



**U.S. Figure Skating
Continuing Education Requirements (CER)
Fact Sheet**

Who

- Required if you want to coach a skater at:
 - International competitions on behalf of Team USA
 - Developmental International Competitions on behalf of U.S. Figure Skating
 - All qualifying and nonqualifying competitions
 - Test sessions
- Recommended (not required) at/if:
 - Basic Skills-only competitions,
 - If you only coach group lessons or participate in club ice or performance activities
 - If you never attend a competition or test session with a skater

What

- Rule of U.S. Figure Skating
- Created for coaches, by coaches
- Approved by U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council in May 2008
- Administered in cooperation with the Professional Skaters Association
- Abbreviated as CER
- CER courses are divided into four areas
 1. Ethics
 2. Sport Safety
 3. U.S. Figure Skating Rules
 4. IJS Rules
- Which courses one has to take depends on coaching category (explained below)
- Not all courses in the approved topics will provide CER credit
- Courses must go through an approval process to be CER accredited
- Make sure you look for "CER Approved" or "CER Credit" in seminar information

Where

- U.S. Figure Skating seminars and camps that offer CER-approved courses
- PSA seminars, workshops and conferences that offer CER-approved courses
- Online through the PSA Online Learning System

When

- Becomes a requirement on July 1, 2010
 - Coaches must have the required number of CER credits by July 1, 2010
- Must be fulfilled annually, for example:
 - Credits must be earned by June 30, 2010, to serve as a coach for the 2010-11 season. (See document on CER Categories for more information)
 - Credits must be renewed by June 30, 2011, to serve as a coach for the 2011-12 season. (See document on CER Categories for more information)

Why

- Help ensure that we are providing a positive environment for all participants in U.S. Figure Skating-sanctioned activities
- Provide parents with confidence that their children are receiving good care and proper instruction
- Provide credibility to coaching skating as a profession
- Make our coaches and, thus, our athletes better

How

- All CER Courses are available online through the PSA
 - You do not have to be a PSA member to take online courses, but there is a course discount for PSA members
- CER Courses will be offered at in-person U.S. Figure Skating and PSA seminars whenever possible
- In order to fulfill requirement, coach must pass a 20-question test online
 - Test must be taken online regardless of whether course is taken online or at an in-person seminar
 - Can take test without taking a course
 - Test is true/false and multiple choice
 - 80 percent correct answers required to pass
- Cost to take CER courses at seminars will depend on cost of seminars
 - If you take a CER-accredited course at a PSA or U.S. Figure Skating seminar, you still have to take and pass the test online to receive CER credit.
- Online courses offered through PSA
 - \$15 annual online subscription fee to sign-up with the PSA online learning system
 - Annual fee for access to the online course system
 - Paid directly to the company managing the online system
 - Neither PSA nor U.S. Figure Skating makes any profit from this fee
 - Online U.S. Figure Skating Rules course is free
 - Online Ethics course is free
 - Other online courses cost \$25 each for PSA members
 - Cost includes course and test
 - Choice for test only is still \$25

Additional Information

- CER is not the same as PSA ratings
- Coaches can receive PSA credits for CER courses to retain their active ratings
- PSA ratings are not required by U.S. Figure Skating
- PSA membership is required for coaches attending qualifying competitions and championships only
- CER credits being used for PSA ratings are reported and tracked automatically by PSA office staff.