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What's going on at your home ice arena, or with your skating club or team?
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ISI Launches The Skating Scoop E-newsletter



Have you seen the latest from ISI? It's The Skating Scoop, an electronic newsletter packed with updates, tips, links and announcements exclusively for ISI members. You might even

see yourself or your coach, rink, club or team featured in a future issue!

If you have a current and valid email address registered with ISI, you will receive The Skating Scoop quarterly, between issues of Recreational Ice Skating magazine. If you did not receive the first Scoop in March, please go to skateisi.org/UpdateInfo and register your email address so you won't miss any important ISI information!

ISI Skater's Creed

If you've ever participated in a national ISI competition, you have probably seen the ISI Skater's Creed in the program book. Have you taken the time to read it, and think about it? Please share a specific example of any part of the Creed that you have witnessed or been a part of at an ISI event. Send your comments to editor@skateisi.org, and include a photo if you'd like!

- I will try to do my own personal best.*
- I will support and encourage my fellow teammates.*
- I will make three new friends at this competition from ice rinks other than my own.*
- I will be a good representative from my home rink team.*
- I will skate at my own true level of ability.*
- I will be modest in victory.*
- I will be gracious in defeat.*
- I will not focus on winning but on my participation and enjoyment of ice skating.*



Alert the Media!

Does your local newspaper, magazine or TV station know about your facility, ISI programs, teams and events? Keep them informed with news releases and request their coverage of your events. It's great publicity for your group as well as for the sport we all love! Be sure to send links to your published coverage to editor@skateisi.org and we'll share them on Facebook!

▶ spotlight

ISI Facebook Friend: Kirsten Holles



Kirsten Holles is an adult skater who joined ISI just two years ago when her family moved to Laramie, Wyo. and joined the Laramie Figure Skating Club.

"I skated occasionally growing up," she says. "When I was 30, a friend invited me to lessons with her, and I took lessons for a year before taking a break for graduate school and kids. I started up again when my daughters, Sarah and Sydney, started taking lessons."

Kirsten's coach recently moved, and she is hoping to resume lessons soon with a new

coach. She has tested through the Alpha level, and in 2011 she participated in her first competition, competing in Compulsory and Family Spotlight at the Ice Breaker event in Gillette, Wyo.

She says her proudest skating moment was when she landed her first Waltz Jump: "Within days, I'd followed it up with two other half-rotation jumps. At 45, I'd managed

to land three half-rotation jumps. It was something I'd never imagined I could do."

One of the challenges that comes with learning to skate as an adult is an increased fear of injury, she notes. "As soon as I get over my fear of falling while skating backward or going too fast, I'm sure my skating will progress much faster. But I don't mind letting the kids in the club see me struggle as I try to learn elements because I think it's important to let kids know that everyone struggles doing hard things. I feel strongly that you don't stop doing the things you love or learning new things just because you get older or have kids. It just changes how you accomplish new things. That is why I skate — for me, and for my daughters."

Daughter Sarah is a seventh grader and has passed Freestyle 1. Fourth-grader Sydney is close to passing Delta.

"My husband, Joe, supports me in all my crazy ideas," Kirsten adds. "He is a true skating dad and husband — as long as we don't ask him to put on a pair of skates."

In addition to skating, Kirsten enjoys ballet, Pilates and quilting. She says is between careers, with a background in project management, accounting and marketing.

Happy skating to our Facebook friend, Kirsten Holles!

—Lari Fairchild

Ice Poets "Up and Down"

Skating has many ups and downs.
Up in a Loop. Down in a Sit Spin.
Up in an Axel. Down in a fall.
Up in a bunny hop. Down in a lunge.
Up when you're practicing with friends.
Down when you can't land that jump.
When you're feeling a down,
Just remember all those ups you had last week.
When you're feeling an up,
Don't get ahead of yourself
Because you had a down yesterday.
No matter how many ups and how many downs,
If you have fun at skating, be a skater.



Genessa Sherman, 10, IS a
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First ISI Holiday Challenge: Something to Celebrate!

The first-ever ISI Holiday Challenge in Danbury, Conn., the first weekend in December was a fun, festive competition featuring some 260 competitors representing 32 rink teams from eight states. This brand new event replaced the Artistic

Challenge competition, offering all competition events and providing more opportunities for skaters of all levels.

"This was the first ISI national event for many of the competitors, and we heard nothing but excitement and enthusiasm from skaters, parents and coaches about their positive, rewarding experiences," said Kim Hansen, ISI's national skating events coordinator. "Even the volunteers were excited about seeing some of the events that ISI regularly offers but that they had not seen at other competitions."

Some of the participating teams represented rinks that were affected by Hurricane Sandy in October, but still managed to be ready for Holiday Challenge. Despite being first-time ISI national event hosts, Danbury Ice Arena staff and volunteers looked like seasoned pros, filled with ISI spirit and energy.

Special thanks to Kevin McCormack, Jody Haliskoe and Joanne Infield for leading the efforts. The Danbury team took the first place in the event.

Next year's Holiday Challenge is set for Dec. 6-8 at South Suburban Family Sports Center in Centennial, Colo. isi.org

TOP 10

PLACE	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1	Danbury Ice Arena Danbury CT	381.5
2	Imperial Skating Academy Lisbon CT	353.5
3	RDV Sportsplex Ice Den Orlando FL	224.5
4	Montclair Inside Edge Skating Club West Caldwell NJ	203.0
5	Sacred Heart University Fairfield CT	193.0
6	FMC Aleixo Arena Taunton MA	139.0
7	Ice Time Sports Complex Newburgh NY	121.0
8	FMC Pirelli Veteran's Skating Arena Franklin MA	106.5
9	World Ice Arena Flushing NY	106.0
10	Wonderland of Ice Bridgeport CT	98.0

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ISI Worlds returns to Southern California this year, always one of our most popular destinations, thanks to the many opportunities it offers for families wishing to combine their competition trip with an awesome vacation.

Our West Coast Worlds will be based at THE RINKS—Anaheim ICE, with events also scheduled in Lakewood and Westminster. The Worlds page on the ISI website (skateisi.org/worlds) is your go-to spot for registration forms, hotel information, Worlds activities, updates and more. The full event schedule will not be available until early this summer, but a tentative schedule has been posted to help with your travel plans.

Check the full-page ads in this issue as well as the Worlds website page for the exciting activities planned during Worlds week. You won't want to miss the competitors' beach party at family-friendly Newport Dunes on Wednesday evening, the skater clinics with professional choreographer Phillip Mills on Thursday morning or the ISIA Education Foundation Benefit Show on Friday night.

If you're among the lucky Worlds travelers who will be venturing beyond the rinks in search of tourist treasures, you won't have to go far to strike gold. Anaheim is the second largest city in Orange County and serves as a hub to many area attractions. And Orange County is perfectly located in the center in Southern California, only about 30 miles south of Los Angeles and a reasonable 90 miles north of San Diego. Along that stunning stretch of coastline you will find beaches, the world's most famous amusement and theme parks, beaches, shopping paradise and ... did we mention beaches?

In addition to making some lifelong memories at Disneyland, Universal Studios, Knott's Berry Farm, LEGOLAND or SeaWorld, you might want to take an ocean excursion or a scenic coastal tour, catch the ferry to Catalina Island, check out the Queen Mary in Long Beach, visit the historic seaside attraction of Balboa's



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ICE CHALET RECLAIMS THE ROBERT UNGER TROPHY

The ISI Winter Classic's Robert Unger Trophy has returned to the Ice Chalet in Knoxville, Tenn., where it last resided in 2007. Coincidentally, the Ice Chalet's Robert Unger School of Ice Skating hosted the very first ISI recreational competition in 1969, and the late Mr.

Unger, a pioneer of the ISI learn-to-skate program, is now known as "the father of ISI competitions."

The Ice Chalet's team of 82 skaters earned 1458.5 points for the top honors in the 28th annual Winter Classic. More than 830 skaters ranging in age from 2 to

88 represented 51 rink teams from 17 states Feb. 8-10 at the beautiful Goggin Ice Center on the campus of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The group traveling the greatest distance for the competition — 3,382 miles! — was the Harry J. McDonald Memorial Center team from Eagle River, Alaska.

In addition to the 1,863 competition event performances, Hannah Foust of the Ice Chalet earned a spot on the exclusive list of skaters who have passed the ISI Dance 10 test. (Watch for her profile in the next issue of *Recreational Ice Skating*.)

ISI's first-ever "sold-out" national competition will be remembered for its long days and tight schedules as well as the many factors that allowed it to run smoothly: Lindsay Fenton and Goggin Ice Center's efficient staff and outstanding volunteers; the dedicated team of ISI referees and judges; the patient, cheerful competitors, parents and coaches; and even the cooperative weather.

Next year's Winter Classic is set for Feb. 14-16 at Sharks Ice in San Jose, Calif. isi.org

TOP 10

PLACE	TEAM	TOTAL POINTS
1	Ice Chalet Knoxville TN	1458.5
2	Skating Club of Greater Youngstown Youngstown OH	1096.5
3	Goggin Ice Center-Miami University Oxford OH	829.0
4	Apple Valley Sports Arena Apple Valley MN	543.5
5	Silver Blades Figure Skating Club Findlay OH	418.0
6	Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena Newark OH	373.8
7	Center Ice Arena Delmont PA	373.5
8	Edge Ice Arena Owensboro KY	364.0
9	Joliet Park District Joliet IL	304.0
10	North Park Ice Rink-Allegheny County Allison Park PA	275.0

For complete list of teams and results, go to skatini.org/winterclassic.



Benefit on Ice

Reserve your seat now for the highlight of Worlds week!

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The ISIA Education Foundation Benefit on Ice Show is always the highlight of ISI Worlds week, and this year will be no exception.

The Benefit Show scouting team will be observing competitors at all levels throughout the week, selecting participants to join in the Friday night ice skating extravaganza.

If you're selected, you'll have the unique privilege of sharing the program spotlight with ISI peers as well as a guest skating star. Previous featured guests have included such notable champion figure skaters as Sasha Cohen, Rachael Flatt, Evan Lysacek, Mirai Nagasu, Ryan Bradley and Ashley Wagner.

Whether you're on the ice or in the stands, this year's Benefit on Ice will be an evening you won't forget!

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WINTER CLASSIC MEMORIES



The District 196 iceletes from Apple Valley, Minn., one of the few varsity high school figure skating teams in the country, has attended Winter Classic the last seven years. If you were there, you probably heard their team cheers and Bob the bus driver's booming "Oh yeah!" echoing throughout the arena.



"The Ohio ISI Winter Classic competition is what the iceletes have trained so hard for. In just two and a half months, the team learned two synchro programs, five team compulsories, three team ensembles, production and all their various individual programs — and placed fourth overall against 51 other teams!" says Head Coach Rachele Johnson. "Not only did we work toward a goal, we worked together as a team, and that is why this trip to Ohio has been the best trip so far. The Goggin Ice Center was a fabulous place to host this year's Winter Classic. The iceletes enjoyed the atmosphere, the friendly staff and the locker rooms. To rate our experience: 10 out of 10!" —Dale Kowalski, Apple Valley Sports Arena, Apple Valley, Minn.

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Eight weeks before Winter Classic, I had major jaw surgery causing me to be off the ice for seven weeks before competing, so I only had a week to practice. My theater team, *Wonka On Ice*, won first place, and being able to be the role of Wonka and show

my theatricality along with pulling off my Axel and doubles with only a week of practice was so rewarding! My ensemble team, *No Place Like Home*, also received first! The most rewarding memory though, was being able to be there with my strong mom/coach, Yvonne Nelson-Reid, who had liver surgery only three weeks prior to Winter Classic. To have her there with me while we both were recovering and having her be the one to guide us to success was the best feeling in the world!

—*Jimmi Nelson-Reid, Lynchburg Figure Skating Club, Lynchburg, Va.*



Wow! Once again we attended a great ISI event and had the best time. Our favorite memory this time was sharing this experience with an exchange student from Italy. My daughters Olivia and Mauriana each had 10 events, and Cecilia really brightened our trip. The other memory was being with our team of 14 and cheering for each other. We met some great people and reunited with skaters we had not seen in awhile. We loved the Miami campus — it is amazing, and so was this competition. Thank you, ISI!

— *Tracey Dorsch, Center Ice Arena, Delmont, Pa.*



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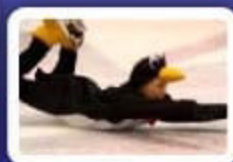
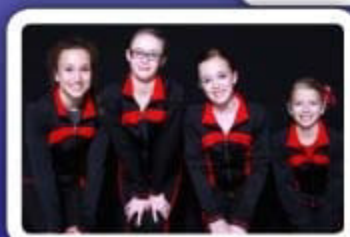
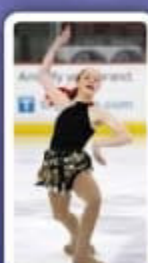
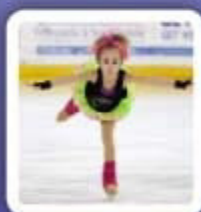
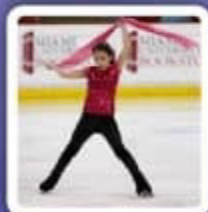
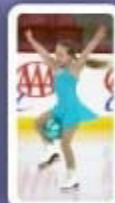
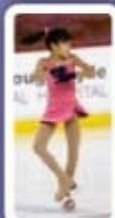
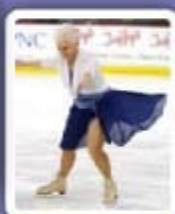
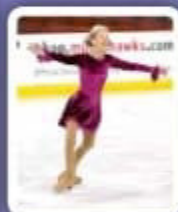
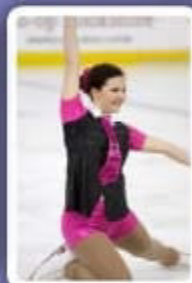
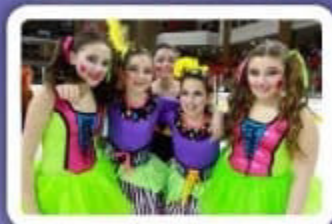
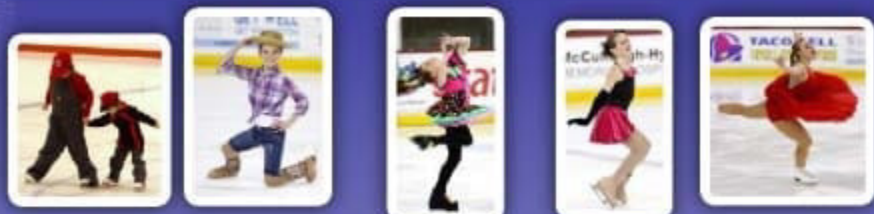
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FAMILY SPOTLIGHT



ISI World Team Recreational Championships will be here before we know it! Have you ever thought about how much fun it would be to have your brother, sister, mom, dad — or even your whole family — on the ice with you?

Family Spotlight is a special event designed to allow family members to participate together in ISI competitions. Every member of your family can show their skating skills on the ice at the same time. This event is open to two or more family members of any age and skating level.

Have you ever seen "Family Game Night" on TV? My daughter and son love watching this show and always say, "We should go on that show!" They see how much fun those families are having together. The Family Spotlight event lets you do the same thing with your family, but on the ice. You get to compete against other families and earn team points for your rink team — and everyone in your family will receive a medal!

Family Spotlights should be fun and entertaining; typically they are portrayals of characters using costumes and props to create the story or theme on the ice.



When deciding on your theme, start by thinking about something that your family can relate to and which/how many family members will be performing. Popular movies, TV shows, music and books are helpful in coming up with creative ideas.

Costumes can really enhance your program and help your character come to life on the ice. Check your closet, old Halloween costumes or clothes you use for playing "dress-up."

If you decide to use props in your program, keep in mind that they should be "purposeful props." That means the prop should be "used" by the skater(s) as a way to help illustrate the theme of the program. Don't just have a prop on the ice for the sake of having one.

Always know your audience (in this case, keep in mind that you are performing for judges). Your theme should be easily recognizable and your music should match the costumes, the props and the choreography. Don't make the judges "guess" what is going on during your program.

Duration: 1:30 minutes

Judging Criteria: Music & Choreography, Costume & Prop, Originality, Duration, Judge Appeal

High-Level Tests

Congratulations to the following ISI skaters who have recently passed high-level tests:

DANCE 10

Hannah Foust
Ice Chalet Knoxville
Knoxville, TN

Taylor Harris
Schwan Super Rink
Blaine, MN

Sarah Mitty
Sharper Edge Skating School
West Concord, MA

Teas Perrone
Winterland Skating School
Rockland, MA

FREESTYLE 8

Morgan Gamble
TBSA Countryside
Tampa, FL

Danielle McManamon
Clearwater Ice Arena
Clearwater, FL

Olivia Morrisey
Sharper Edge Skating School
West Concord, MA

Emily Vogel
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Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in a clinic conducted by World and Olympic figure skating choreographer Phillip Mills — the choreographer for many national champions in singles, pairs and dance.

"Phillip choreographed my programs for the 2012-13 season. These pieces are completely different than other programs I have skated to in the past. Phillip brought out my strengths but also pushed me to new heights and areas of expression."

—U.S. Champion Ashley Wagner



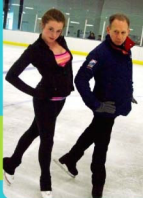
Ashley Wagner in 2012 ISIA Education Foundation Benefit on ice

Phillip Mills works at the forefront of figure skating and its ongoing changes and challenges. In addition to his current student U.S. Champion Ashley Wagner, he has created acclaimed programs for Michelle Kwan, Sasha Cohen, Courtney Hicks, Tara Lipinski and many more.

Mr. Phillips will conduct clinics on the morning of Thursday, July 25 during the ISI World Team Championships, exclusively for Worlds competitors. The clinic sessions will be divided by ISI test level. Each skater may participate in only one session, based on your highest test passed.

You must be entered in at least one event of the ISI World Team Championships to participate in a clinic.

Enrollment is limited and available on a first-come basis.



Choreographer Phillip Mills with student Arianna Barry

**Worlds Clinic
with Phillip Mills**
Thursday, July 25
**THE RINKS-
Westminster ICE**

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MY COACH ROCKS!

Does your ISI coach rock? Please send a short essay (about 125 words) telling us why, along with a high-resolution photo, to editor@skateisi.org. Note: Only skaters may submit essays. Skaters and coaches must be current ISI members.

KATIE WELZ

Our coach, Katie Welz, listens to us and encourages us to do our best. It is easy to learn from Katie because she always comes out on the ice with us to show us proper technique. Our favorite skill so far is the Salchow, and now we do synchronized Salchows in our Family Spotlight. When Katie became our private coach, we were in Beta. One year later, we are Freestyle 3! Katie encourages us to go to competitions and accomplish things we never thought we could do before, and that is why she ROCKS!

Kimmy Kopman, 8, FS 2
Maddie Kate Kopman, 8, FS 2
Inwood Ice Arena/Joliet Park District
Joliet, Ill.



BARBARA CAHAGEN

I have the BEST coach ever! Her name is Barbara Cahagen, and she dedicates many hours, seven days a week, to her skaters. Barb has a true passion for coaching and skating that she instills in all of her students. We all look forward to coming to the rink every day and getting to work with our coach. Coach Barb and my family have shared many memorable moments together that I will cherish throughout my life. I love our road trips to competitions where we have shared new adventures and non-stop laughs together. I am going to miss her so much when I begin college in the fall at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. I have been a student of Coach Barb since I was 5 years old. Over the years she has become like a second mother to me. I am so honored to be where I am in my skating career, and none of it would be possible without her guidance and expertise.

Paige DiToppa, 17, FS 7 & Dance 10
Center Ice Arena
Delmont, Pa.



JOHN SAITTA

My coach is John Saitta, skating director at THE RINKS-Anaheim ICE. John is a great proponent of ISI programs, and organizes and directs many ISI events. He is one of the most amazing coaches around and coaches all levels. His technical prowess as a coach is stellar. He made a huge difference in my skating, increasing my technical abilities and helping me gain confidence, speed and success on the ice. Our lessons are always focused but also full of fun, laughter and encouragement. John always ends each lesson with a recounting of what went well in the lesson. He is so positive and optimistic. John Saitta makes an impact on his skaters every day.

Merry Neitlich, FS 4
THE RINKS-Anaheim ICE
Anaheim, Calif.



MY COACH ROCKS!

RACHEL DUCKWORTH & NICOLE WEST

My coaches, Rachel Duckworth and Nicole West, are the absolute greatest coaches I've ever had the opportunity to skate with. They are my heroes.

They both coach the synchro team here at the Tampa Bay Skating Academy in Oldsmar. The amount of time and effort they have put into this team is incredible, and words cannot adequately describe how grateful I am for them. Off the ice, they are beyond coaches — they are my friends. There will be days when I

can't seem to do anything right, but they are there with words of encouragement and good advice to help me become a better skater and person. I can't picture skating without them. There is a big spot in my heart for them and I look forward to the things to come for our team.

Olivia Naab, 18, FS 6
Tampa Bay Skating
Academy-Oldsmar
Oldsmar, Fla.



DOLLY DUKE-MAGGIO

Our Tropical Ice synchro team has accomplished so much because of our coach, Dolly Duke-Maggio. We earned bronze at ISI Worlds in Dallas last summer, and we couldn't have been any happier! She strives for her students to be the best and pushes us to our full potential. As my sisters' and my coach for a few years now, I can say Dolly is one of the most outstanding coaches out there. She's a hard-working woman, and she has even started her own business, Princess Pillows for ZUCA bags. We love you, Dolly!

Nicole Garchitorea, 17, FS 3
Palm Beach Skate Zone
West Palm Beach, Fla.



LYSSA COBB

My coach's name is Lyssa Cobb.

She lives in Illinois and drives to St.

Louis, Mo. to train her students. My coach rocks because she is a black belt in Taekwondo and she can break bricks and wood. She is 26 years old and has a degree in early childhood education. She is very supportive and pushes me to work hard. I have always loved to do jumps but I hated spins — she helped me to love them, too. My most recent jump is the Waltz Jump-loop Jump, and my most recent spin is the Camel Spin. In the picture, I am on the right and my friend Rianna is on the left. Lyssa is her coach, too. We performed in the Winter Show together. My coach rocks.

Skye Patton, 8, FS 3
Brentwood Ice Arena
St. Louis, Mo.





Understanding Your Role in Your Child's Skating

As a parent, you are faced with many decisions to make on your child's behalf every day. These can be as simple as what they eat for breakfast or as important as choosing where they go to school.

As the parent of a new skater, these decisions can be confusing and at times, a bit overwhelming. Unless you have been a skater yourself, this is a whole new world to you. You may wonder what your role is and how best to support your child in their new sport.

If your skater is young, your first duties will include simple tasks such as getting them to the rink on time for practice sessions and classes, tying their skates and communicating with the instructors any concerns or issues your skater has. At this point, it should feel very natural to you. These duties mimic the kinds of things you have done hundreds of times with your child. It all makes sense and you navigate through it with ease.

As your skater progresses in the sport, however, your role may expand to include some new experiences such as selecting a coach, buying new skates and blades, selecting costumes and in some cases picking out program music.

Wow! Suddenly you feel like you've stepped into a whole new world. Unless you have a skating background, you will undoubtedly be confused and quickly figure out that you need guidance. Naturally, you will turn to the people in the rink for help. These may include coaches, rink staff, other skaters or other parents.

At this time, you often feel like a sponge soaking up all the information you can. After all, you have a new role.

You are suddenly feeling like you must grasp it all and be an instant expert. What if you make a wrong decision, pick the wrong skates, buy the wrong dress? That would mean you have let your child down, right?


Here's the good news: Your role as a parent never really has to change. You do not need to be the expert. That's what coaches are for — to guide you along with their vast experience, allowing you to focus on your area of expertise — your child.

Smart parents will follow these basic guidelines when deciding how best to support their skater:

Focus on effort, not outcome. Your child may not always do something correctly, place first in a competition or pass a test. But the fact that they are out there trying and doing their best should be celebrated. They know when they have made a mistake. When a parent acknowledges that but focuses on the effort, the skater has a much easier time dealing with the disappointment and can move on mentally to future successes.

Teach your skater humility and compassion. This is done through modeling. Your child will pick up on your cues from things you say. It's fine to be competitive and, in fact, it's a must in a tough sport, but there is an opportunity here to demonstrate a skill that will help children be kinder people. This is not to say that you cannot celebrate a big moment and demonstrate pride in accomplishment. Reminding your child that there may be others around who did not have as much success and empathizing with their experience can go a long way in helping them form friendships that may end up lasting a lifetime.





The coach is the expert; let them do their job. Unless you are a coach, you do not know how to teach skating. Ironically, even coaches with kids often do not teach their own children. This is because pupils and teachers need to share a unique bond that is different from the parent/child relationship. While it may seem tempting to correct your skater because you feel you have seen a thousand Axels and you know what it should look like, you do not know what your skater's specific problem is. That is your coach's role. You should simply smile and encourage them. Resist the temptation to "help."

Keep a healthy perspective. Remember why you started this whole journey. Your child wanted to have fun and learn to do "some tricks." No matter how accomplished they become, you can't lose sight of the fact that they have to enjoy what they are doing. For example, don't load up on too many lessons or buy the most expensive boots or costumes so that this sport becomes a strain on your family budget. With that kind of pressure, it will be difficult to maintain perspective on the enjoyment and true rewards of the activity. Being realistic about your child's talent and interest is also very important. Success is not something that you can buy, will or force. It can be wished for, nurtured and supported — but only if the skater wants it.

Wanting to be the best parent you can be is natural and admirable. Offering your child an opportunity to participate in a fun sport and providing unconditional support is all you need to do to achieve that. Sit back and enjoy the journey. **ISI**



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CHOICES, CHOICES, CHOICES...

You have so many events to choose from at ISI national competitions, such as the World Recreational Team Championships this summer in California! Enter as many as you wish and be rewarded with a medal in each for your efforts!

Unscramble the following to reveal popular competition categories.
Use your *ISI Handbook* for help!



1. TOWOKFOR _____
2. RUPESSIR _____
3. STIRATIC _____
4. GIRESFU _____
5. KNTROSIG _____
6. MICHYRHT _____
7. CENAD _____
8. KEYCHO _____
9. UPSECOL _____
10. NEESBLEM _____
11. LOPSITGH _____
12. VETERNIPTIRE _____

THE SMALL STUFF MATTERS

A good skater pays attention to all the little details when perfecting a skill.
Can you find the one picture in each row that is different from the others?
Look very carefully!



(Answer: Nothing is missing in the third bear's candy jar. More stripes on the second boy's flag. Blade is missing from the first hockey girl's stick. Only two candles on the fourth party girl's cake.)

competitions

april

- 5-7 Knoxville TN
Ice Chalet
44th Annual Robert Unger ISI Team Competition
- 5-7 Delmont PA
Center Ice Arena
Golden Blades Championship of Pittsburgh
- 6-7 Luverne MN
Blue Mound Ice Arena
Blue Mound Figure Skaters Inc.
Spring Fling 2013
- 6-7 El Segundo CA
Toyota Sports Center
Spring Fling ISI Open
- 6-7 Orleans MA
Charles Moore Arena
ISI Annual Team Competition
- 6-7 Bayville NY
Sport-O-Rama
MIRMA
MIRMA ISI District 3 Skate for Knowledge Championships
- 6-7 Peoria IL
Owens Recreation Center
2013 District 9 Championships



- 12-14 Blaine MN
Schwan Super Rink
ISI Synchronized Championships

- 12-14 Tacoma WA
Sprinker Recreation Center
26th Annual ISI Spring Fever Team & Basic Skills Competition
- 12-14 Soldotna AK
Soldotna Sports Center
Riverskate ISI Team Competition
- 13-14 San Mateo CA
Ice Center San Mateo
April Ambush
- 13-14 Bowie MD
City of Bowie Ice Arena
ISI District 4 Champs
- 13-14 Paramount CA
Paramount Ice Land
Paramount Ice Land 2013 ISI Open
- 19-20 Boxborough MA
Nashoba Valley Olympia
Nashoba ISI 33rd Annual Team Competition

- 20-21 Franklin Park IL
Franklin Park Ice Arena
Spring Fever Skating Competition
- 20 Richmond VA
Richmond Ice Zone
2013 Spring Splash
- 26-28 Pasadena CA
Pasadena Ice Skating Center
29th Annual Pasadena Open ISI Competition
- 27-28 Johnstown PA
Planet Ice
Spring Challenge Championship

may

- 4-5 Van Nuys CA
Van Nuys Ice Land
Van Nuys Ice Land Spring Competition
- 4-5 Fairfax VA
Fairfax Ice Arena
Fairfax Ice Arena's 2013 Spring ISI Competition
- 4-5 Great Neck NY
Andrew Stergiopoulos Ice Rink
Ninth Annual Long Island Ice Classic
- 17-19 West Concord MA
Valley Sports Ice Arena
Sharper Edge Skating School
13th Annual Sharper Edge Skater's Cup
- 18-19 Farmers Branch TX
Dr Pepper StarCenter Farmers Branch
ISI District 11 Championships
- 31-June 2 New York NY
Sky Rink @ Chelsea Piers
27th Annual ISI Team Competition

june

- 20-23 Natick MA
FMC William Chase Arena
23rd Annual ISI District 3 Championships
- 29-30 Oxnard CA
Channel Island Ice Center
Summer Skatofest

july

- 13 Winnetka IL
Winnetka Ice Arena
Centennial Ice Rink
Mid-Summer Classic



- 22-27 Anaheim CA
The Rinks-Anaheim ICE
ISI World Recreational Team Championships

august

- 9-10 Natick MA
FMC William Chase Arena
42nd Annual Natick ISI Competition

september

- 14-15 Arlington TX
ICE at The Parks
10th Annual Open Competition
- 20-23 Gatlinburg TN
Ober Gatlinburg Ice
Ober Gatlinburg ISI Invitational Team Competition

october



- 11-13 San Francisco
Yerba Buena Ice Skating Center
ISI Adult Championships

december



- 6-8 Centennial CO
South Suburban Family Sports Center
ISI Holiday Challenge

shows & exhibitions

april

- 4 Greensburg PA
Kirk S. Nevin Arena
City of Greensburg Rec Dept.
Western Ice Roundup!
- 6-7 Stevens Point WI
K.B. Willett Ice Arena
Skate Bandstand

12-13 Joliet IL
Joliet Park District
A Night at the Oscars

19-20 Woodbury MN
Bielenberg Sports Center
Skate Woodbury-Everything Disney

19-20 Belmont CA
Belmont Iceland
Heroes of Childhood

19-21 Wilmette IL
Centennial Ice Rink
What's Your Number?

19-21 Chicago IL
McFetridge Sports Center
Calendar Cabaret

20 Carol Stream IL
Carol Stream Ice Rink
Great Skate Exhibition

25-27 Minneapolis MN
Parade Ice Garden
SportsQuest Skating Academy-Parade
Cirque Du Parade

26-27 Newark OH
Lou & Gib Reese Ice Arena
8th Annual Jane McConnell Spring
Ice Show

26-28 Park Ridge IL
Oakton Ice Arena
Vegas!

26-28 Roseville MN
Roseville Skating Center
44th Annual Roseville Ice Show-Every-
thing's Coming up Roseville

may

3-5 Niles IL
Niles Iceland
Fantastic Creatures, Critters and Fairies!

4-5 Cottage Grove MN
Cottage Grove Ice Arena
Show Stoppers-Name Droppers

10-11 Boxborough MA
Nashoba Valley Olympia
Time

11 Wausila AK
Brett Memorial Ice Arena
Spring Through Time

11 Gloucester MA
Talbot Rink
Cape Ann Figure Skating Club
Set Sail with CA/SC

17-19 St. Peters MO
St. Peters Rec-Plex
Adventures of Seuss: One Skater, Two
Skater, Red Skater, Blue Skater

18 Long Island City NY
City Ice Pavilion
Spring Show

june

15 Arlington TX
ICE at The Parks
Summertime 2013

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ICE at The Parks
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Anthony Piteo with his mom/coach, Kathy (right); her assistant, Shelby Morissette (left); and skater Jenna Nebel.

write on!

Send your letters or essays to editor@skateisi.org.

Hi, I am Anthony Piteo and my mom is my coach. Her name is Kathy Piteo. I would like to say she rocks. She has supported me when I really want to skate and when I am scared to go and perform. She let me wear her hockey skates when I grew out of my figure skates.

My friend Jenna forgot one of her skates and my mom let her wear her figure skates at the competition until her dad could go all the way home and back to the rink with her second skate. My friend is a really good skater. My mom had many students at the competition that day and she had to judge at the end of the day.

I won a gold medal at the Nutmeg Games in 2011 and the ISI Holiday Challenge was my second skating competition. My mom says I can compete at Hershey, Pa. this summer, but I am scared to perform in the big State Games.

My mom put up our Christmas tree and I surprised her and said, "Look Mom, I decorated the tree!" My mom was so surprised and gave me a big hug and is very proud of me. My Holiday Challenge medal is the first ornament we put on our tree. I kept it that way for a week and then I decided to put more decorations on.



Anthony Piteo, 10, Pre-Alpha
FMC Smead Arena
Broad Brook, Conn.

Anthony's Holiday Challenge medal on the Christmas tree

As an adult skater, I have competed in several ISI events, and I have several trophies and medals that serve as wonderful memories. I train at Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers in New York City. Unfortunately, the facility's equipment was destroyed by the recent hurricane. We were closed for two months, but, thankfully, things are now back in order.

I have two wonderful coaches: Maria O'Connor and Denise Beaumont. Both give the confidence, technique and inspiration that is necessary. In addition, Maria and Denise were especially helpful with my "day job" as a theatrical costume designer. I have designed over 100 theater, ballet and opera productions throughout North America. Now my career is directly linked to figure skating. The union is an ideal combination of my two great passions.

My greatest inspiration and my dearest friend is Czech national champion Tomáš Verner. I have the great honor and pleasure of designing his competition clothes. I just returned from Poland where Tommy won his ninth championship.

The clothes were made at Parsons-Meares Ltd., the premier costume shop in the USA for theatre, dance, opera and film.

Due to my three inspirations, I look forward to continuing skating with extra determination. And I look forward to watching Tomáš Verner at the European and World championships as he skates spectacularly. I am so proud that he will be wearing my designs.

James Scott, 51, FS 4
Sky Rink at Chelsea Piers
New York



Skater and costume designer James Scott at a fitting with Czech champion Tomáš Verner

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Lok-See Lam at World Ice Arena

One day my friends invited me to skate with them. I accepted their offer and that was the day that I fell in love with ice skating. After fooling around and skating every once in a while for about two years, I finally asked my mom if I could learn figure skating.

After my first lesson, I was so motivated to continue. I had confidence that I would do great and have a fantastic time. It has been a little more than a year since I first took figure skating.

By the time I learned my first jump and my one-foot spin, in my heart I knew that I had improved tremendously. After learning the waltz jump, I knew what my lifelong dream was going to be. My goal was and still is to become an Olympic figure skater.

Each time I couldn't do a jump or spin, I would just take a deep breath and try again. I found it very helpful, at least more helpful than being frustrated. Each time I perfected a jump or spin, I felt that I just took one step closer to my dream. This helped me to realize that when I have troublesome elements, that I must practice it more and not avoid it. I was delighted every time I learned something new.

Every time I said to my coach, Kevin Sidwell, that I couldn't do a certain element and that it was irritating, he would tell me that I can do it and he would help me. Kevin is an amazing coach on the ice and off. He always has a smile and is very patient even when I can't get something right repeatedly. He is so funny and makes us laugh all the time. My favorite time is when I take my lessons with my coach.

Elisa, my friend, also figure skates and is Kevin's student as well. We constantly give each other advice and support. Elisa was the first one who came with me to a 6 a.m. freestyle session before school. We would practice hard but at the same time have so much fun.

My best friend, Gabriela, is always supporting me and listening to me while I talk about my practice from the previous day even though she doesn't figure skate. She still takes the time to listen, encourage and support what I do on the ice.

Now, I take my skating and practice really seriously, but not that I stress myself and don't have fun. If I could, I would wake up at the crack of dawn every weekday and go skate, but I can't. However, I was able to experience what it would be like to wake up at 4:30 a.m. and skate at 5:30 a.m. It was tiring, but that's the way I would like to start my days. Even though my teachers and classmates say that I'm crazy that I skate that early, I think of it as a compliment considering that not many people wake up that early in the morning.

I am very proud to have achieved being in Freestyle 4 from learning my crossovers on the first day to doing my sit-spins and Camel spins now. I will continue to follow my dream, and exceed it. Even though I have only been in two competitions, one of which was national, I know I can reach my goal but that means I must work very hard. I'll put all my effort into making it happen!

**Lok-See Lam, 12, FS 4
World Ice Arena
New York**



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