

the COMPLETE Guide to U.S. FIGURE SKATING'S COLLEGIATE Skating Programs



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ABOUT

U.S. Figure Skating's

COLLEGIATE SKATING PROGRAM

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

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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 school must be annually registered 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.



About

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. Collegiate synchronized skating competitions are governed by U.S. Figure Skating's Collegiate Program Committee.

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 non-qualifying competitions.

Collegiate

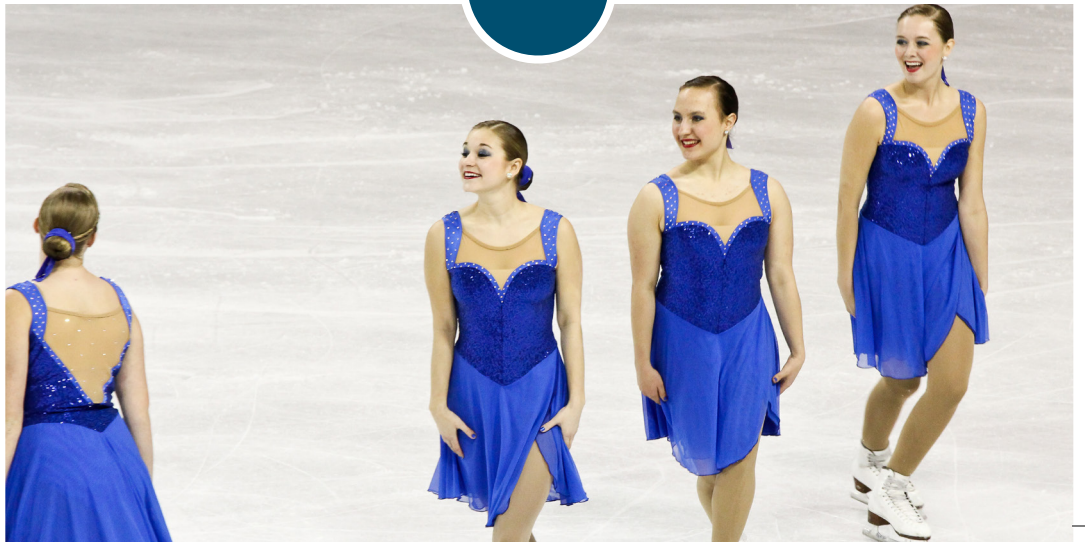
A collegiate synchronized skating team consists of 12-20* skaters. Skaters must be enrolled in a university, college or degree program as full-time students, and each member must have passed the U.S. Figure Skating juvenile Moves in the Field test. Collegiate synchronized skating teams can compete at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

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

Collegiate Synchronized Competition

- 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.
- Each synchronized team attends competitions held in its assigned section/conference.
- 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: Start one! Five years ago, only a handful of collegiate organizations existed. Today there are more than 20 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 Mirai Nagasu (University of Colorado-Colorado Springs) and 2011 U.S. champion Ryan Bradley (University of Colorado-Colorado Springs), a three-time winner.

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 Basic Skills) in good standing with U.S. Figure Skating.

FUN Facts

- In 2011, there were 51 intercollegiate teams registered with U.S. Figure Skating. In 2015, there were 67 – a 31 percent increase.
- Teams in the Pacific Coast section have jumped from 0 to 15 over the past four years.
- The first intercollegiate skating competition was held at Princeton University in 1997.
- In 2000, Miami University of Ohio hosted the first U.S. Intercollegiate Championships.

STAY *Connected*

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Intercollegiate Figure Skating Teams

Adrian College
Assumption College
Boston University
Bowling Green State University
Carnegie Mellon University
Colby College
Colgate University
Colorado College
Colorado State University
Connecticut College
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Duke University
East Carolina University
Ferris State University
Florida Atlantic University
Georgetown University
Gonzaga University
Harvard University
Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Indiana University
Ithaca College
John Carroll University
Kent State University
Liberty University
Loyola University
Maryland Marquette University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Miami University
Michigan State University
Michigan Technological University
New Mexico State University
New York University
Northeastern University
Northern Michigan University
Oakland University
Pennsylvania State University
Rutgers University
Sacred Heart University

Saint Leo University
SUNY Geneseo
The Ohio State University
UC Irvine
Umass Amherst University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California, Los Angeles
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Connecticut
University of Delaware
University of Denver
University of Georgia
University of Maryland
University of Maryland, College Park
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of Michigan
University of Minnesota
University of Minnesota Duluth
University of New Hampshire
University of Northern Colorado
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Wisconsin Madison
University of Wyoming
Utah State University
Western Washington University
Yale University
Youngstown State University

Collegiate Synchronized Skating Teams

Adrian College Varsity
The Fighting Irish
University of Delaware

Miami University Collegiate Varsity
Metroettes Collegiate
University of Maryland Terrapins

Western Michigan University
University of Massachusetts
Michigan State University

Team North Dakota

University of Illinois

Boston University

University of New Hampshire Wildcats

University of Michigan

Open Collegiate Synchronized Skating Teams

Adrian College Varsity

Princeton University

Twin Cities

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Motor City Collegiate

Boston College

Mirror Images

Miami University Club Team

Catamount Blades

University of Maryland Terrapins

University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire
Blugolds

Northwestern University

Liberty University Flames

Cornell University

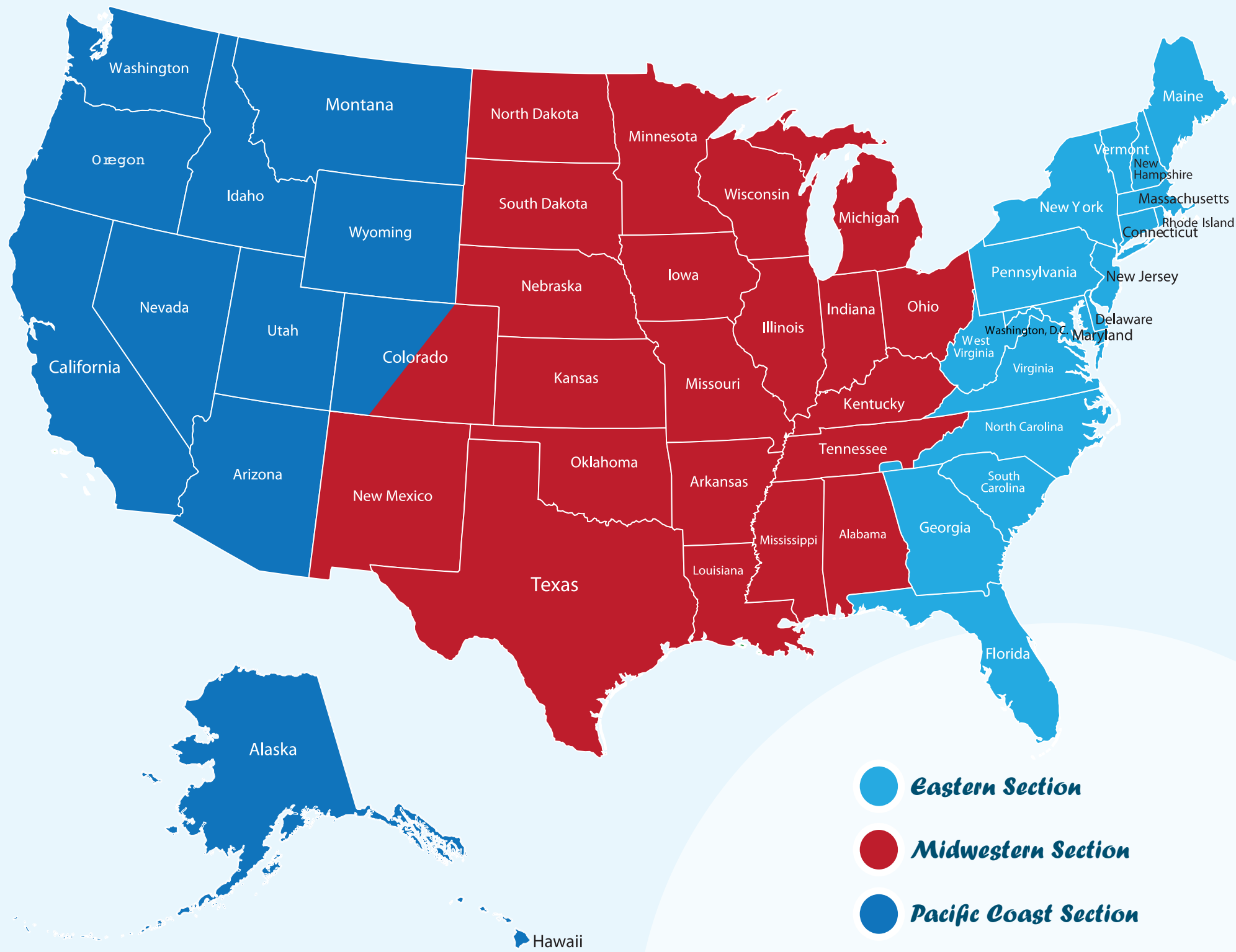
St. Ben's

Colgate University

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