



COACH REQUIREMENTS

➞ UNDER AGE 16

If a skater turns 16 during the season they must upgrade their compliance by the end of their birthday month.

REQUIRED

U.S. Figure Skating Membership

The U.S. Figure Skating membership renewal cycle starts annually on June 1 and must be complete by June 30 to coach as of July 1.

Click here for a listing of membership fees:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/sites/default/files/media-files/Membership%20and%20Team%20Fees.pdf>

REQUIRED

Learn to Skate USA Membership

Log in to Learn to Skate: <https://www.learntoskateusa.com/> using the same username & password as your U.S. Figure Skating account.

Purchase your membership on this website; the annual membership is \$18.50.

REQUIRED

Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification

<https://lts-elearning.usfigureskating.org/course/>
Cost: \$0

REQUIRED

U.S. Figure Skating Waivers

Can be found under your US Figure Skating member profile. Required waivers include: Code of Conduct, Waiver, Release, Medical Consent and Name & Likeness Release. Cost: \$0

REQUIRED FOR PRIVATE LESSONS

Coach Liability Insurance

For coaches who want to teach private lessons. Purchase under your member profile at [usfigureskating.org](https://www.usfigureskating.org) Costs approximately \$130 annually.

Note: 7RFSC skaters can start to coach classes and private students when they are 14 years old and have passed three freestyle tests. Skaters who wish to coach private students must purchase coach liability insurance through US Figure Skating on an annual basis.

[HTTPS://WWW.USFIGURESKATING.ORG/SUPPORT/COACH#BECOMECOACH](https://www.usfigureskating.org/support/coach#becomecoach)



COACH REQUIREMENTS

➞ OVER AGE 16, AND UNDER AGE 18

If a skater turns 18 during the season they must upgrade their compliance by the end of their birthday month.

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REQUIRED

U.S. Figure Skating Coach Core Certification

Coach Core training can be found under your profile on the U.S. Figure Skating website. The cost of the certification is \$103.30. This is a one-time fee/ certification when coaches turn 16. The training will become available in a skater's member profile during the month that they turn 16.

REQUIRED ONLY IF...

A COACH UNDER 18 WANTS TO BE THEIR SKATER'S PRIMARY COACH FOR TESTING & COMPETITIONS

Member of Coach I.C.E.

Prior to age 18, student coaches can fall under the "mentorship" of an adult coach and don't have to do Coach I.C.E. However, if a coach under 18 has skaters who are tested higher than preliminary skating skills AND they want to be the primary coach to put their skaters "on ice" for testing and competitions (instead of falling under the supervision of an adult coach who is also present) these coaches under age 18 need to have Coach I.C.E., regardless of their age. Coach I.C.E. costs \$250 annually.

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The annual membership is \$18.50.

REQUIRED

Learn to Skate USA Instructor Certification

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Cost: \$0

REQUIRED

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REQUIRED FOR PRIVATE LESSONS

Coach Liability Insurance

For coaches who teach private lessons. Costs approximately \$130 annually. Purchase through U.S. Figure Skating.



COACH REQUIREMENTS

➞ OVER AGE 18

COACHES OVER 18 NEED EVERYTHING REQUIRED OF THE COACHES ABOVE AGE 16 AND UNDER AGE 18, IN ADDITION TO THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

REQUIRED

Member of Coach I.C.E.

Required for coaches age 18 and over who are coaching skaters above the Aspire level, have private students, and want to be the primary coach for their skaters at testing, competitions, etc.

REQUIRED

SafeSport Training & Background Check

Coaches turning 18 can start their SafeSport training the month of their 18th birthday.

Note: Coaches who work within the USA Learn to Skate programs (Learn to Skate and Basic Skills 1-6), are not coaching private students, or coaching skaters through official U.S. Figure Skating tests or competitions, are not required to have the Coach Core Certification or Coach I.C.E. This certification is required for any coach who wants to have private students and coach skaters in levels above the Learn to Skate program.



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A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES

- The U.S. Figure Skating membership year runs from July 1 to June 30 annually. This means a membership is valid for the entire skating season, and registration fees are not pro-rated for a portion of the year.
- The U.S. Figure Skating membership renewal cycle starts June 1 annually and must be complete by June 30 in order for a coach to be compliant and coach skaters as of July 1.
- If a skater turns 16 or 18 during the season, they must upgrade their compliance by the end of their birthday month.
- If you have coached before, but are not coaching during the summer months, you should do your coach renewal by June 30 to avoid late fees. U.S. Figure Skating will charge late fees for coach memberships not renewed by June 30.
- New coaches who complete their membership renewal after the June 30 deadline will not be subject to late fees.
- Everyone who coaches has to have a Learn to Skate membership and training.
- Coaches turning 18 can start SafeSport and their background check the month of their 18th birthday.
- All coaches over age 18, regardless of what they coach, must have SafeSport and a background check.
- Coach Core is required for any coach who wants to have private students. Coaches over age 16 who don't do Coach Core can only coach Learn to Skate classes.
- Coach I.C.E. is required for private coaches who are coaching skaters above the Aspire level if they want to be the primary coach to put a skater on ice for U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned test and competition events. Coaches under 18 can forego Coach I.C.E. if they choose to fall under the mentorship of a coach with Coach I.C.E. for testing, competition, etc. Coaches over 18 who only want to coach under the umbrella of Learn to Skate are not required to have Coach Core or Coach ICE.
- Club coaches who teach 7RFSC classes must turn in a W9 in order to get paid by the club. See the club treasurer for more details. Private lessons are done on a contract basis between a coach and their skater(s), so the coach is responsible for all billing and communication with private students and their parents.



INSPIRING COACHING EXCELLENCE

U.S. FIGURE SKATING COACH I.C.E.
**FREQUENTLY
ASKED QUESTIONS**

WHAT DOES COACH "I.C.E." STAND FOR?

I.C.E. stands for Inspiring Coaching Excellence.

WHAT IS THE COACH CORE CERTIFICATION?

This interactive online course and assessment is for both seasoned and entry-level coaches and covers multiple facets critical to coaching figure skating, including coach and athlete well-being, coaching best practices, essential fundamentals and general technique concepts. It comes with a complete guidebook and resource list. Once completed, coaches can download a certificate and are considered a U.S. Figure Skating Core Certified Coach. Core Certified coaches are eligible to join Coach I.C.E., the new social professional development and education program beginning June 1, 2024.

HOW DO I TAKE THE COURSE?

Log onto [Members Only](#) and click on the new blue Coach icon. There is a once-in-a-career fee of \$103.

IS THIS REQUIRED?

Yes. This course must be completed to coach at sanctioned events and activities.

QUESTIONS?

Email coaching@usfigureskating.org

[CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE TO LEARN MORE](#)

