

Our Mission

It is the mission of the Bellingham Figure Skating Club to support each member in attaining his or her own goals in recreational, individual and team skill development by striving to provide supportive, safe, affordable figure skating resources in our community. We actively endorse membership in US Figure Skating and serve as a liaison between our membership and the association.

Club Goals

- Increase BFSC Club and Figure Skating exposure in our community.
- Put on a show that attracts wider attendance from the general community.
- Improve connection and communication between the Club and the Skating Academy.
- Create a program format that encourages teamwork and supports the entire club, as well as individual performers.
- Increase our fund raising revenue.

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**2006 – 2007
Skating Season**

Our home rink is the
Bellingham Sportsplex



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Promoting figure skating in our local community.

- ✓ We provide skaters with the opportunity to participate in an individual sport, while also being a member of a group. We promote team support through organized social events, testing and competitions.
- ✓ We provide opportunities to increase a skater's participation in the sport allowing them to test their skills through USFS sanctioned tests and compete with other USFS-tested skaters at similar skill levels.
- ✓ We provide our skaters with opportunities to perform in our Annual Winter Show and our Fall and Spring recitals.

Membership and Dues

Membership is on an annual basis, starting July 1st, running through June 30th. Membership includes registration with US Figure Skating and entitles each member to participate in all of our club programs.

Other Club Programs Include:

Winter Show: This is the club's largest annual fundraiser to support our programs. We design this show to entertain the local community with the talents of our club skaters.

Spring Recital: This is an opportunity for all club members to perform a solo for family and friends. The Spring Recital will be held in May 2007.

Monday Night Ice: The club purchases ice time for our skaters to use as a practice session. We offer Monday Night Ice from September through June, and each session begins with a group stroking session lead by one of our professional Figure Skating Coaches.

Adult Program: This is a new program this year. The club purchases ice on Thursday mornings for our adult skaters, and each session includes practice time, as well as lessons from one of our professional Figure Skating Coaches.

Social Events: The club organizes various social events for the skaters and families to get together as a group, both at the rink and away from the rink. This could range from a pot luck dinner to a swimming party to participation in the Ski to Sea parade.

Gear Swap: Each year the club organizes an event to sell your used skating clothes or skates and purchase some new-to-you items from other club members.

I take group lessons and/or private lessons. Am I already a member of the Bellingham Figure Skating Club?

If you, or your skater, are taking group lessons, you are doing so through the Sportsplex Skating Academy. If you are taking private lessons, this is an arrangement between you and your private coach. In order to be a member of the Bellingham Figure Skating Club (BFSC), you must complete our new member packet and pay the annual club dues. See www.bfsc.info for further details.

What is the difference between the Bellingham Figure Skating Club and the Sportsplex Skating Academy?

The BFSC is a club sanctioned by US Figure Skating. We are a 501(3)(c) non-profit volunteer-run organization whose purpose is to support and build awareness of figure skating in our community.

Skaters choose to become members of the club if they would like to skate competitively or simply become more involved in skating and participate in the social and recreational events the club has to offer.

The Bellingham Sportsplex Skating Academy (BSSA) offers the Learn To Skate program, freestyle skating sessions and other programs as determined by the Skating Director. See the Sportsplex for additional information.