

CESC 2021 Winter Newsletter

Welcome back to the 2021 skating season! Skating is getting back to almost normal at AdventHealth Center Ice with ice time, virtual FIC competitions, USFS Championship Series around the country, & a February test session! We are busy!

The year 2021 marks the 100% Anniversary of US Figure Skating! CESC will announce special activities during this coming skating year!

CESC Has Grown!

Since December, 2020 we have added 14 new members, for a total of 127 members! Under the mentorship of Jenna Dispenza, CESC & USF are sponsoring the USF Collegiate Skating Team. There are 15 college students that will be participating in Collegiate competitions & virtual events this spring and summer. USFS gives college skaters a 4-year membership for \$75 to encourage them to Keep Skating! And so does CESC!

The USFS Aspire Program, under the direction of Jenna & Vinny Dispenza, is the bridge to the skating club. The current 12 participating skaters have become CESC club members and are preparing themselves for testing & competitions while still under the auspices of Learn To Skate. We Welcome them to CESC!

February Test session – February 19, 2021

Congratulations to all the testers! We had 35 tests, with 30 successful skaters! Here is a list of our skaters who are now working on higher level elements:

FREE SKATE:

Novice: Jordan Scott
Intermediate: Jordan Scott
Pre-Pre: Abbey Tesh, Michael Mesropian

MOVES in the FIELD:

Senior: Alison White
Junior: Lilianna Murray, Jordan Scott
Novice: Amelia Menendez-Horvath
Pre-Juvenile: Olivia Bosley
Preliminary: Ariana Kesnig
Kelsey Ecclesiastre
Mila Mummolo
Michael Mesropian
Pre-Preliminary: Cathleen Gossin
Victoria Zervogiannis

DANCE:

Viola Smitman: Blues, Killian, Paso Doble & Starlight Waltz – Pre-Gold Dances

Future Test Dates:

April 22 nd	1:30-5:30PM
June 19 th	12:30-4:30PM
August	TBD

USFS International Selection Pool (ISP)

Over 40 athletes were selected by USFS to compete in the 2020-2021 US Novice & Junior Challenge Skate, which will be held virtually for the first time. The competition, which includes US Junior Medalists and Junior Grand Prix athletes. The selected athletes will compete virtually, using videos which the skaters recorded at their own rinks and submitted to be evaluated by national, US and international officials, who will judge them remotely. Skaters will receive an overall score, placement, and one-on-one feedback from the officials.

It is an honor for Jordan Scott to be included with twelve other Novice Ladies. At this time, she is waiting to hear her results from the virtual competition. Grace Perkins & Lauren Lampinen also were invited to compete virtually.

Meet Our Board:

Our Board had their second meeting of the 2021 skating season and welcomed a new member, Marina Garbutt. All on our Board have extensive experience w/figure skating and community leadership! Do not hesitate to contact us with an idea or to volunteer to promote skating!

President:	Jackie Addis
Vice President:	Norma Zimmerman
Secretary:	Angela Smitman
Treasurer:	Marina Garbutt
Membership:	Prudence Dispenza
Website:	Andy Meng
Community:	Dr. Paula O'Neil
Sponsorships:	John Zimmerman
Rink Liaison:	Pauline Snyder
Coaches Liaison:	Vinny & Jenna Dispenza
Test Chair:	Jackie Addis

Spring Calendar:

March 23	CEC Board Meeting	2-4PM
March 20	SW FL Competition	Ellenton
April 27	CEC Board Meeting	2-4PM
April 22	Spring Test Session	1:30-5:30PM
May 25	CEC Board Meeting	2-4PM
May 26	CEC Beach Bash @ The Epperson Lagoon	4-8PM
	Dance Party & Awards Banquet	

Cancellations:

We are sorry to report that the 2021 Florida State Games, normally held in May each year, will not happen this spring. It will definitely return in May, 2022!

The US Figure Skating Governing Council Annual Meeting, scheduled for April 30 & May 1, will be held virtually this year. More details to follow as they are presented.

Looking Ahead:

2021 Spring Showcase – May 15th! Time: 3:30-6PM w/ a Family Skate 6-6:30PM

Another Plan Ahead Event! The First AHCI & CESC Annual Spring Ice Show! Showcase details as to try-outs, rehearsals, and other necessary information will be coming soon!

Performance Options: Solos, Duets & Trios. (No large groups) (Fee based on program length)

Registration Cost: \$15/skater includes the Family Skate & 4 tickets to the show.

CEC will host a cookie & punch party following the show. Contact Norma Zimmerman to donate your special baked goods!

The CESC Third Annual Banquet! @ The Epperson Lagoon

CEC has planned an amazing end-of-year party for skaters & their families! Bring your bathing suits and your party clothes & join us at The Epperson Lagoon in Wesley Chapel for a fantastic afternoon & evening! We have planned water fun, a picnic dinner, skater awards, and our disc jockey for a great dance party! There is something for all ages!

Date: May 26th Wednesday 4-8PM

Sign up is easy on EntryEeze! \$65/person includes everything listed above. (There may be a small extra charge for use of the kayaks & paddle boards.)

Graduating Seniors Program

If you are a current high school senior graduating this spring, don't forget to apply for the Graduating Seniors Program!

This program recognizes individuals graduating from high school who continued their training in figure skating while pursuing their academic studies. The program honors qualified graduates for their achievements during high school through the presentation of a certificate to the skater during a school function or a recognition opportunity. Each club will receive a list of award recipients from their club so they can be recognized at a club banquet!

There are four level designations awarded within the program: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Individuals receive awards based on their highest skating achievement (test or competition) during high school as noted on their application.

This year the deadline has been extended to March 15th. Contact Karissa Woienski @ kwoienski@usfigureskating.org to apply!

Have a Fantastic Spring Season! Lots to do w/CESC @ AHCI!