

2025-26 U.S. Learn to Skate USA Instructor Requirements and Recommendations

This chart displays the requirements for being compliant as a Learn to Skate Instructor. Compliant Learn to Skate Instructors can coach Learn to Skate USA group classes, coach students at Compete USA competitions, and coach at club events (with the permission of the club). Coaches with full U.S. Figure Skating Coach Compliance may also coach at Compete USA competitions.



18 Years and Older

Under Age 18

U.S. Figure Skating / Learn to Skate USA Membership	Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership and/or Full Membership for Compete USA	Learn to Skate USA Instructor membership
Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification*	Required	Required
U.S Center for SafeSport Training	Required	Not Required
U.S. Figure Skating Background Check (18 years and older)	Required	Not Required
U.S. Figure Skating Waivers: (Code of Ethics, Waiver, Release, Medical Consent, and Name & Likeness Release)	Required	Not Required
Coach Liability Insurance	Recommended, especially if teaching private lessons	Recommended, especially if teaching private lessons

Learn to Skate USA Instructors are not required to take the Coach Core Certification or join Coach I.C.E. if they are participating under the umbrella of the Learn to Skate USA / Compete USA programs. Instructors who are also coaches should join Coach I.C.E. before beginning their Background Check, as the cost is included with Coach I.C.E. membership.

**The Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification is an online course designed to support instructors in successfully delivering the curriculum within the Learn to Skate USA program. Completion of this course demonstrates an instructor's understanding of the key topics, it does not ensure compliance with U.S. Figure Skating rules and policies.*