

SUMMER 2024

USING YOUR COACH I.C.E. MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to U.S. Figure Skating Coach I.C.E., where coaches are empowered to forge their own paths by embracing continuous learning that unlocks a treasure trove of benefits and the joy of coaching.

Below is a timeline of key events, activities, opportunities, requirements and benefits that will become available starting after you purchase your Coach I.C.E. membership and throughout the next season.



COACH SUPPORT

Tools to promote and facilitate business growth.

COACH PROFILE	Coach Profile – Start by building your profile that will appear attached to your Members Only account, after you purchase your Coach I.C.E. membership. Construct a digital resume featuring your expertise and accomplishments to showcase to current and potential students. The information you input will be output to the Coach Directory. See “Tips for Building Your Coach Profile.”
COACH COMPLIANCE	Coach compliance pieces will be launched from Members Only . Initiate your background check (included), U.S. Center of SafeSport Training, liability insurance, waivers and the new Coaching Standards of Professionalism.
COACH DIRECTORY	Coach Directory – A new Members Only feature coming June 1. All certified, compliant Coach I.C.E. members will have a profile in this searchable directory. It will display the coaching expertise of all coaches and is available to all U.S. Figure Skating and Learn to Skate USA members. You control what goes in the Coach Directory through your Coach Profile and may update it at any time.
STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONALISM	The Coaching Standards of Professionalism outlines the expectations of all figure skating coaches. These standards are supported by the U.S. Figure Skating SkateSafe/Legal Department and Ethics and Professional Standards Committee.



COACH INFORMATION

Relevant real-time access to high impact resources.

U.S. FIGURE SKATING COACH NEWSLETTER	<p>All Coach I.C.E. members will receive a newsletter the second week of each month. This will contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule updates • Important competition information, including registration periods • Upcoming events • Issues happening around U.S. Figure Skating • A monthly discount code for the Online Store and other discounts from suppliers • Education schedule *New eLearning or Video Vault classes added • Recognition of coaches
EBLASTS / TEXTS	<p>In addition to the newsletter, coaches will receive regular communications about any important news, deadlines, rule changes, etc., that are relevant and necessary.</p>
NETWORKING AND SOCIAL GATHERINGS	<p>U.S. Figure Skating will be sponsoring coach networking events/meetings, open to all Coach I.C.E. members at significant U.S. Figure Skating competitions and hosted by members of the Coaches Council. Details and information will be distributed in the U.S. Figure Skating coach newsletter.</p> <p>The first event will be held at the Excel National Festival, at the Skating Club of Boston, in Norwood, Massachusetts.</p>



COACH INFORMATION & COACH EDUCATION

THE COACHES STUDIO	<p>The Coaches Studio is live, interactive webinars, or discussions on pre-determined topics that coaches can attend. Webinars will be recorded and posted to the Coach Video Vault & Community.</p> <p>Beginning in July, there will be a webinar on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. ET. Registration links will be provided in the monthly newsletter and via email:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 17, 2024, 8 p.m. ET: Maximizing Your Coach I.C.E. Membership • August 21, 2024, 8 p.m. ET: 2024-25 Rules Changes Explained • September 18, 2024, 8 p.m. ET: Jump Foundations with Mitch Moyer and Christy Krall <p>Beginning in July, there will be live, discipline-specific discussions / Q & As, relative to the skating season, on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of every month at 8 p.m. ET:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 23, 2024, 8 p.m. ET: Singles – National Qualifying Series • August 6, 2024, 8 p.m. ET: Singles – National Qualifying Series <p>Virtual Coaches College kicks off the season for synchronized skating coaches in late August 2024.</p>
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COACH EDUCATION

Provide affordable and individualized training opportunities for professional growth.

<p>ELEARNING PLATFORM</p>	<p>Access the new U.S. Figure Skating Coach eLearning platform beginning summer 2024. This allows you to take unlimited eLearning courses at no charge. The platform will open with more than 10 courses!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing Your Coaching Philosophy • Equipment Basics: A Guide for Coaches • Top Score Tactics: Insights for Skating Skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Series of courses for each of the skating skills tests that highlights how the tests are judged, complete with judges' marks and comments</i> • Understanding IJS Math • Breaking the Ice: Introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion • Becoming DEI Ambassadors: Cultivating Coaching Excellence • USOPC Connection Based Coaching Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Elevating Your Coaching IQ</i> • <i>Effectively Coaching Gen Z</i> • <i>Creating a Culture of Belonging: Your Role as a Coach</i> <p>Bonus!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All coaches who complete the USOPC Connection Series courses by September 2024, will be entered in a drawing to receive a free ticket to the CoachConnect Live Program at their choice of event! • Beginning September 1, 2024 – June 1, 2025, all coaches who complete at least one course of their choice in the prior month will be entered in a drawing to receive a \$50 gift card to the U.S. Figure Skating online store.
<p>COACH VIDEO VAULT & COMMUNITY</p>	<p>Access the new platform that features video content for figure skating coaches, beginning summer 2024.</p> <p>This Video Vault will contain the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-recorded webinars or virtual seminars. • Videos of elements. • Resource files of written material. • A Coach Community where coaches can ask questions and connect with one another about technical information.
<p>IN-PERSON SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS</p>	<p>Stay tuned! U.S. Figure Skating will host local one-day coach workshops, and seminars in conjunction with athlete camps and the 2025 Access to Excellence National Coaches College, in May of 2025. Dates and locations will be announced as soon as possible and communicated through the U.S. Figure Skating coach newsletter.</p>



COACH DEVELOPMENT PATHWAY

Accreditation program that assures a measurable level of knowledge and expertise.

COACHCONNECT LIVE!	<p>Save the Date! <i>CoachConnect Live</i> offers Coach I.C.E. members discounted all-session tickets to major U.S. Figure Skating events. These tickets include practice passes and guided observation. Coaches will be placed in the same seating section as other coaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 18-20, 2024 – Skate America/Allen, Texas • January 23-26, 2025 – U.S. Figure Skating Championships/Wichita, Kansas • Feb. 27 – Mar. 1, 2025 – U.S. Synchronized Championships/TBD
COACH THE FUTURE MENTORING	<p>For competitive coaches that are looking to take their experience to the next level, Coach the Future Mentoring will be held in conjunction with a Sectional Singles Final and the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.</p> <p>Coaches will attend the entire event, view all practice and competition events, and have in-depth conversations with mentor coaches and officials. An application and criteria will be required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Sectional Singles & U.S. Pairs Final – Nov. 13-17, 2024 – Norwood, Mass. • U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships – Feb. 27 – March 1, 2025 – Colorado Springs, Colo.
LEVEL 1 ACCREDITATION	<p>For all coaches who did not earn a PSA rating before June 30, 2024, U.S. Figure Skating will open Accreditation Level 1 in the winter of 2025.</p> <p>Accreditation Level 1 will be discipline-specific and fully online to be as accessible to as many coaches as possible.</p>
LEVEL 2 ACCREDITATION	<p>U.S. Figure Skating Level 2 accreditations will be available beginning in the summer of 2025.</p> <p>In the meantime, this accreditation level will be available through the previous system of PSA ratings. Information will be provided in the U.S. Figure Skating coach newsletter.</p>
SENIOR AND MASTER ACCREDITATION	<p>U.S. Figure Skating Senior and Master accreditations are planned for the 2026 and 2027 seasons.</p> <p>In the meantime, coaches already in the pipeline through their PSA ratings will be able to take these accreditation levels through the previous system of ratings.</p>



COACH RECOGNITION

Public acknowledgement and celebration of quality coaching and achievements.

AWARDS	<p>U.S. Figure Skating is creating a new set of awards open to all members of Coach I.C.E. Winners of these awards will be announced after the conclusion of the 2025 competitive season, with public recognition to all winners.</p> <p>Criteria and specifics will be announced to Coach I.C.E. members in October 2024.</p> <p>Awards are set to recognize:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The five values of U.S. Figure Skating – excellence, integrity, respect, resilience, and community, with both performance and character criteria. • Additional awards will recognize up-and-coming coaches, as well as traditional awards such as Coach of the Year, Choreographer of the Year and USOPC awards.
U.S. FIGURE SKATING AWARDS	<p>Coaches will be recognized publicly and regularly to U.S. Figure Skating membership through SKATING magazine, social media, newsletters, etc.</p>



COACH IMPACT

Provide a voice and representation within U.S. Figure Skating.

COACHES COUNCIL	<p>The current U.S. Figure Skating Coaches Council was appointed by the U.S. Figure Skating Board of Directors in the fall of 2023. These individuals will serve through the conclusion of the 2025 Governing Council.</p> <p>The Coaches Council for the 2025-26 season will be elected by Coach I.C.E. members. All compliant members are eligible to vote and serve.</p> <p>Timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2025: Applications to serve will be made available. • March 2025: Coaches submit applications, and applications are reviewed. • April 2025: Election is held. • May 2025: The 2025-26 Coaches Council members will be announced, with a term starting June 1, 2025. <p>NOTE: The current Coaches Council members will serve as coach delegates at the 2025 U.S. Figure Skating Governing Council. Coach delegates receive a collective one vote per 50 registered Coach I.C.E. members. Votes are divided evenly between the 27 members.</p>
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