



Bowie Figure Skating Club
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Newsletter
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Congratulations

The Metroliners Junior Synchronized Skating Team placed 3rd at **2004 Eastern Synchronized Team Skating Sectional Championships**. They are now headed for the 2004 U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships to be held in San Diego, California starting on March 1, 2004. We would like to wish them GOOD LUCK!

Spring Show and Banquet/Awards Ceremony

Reserve this date: APRIL 24, 2004. This is the date of the Spring Show and Banquet/Awards Ceremony.

Look for more information on the website within the next month.

Skating Session Payment Policy

Effective with the February 24, 2004 sessions the following policy becomes effective: Payment for partial sessions will not be allowed. You will need to pay the listed session fee for the session(s) on which you skate, regardless if you skate the entire session. Payment is expected and required prior to entering the ice to skate. Punch cards are available for \$105 for 10 sessions; walk-on rates are \$12 per session. All sessions are on Tuesday nights, run through April 27, 2004, and the times are: 6:00-6:45 6:45-7:30 7:45-8:30

Extra Ice Session!

We have acquired extra ice time for our members and guests. We also have special fees for this session. If you are a Bowie FSC Home or Associate member the fee is \$5; If you are a season subscriber (season 1 or 2) the session is free as this is your make-up session; If you are not a Bowie FSC member the fee is \$10. Date and time of added session: Tuesday, March 2, 2004 8:30pm – 9:15pm.

CRC's

The Capitol Regional Council of Skating Clubs has chosen Bowie Ice Arena as the venue for the 2004 CRC competition. The competition will be held at Bowie on March 13-14, 2004. We are very proud to be the host of this competition. Don't forget to come out and show support for our skaters.

Need Service Hours? **CRC Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to act as Runners / Monitors during CRC's. This will entail checking skaters onto the ice, retrieving judging sheets from the Referee and taking to the Accounting Room, and posting results. We are looking for adults and children who are presently in 8th grade or above. This is the perfect opportunity for the teens to volunteer for the Club.

We would like people to volunteer for a four hour shift. The shifts are 7am-11am; 11am – 3pm and 3pm-7pm on both Saturday and Sunday (March 13 & 14). You need to only volunteer for one shift.

Please call Debra DiCamillo at 301-210-0000 or email bowiefsc@aol.com if you are able to work one of the shifts.

Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers so that we may continue to hold test sessions. Volunteers are needed to help with judge's hospitality at the test sessions. People are needed to purchase food, set-up, clean-up, and help throughout the test. Remember that the judge's are volunteers and we want like them to be comfortable so they want to return.

Volunteers are also needed to help plan social functions throughout the skating year for the Club.

If you are able to volunteer, please contact a Board Member or email testing@bowiefsc.org

USFSA Test Clarification

US Figure Skating has made the following clarification as to when a skater may speak to their coach during a test session.

SKATERS SPEAKING TO COACHES BETWEEN ELEMENTS DURING MOVES IN THE FIELD TESTS

SSR 18.01 and TR 5.01 state that instruction is not permitted during the actual performance of the candidate before the judges. This has been interpreted to mean that it is permissible for a skater to speak BRIEFLY with his/her coach between elements of a Moves-in-the-Field test but not between directions or feet of an element.

In other words if the skater is to do an element in both the counterclockwise and clockwise directions or on both the right and left feet, then he is performing before the judges until the element has been skated in both directions or on both feet.

Coaches are not to give lessons or cause the test to be delayed. The intent is to merely give coaches the chance to say an encouraging word to their skaters or calm them down if they are nervous or did not skate an element very well while the judges are writing their comments.

The same applies to dance testers between the partnered portion of the test and the solo portion.

Pictures Wanted!

We would like to post pictures of our skaters at various skating events (competitions, shows, sessions, etc). If you have pictures you would like posted on the web, please email them to webmaster@bowiefsc.org

Website
WWW.BOWIEFSC.ORG

Remember, the most up-to-date information about the Club and its activities can be found on our website: www.bowiefsc.org. All forms, applications and the newsletter are also on the website.

Permission / Sanctions

Letters of Permission are required for tests, competitions, and shows / exhibitions hosted by another club in which you participate. Obtain test letters from the test chair; letters for other events from any BFSC Officer. You are responsible for making sure that a sanction has been granted by USFSA for the competition, show or exhibition.

Test Sessions

There are two test sessions remaining this year, the dates are: March 17, 2004 and April 12, 2004

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