eastern Sectionals is their championship. This year's program theme was James Bond and included an angled line intersection, a pivoting block, traveling circle, a line and a three spoke wheel.



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Volunteer Opportunities

We need your help! Please sign up and help fulfill your volunteer hours for this year.

- Ice monitor - sign up on [Entry Eeze](#)
- Spring Exhibition – SignupGenius in May
- Live Test sessions - contact [Nicol Tapp](#)

In Memoriam

We are saddened to learn of the recent passing of [Linda Takvorian](#). Linda's daughter Erica was formerly a member of WFSC and Linda was very active with the Club for many years. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family, friends, and all who knew her.



Newsletter Feedback

If you have newsletter feedback and/or content ideas or suggestions, please email [Kristine Trites](#). If you have photos you'd like to be included in an upcoming Newsletter, please submit via our [Photo Submission Form](#).

