



Meet our Apex Center Ice Arena Figure Skating Coaches

All of our coaches are members of United States Figure Skating (USFS) and Professional Skaters Association (PSA) and are credentialed to teach private, semi-private lessons as well as instruct in our Learn to Skate classes.

Patti Snyder – Skating Director; (pattis@apexprd.org, 303-463-4287)

Teaching experience since 1981

USFS Gold Medalist in Freestyle & Figures

International Skating Union (ISU) Gold Medalist in Freestyle & Figures

Former Regional, Sectional, U.S. National Open competitive skater and solo performer with Ice Follies

Coach of Beginner level through Regional – National and International competitors

PSA rating: Registered Rated Freestyle

Coaches all ages and levels including adults, recreational, test track and competitive skaters

Specializes in Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Choreography & Style, Power Edge and Presentation for all ages and levels

Bernie Creevey; (303-257-6807)

Teaching experience since 1992

Former competitive skater; performer with Holiday on Ice, Ice Follies, and Disney World on Ice

Coached two national level Synchronize teams

PSA rating: Basic Accreditation

Coaches all ages and levels including adults, recreational, and competitive skaters

Specializes in Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Power, Synchronize, Choreography & Hockey

Britney Simpson; (simblume5@q.com)

Teaching experience since 2014

USFS Gold Medalist Moves in the Field, Pairs and Freestyle

2013 US National Junior Pair Champion

4-time National Championship Pair Medalist

Specializes in Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Power/Edge for all ages and levels

Jamie Belden; (Jamie.belden@yahoo.com)

Teaching experience since 2009

USFS Gold Medalist Moves in the Field, USFS Intermediate Freestyle

Former competitive skater

Specializes in Freestyle, Moves in the Field and Basic Skills

Jill Kombeitz; (jillkombeitz@gmail.com)

Teaching experience since 1992

USFS Gold Medalist in Freestyle, Pairs, Pre Gold Dance and 7th Figure

2-time National Pairs competitor

PSA rating: Senior Rated Freestyle, Level II Hockey Certified, Certified Group Rating

Coaches recreational and competitive skaters of all ages and abilities

Specializes in Freestyle, Power/Edge and Power Skating for hockey players

Juilz Pettit; (sirtag@yahoo.com)

Teaching experience since 1984

Coach of regional competitors, USFS Senior Moves in the Field, USFS Junior Freestyle

PSA rating: Basic Accreditation

Coaches recreational and competitive skaters of all ages and abilities

Specializes in Moves in the Field, Freestyle, Choreography

Kaitlyn Hamlin; (kaitlyn_hamlin@yahoo.com)

Teaching experience since 2006
USFS Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field, USFS Novice Freestyle
Former competitive skater
PSA rating: Basic Accreditation
Coaches recreational and competitive skaters of all ages and abilities
Specializes in Beginners, Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Choreography

Kathy Zarpaylic; (kzarp@comcast.net)

Teaching experience since 1982
USFS Gold Medalist in Figures, Freestyle, and Dance
Coach of recreational to National competitors
PSA rating: Senior Figures, Freestyle, and Group
PSA Honor Roll of Coaches
Coaches all levels and ages; Recreational, Test, and Competitive Skaters
Specializes in Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Power

Katy Jo West; (katyjo.skatecoach@gmail.com)

Teaching experience since 2008
USFS Gold Medalist in Freestyle and Moves in the Field
2011 U.S. National Senior Ladies competitor
Regional, Sectional and National Competitor/Medalist Juvenile—Senior level
PSA rating: Basic Accreditation
Coaches Freestyle, Hockey and Power for all ages and levels
Specializes in Freestyle, Choreography, Hockey, Power

Laura Kottlowski; (lkottlowski@gmail.com)

Coaching experience since 2000
USFS Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field, USFS Silver Medalist in Freestyle
Coach of Beginner – Regional competitors
PSA rating: Basic Accreditation
Coaches all ages and levels including Adults, recreational, and competitive skaters
Specializes in Freestyle, Choreography & Style, Moves in the Field, Power skating

Leasa Parr; (parrskater@icloud.com, 303-596-0213)

Teaching experience since 1989
Coach of beginner through Senior Ladies and Regional competitors
PSA rating: Basic Accreditation
Coaches recreational and competitive skaters of all ages and abilities
Specializes in Freestyle and Moves in the Field

Lena Nguyen; (Lena0617@gmail.com)

Teaching experience since 2011
USFS Novice Freestyle, USFS Junior Moves in the Field
Former competitive skater
Specializes in Basic Skills, beginning Freestyle

Liz Scott; (Libbysk8413@aol.com)

Teaching experience since 2013
Former competitive skater
Performed with Disney on Ice for eight years
Specializes in Basic Skills, beginning Freestyle

Maia Stokes; (maia.stokes86@gmail.com)

Teaching experience since 2009

USFS Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field, Intermediate Freestyle, Preliminary Dance

Coaches Basic Skills, beginning Freestyle, Moves in the Field, and beginner Hockey for all ages

Specializes in Basic Skills, Moves in the Field, beginning Freestyle, Hockey

Nancy Blackwell-Grieder; (nlbgrieder2015@gmail.com)

Teaching experience since 2001

USFSA Gold Medalist in Figures and Junior Free Skate level

Coach of Regional competitors

PSA rating: Basic Accreditation

Coaches all levels and ages, including adults

Specializes in Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Figures and Adults

There are several advantages in taking private lessons. They help your child to progress consistently, they can give your skater a feeling of confidence, they give your skater a special one-on-one connection with their coach, and they help get through the tough spots in learning new skills. Private lessons are by no means required but are suggested even if just on an occasional basis. It is amazing how much difference even just a lesson once or twice a month can make in your skater's progress! All coaches are available for private lessons.

If you would like to set up a private lesson you may speak with a coach directly or contact Patti Snyder, Skating Director and she can help you select a private coach based on your criteria.

