

THE COMPLETE GUIDE TO U.S. FIGURE SKATING'S COLLEGIATE SKATING PROGRAMS



ABOUT

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Collegiate skating serves as a popular outlet for college-aged skaters, proving that graduating high school does not have to mean graduating from figure skating. Once athletes are enrolled in college, U.S. Figure Skating offers several opportunities to participate in special programs geared toward the student-athlete.

Whether you have been skating since you were young, learned to skate in college, or returned to the ice after a long absence from the sport (regardless of level or experience), U.S. Figure Skating's collegiate programs are a great opportunity to make friends with shared interests, assimilate to a new life at school, obtain leadership skills and stay in shape.





U.S. FIGURE SKATING'S COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP

U.S. Figure Skating offers a special membership for collegiate skaters. A four-year membership can be purchased through your home club for \$70 – a 66 percent discount from a full four-year membership. A collegiate membership carries the same privileges as a full membership, including a subscription to SKATING magazine, testing and competition privileges. If you are not affiliated with a home club, visit www.usfigureskating.org/ClubSearch.asp. Please note, the \$70 fee is for a four-year U.S. Figure Skating collegiate membership; some clubs may charge their own additional fees.

Figure skating clubs (and family or friends through their club) can gift this membership to graduating high school seniors, helping skaters stay connected to their home club and U.S. Figure Skating during college. A personalized certificate can be downloaded through U.S. Figure Skating and presented to skaters on behalf of the club.



COLLEGIATE OPPORTUNITIES

- Intercollegiate competitions
- U.S. Intercollegiate Championships
- Synchronized skating teams
- U.S. Synchronized Sectional Championships
- U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships
- Leadership roles – collegiate club president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, etc.



COLLEGE SKATING PARTICIPATION

Student-athletes participating in intercollegiate events are encouraged to form clubs and register with their Student Activities Department, Athletic Department, or any other student organization where they can be recognized on campus. Student-athletes learn valuable leadership, communication and management skills for post-graduation while managing and running all aspects of their programs, including working with the school, budgeting, event and travel planning, recruiting, scheduling, hiring coaches, etc.

All U.S. Figure Skating members who are full-time college students are encouraged to participate. Please note each Intercollegiate team must register annually with U.S. Figure Skating as a participating member, and entry forms must be filled out for each competition. Competition registration is complete by the intercollegiate team club president.

PRACTICE

As a student, time commitment will vary, but intercollegiate skating can fit into any schedule. Teams can purchase ice as a group. Individuals can train on any available freestyle session. To learn more about freestyle session dates and times, contact a rink in your area.

COST

The price of joining an intercollegiate team varies for each school with costs covering membership and competition fees, ice time, travel, apparel and costumes. It's best to contact your college or university's intercollegiate team for an estimated total cost for each season.



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INTERCOLLEGIATE TEAM SKATING

Intercollegiate competitions are governed by U.S. Figure Skating's Collegiate Program Committee. The country is divided into three sections that mainly follow the U.S. Figure Skating sectional map (East Coast, Midwest and Pacific Coast). The collegiate competitive season runs October through March, with three competitions held in each section.

- Skaters compete individually in short program and free skate singles events, solo dance, and/or as part of a team in the team maneuvers event. Participants represent their college or university, earning points for their school's team based on placement in the top five. The school with the most overall points wins.
- Skaters compete in events based on their U.S. Figure Skating test level.
- All skaters must be full-time college students, as defined by the institution that they attend.
- Each team attends the three competitions held in their assigned section/conference.
- The three teams that earn the most points throughout the season in each conference are invited to compete at the U.S. Intercollegiate Team Figure Skating Championships held each April.



COLLEGIATE SYNCHRONIZED SKATING

Synchronized skating is a team sport in which 8-20 skaters perform a program together. It uses the same judging system as singles, pairs and ice dance, and is characterized by teamwork, speed, intricate formations and challenging step sequences.

Throughout the United States, colleges and universities offer collegiate synchronized skating programs for full-time students of all levels.

Skaters can join one of two types of synchronized skating teams: **OPEN COLLEGIATE**

An open collegiate synchronized skating team consists of 8-16* skaters. Each skater must be enrolled in a university, college or degree program as full-time students with no minimum skating test requirement. Open collegiate synchronized skating teams may only compete in nonqualifying competitions.

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A collegiate synchronized skating team consists of 12-20* skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a university, college or degree program as full-time students, and each member must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile Moves in the Field test. Collegiate synchronized skating teams can compete at qualifying competitions with the opportunity to advance and compete at the collegiate level in the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.

**All teams may have a maximum of four alternates listed on their roster.*

Collegiate Synchronized Skating Competitions

- Open collegiate and collegiate synchronized teams compete one program, representing the college or university its members attend.
- Open collegiate synchronized teams are scored under the 6.0 judging system. Collegiate synchronized skating teams are scored under the International Judging System.
- All synchronized team members must be full-time students, as defined by the institution that they attend.
- Synchronized teams attend competitions held in and out of their section.
- Collegiate synchronized teams that place in the top four in their section advance to the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships.





COLLEGIATE SKATING REWARDS

- Friendships
- Leadership roles within a team
- Continued involvement in skating
- Health benefits
- Awards
- Opportunity to advance to the U.S. Intercollegiate Championships

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can I participate in collegiate skating if I am the only participant from my school?

A: *Yes! All skaters must be full-time students, but there is no minimum number of representatives required to enter an intercollegiate competition in your conference.*

Q: What if my school doesn't have a figure skating club on campus?

A: *You can start one! Contact your university's student organization department to have your figure skating club registered as an established organization on campus. Benefits include gaining access to many programs, services and resources including advising, facilities, funds, tools, and more! There are more than 100 colleges nationwide with some form of collegiate skating program. All of these clubs were started and are maintained solely by motivated student-athletes. Starting your own club is possible on any campus.*

Q: What if I still want to compete in qualifying and other standard U.S. Figure Skating competitions?

A: *No problem. The level of skaters at these competitions varies and several highly competitive skaters use collegiate events to supplement their regular U.S. Figure Skating competition season. Past U.S. Collegiate Champions include 2010 Olympian Miari Nagasu (University of Colorado-Colorado Springs), 2011 U.S. champion Ryan Bradley (University of Colorado-Colorado Springs), a three-time winner and 2013 U.S. Champion Max Aaron (University of Colorado-Colorado Springs).*

Q: What are the advantages of skating as a school sport?

A: *Athletes who skate on collegiate synchronized teams or intercollegiate teams (singles and solo dance) experience being part of a team that represents a college or university, just like other sports. And, since these*

clubs are student-run, skaters gain experience in leadership, organization and teamwork that are valuable after graduation, be it on or off the ice.

Q: Can I transfer a U.S. Figure Skating collegiate membership from one club to another?

A: *Yes, a collegiate membership can be transferred between clubs, but only once in the four-year membership period. All financial obligations to the original club must be met prior to the transfer.*

Q: My undergraduate studies will take five years to complete. Can I get an extension on U.S. Figure Skating's collegiate membership?

A: *There are no extensions. This is a one-time, four-year membership option only available to eligible student-athletes.*

Q: I switched schools. Do I need to switch my club membership, too?

A: *No. Your membership is through a skating club and in no way linked to the school(s) you attend.*

Q: If my club doesn't offer collegiate memberships, how can I encourage it to do so?

A: *Club officials can contact U.S. Figure Skating's Member Services department at memberservices@usfigureskating.org or 719-635-5200 for information on offering collegiate memberships through their club.*

Q: Can I compete in collegiate or intercollegiate competitions without a collegiate membership?

A: *Yes, but you must be a current regular member (not Learn to Skate USA) in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating.*

Q: Does my intercollegiate skating team need to represent a club?

A: *Yes, it does. A team can represent a full member club or a collegiate club, which must be renewed annually. The benefits of a collegiate club include renewing members, opportunity to host test sessions and apply for performance sanctions. *NOTE: Many on-campus clubs are provided with a budget from Student Government to get your club off the ground and running, which can be used for the collegiate club membership renewal of \$31. Contact your office of student affairs where on-campus student organizations are created.*

Q: My personal membership expired and I need to renew. What do I do?

A: *In order to compete for the season, athletes must renew their U.S. Figure Skating membership. There are several options for renewal. The most cost effective membership for college students is the the 4-year collegiate membership for a one-time fee. This can be purchased through your previous home club, through U.S. Figure Skating, or through the intercollegiate skating team's collegiate club.*

FUN FACTS

- In 2015, there were 67 intercollegiate teams registered with U.S. Figure Skating. In 2017, there were 91 – a 24 percent increase.
- Teams in the Pacific Coast section have jumped from 0 to 16 over the past four years.
- The first intercollegiate skating competition was held at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1996.
- In 2000, Miami University of Ohio hosted the first U.S. Intercollegiate Championships.

STAY CONNECTED

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COLLEGIATE 17-18

Adrian College Varsity SST
Boston University
Liberty University Flames
Miami University Collegiate
Varsity SST
Michigan State University SST
Team North Dakota
University of Delaware SST
University Of Illinois SST
University Of Massachusetts
University Of Michigan SST
Western Michigan University

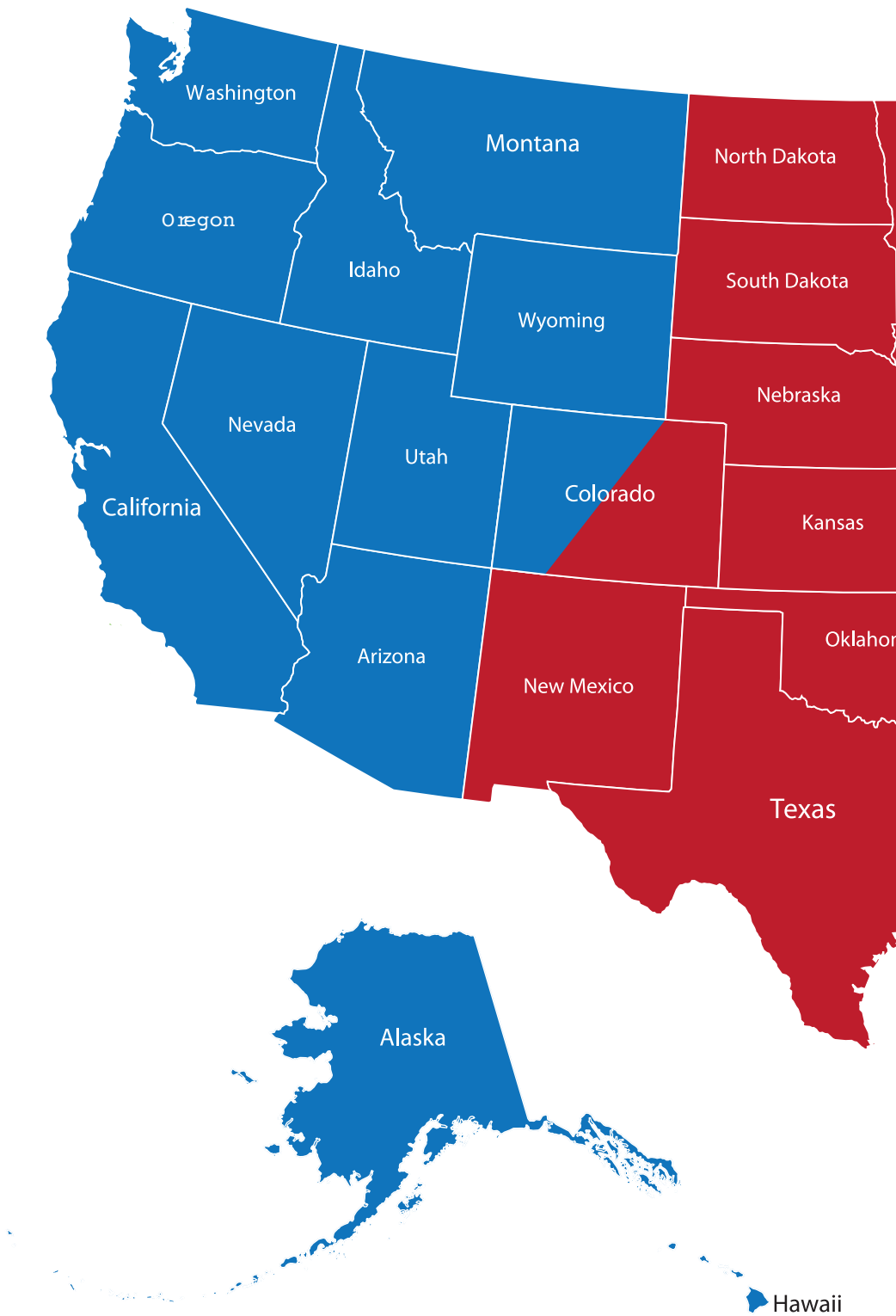
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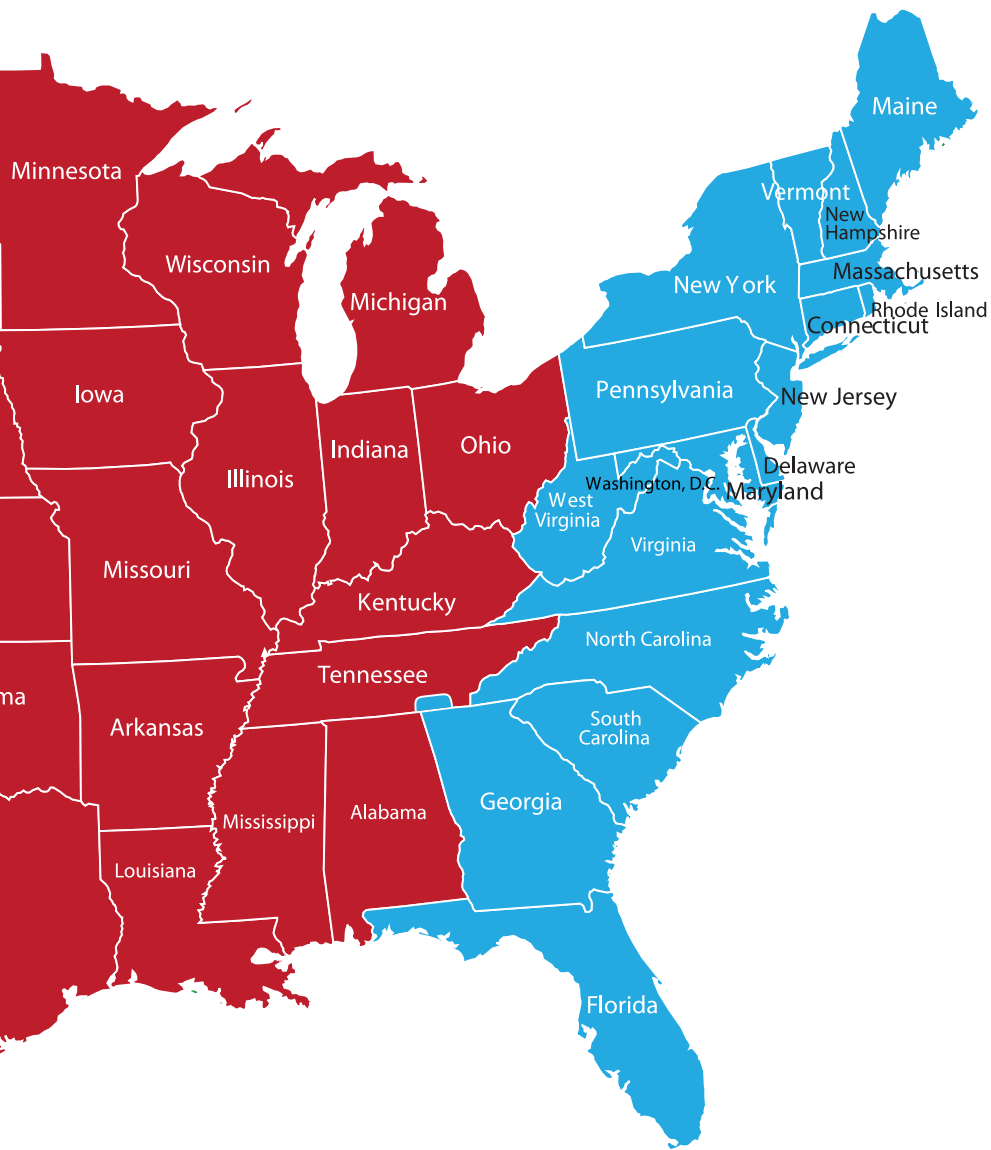
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Boston College
Colgate University
Cornell University
Synchronized Skating Team
Miami University Club Team
Mirror Images Open
Collegiate
Ohio University Synchronized
Skating Team
Orange Experience At
Syracuse University
Oswego State Ice Effects
Princeton University
Synchronized Skating Team
St. Ben's Synchro Team
The University of Missouri
SST
The University of Notre Dame
University Of Maryland
Terrapins Black
University of Maryland
Terrapins Red
University of Michigan SST
University Of Minnesota -
Duluth SST
University Of New Hampshire
University of Notre Dame
University of Vermont
Synchronized Skating Team
University Of WI - Eau Claire
Blugolds
University Of Wisconsin -
Madison - Synchronized S
West Virginia University
Synchro

INTERCOLLEGIATE FIGURE SKATING TEAM

Adrian College
Assumption College
Boise State University
Boston College
Boston University
Bowling Green State
University
Brown University
California State University,
Fullerton
Carnegie Mellon University
Case Western Reserve
University
Colgate University
College of Saint Theresa
College of William & Mary
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Duke University
Elon University
Ferris State University
George Washington University
Georgetown University
Hamilton College
Harvard University
Ithaca College
Liberty University
Marquette University
Merrimack College
Miami University
Michigan State University
Middlebury College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Illinois University
Northern Michigan University
Oakland University
Princeton University
Sacred Heart University
SUNY Geneseo
Texas A&M University
The Ohio State University
The Pennsylvania State
University
The University of Notre Dame
and St. Marys College
Tiffin University

Towson University
UCLA
United States Naval Academy
University of California,
Berkeley
University of California, Irvine
University of California, San
Diego
University of California, Santa
Barbara
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Colorado
Colorado Springs
University of Connecticut
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University of Florida
University of Iowa
University of Maryland,
College Park
University of Massachusetts
Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota Duluth
University of Minnesota- Twin
Cities
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
University of New Hampshire
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington
Tacoma
University of Wisconsin-Eau
Claire
University of Wisconsin-
Madison
University of Wyoming
Utah State University
Washington University in St.
Louis
West Virginia University
Western Michigan University
Wheaton College (ma)
Winona State University
Yale University





Eastern Section



Midwest Section



Pacific Coast Section

