

## **Blue Edge Figure Skating Club of CT**

### **Policies for Approved Coaches 2021-22**

1. New coaches must apply and be approved by the Board of Directors before they may teach at club sessions. Coaches listed on the current website are already approved. A coach who is not currently listed but was approved in the past may request that their “approved” status be honored by notifying the Coaches Committee chair.
2. All coaches must be current Blue Edge FSC members OR complete the Coach Registration for Non-members on the Blue Edge FSC EntryEeze site annually.
3. Coaches teaching Basic Skills/Learn to Skate USA group lessons must be registered as LTSUSA Instructors and use the LTSUSA curriculum. They must complete the LTSUSA Instructor Certification and, if over age 18, SafeSport Training and the background check.
4. Coaches teaching private lessons must comply with all USFS Coach Registration Requirements, including background check, Safe Sport Training and PSA Continuing Education Requirements (<https://www.usfigureskating.org/support/coach>).
5. Coaches teaching private lessons must present a copy of their Coach Liability Insurance, annually. The liability insurance certificate must name both Blue Edge FSC of CT, Inc. and Quinnipiac University as additional insured:  
Blue Edge FSC of CT, 70 Lyon St, New Haven, CT, 06511 Tel: 203-747-0577  
Quinnipiac University, 305 Sherman Ave, Hamden, CT 06518 Tel: 203-582-8657
6. Private lessons:
  - Private lessons during Blue Edge FSC of CT Basic Skills/Learn to Skate USA sessions are for those enrolled in the session.
  - Only approved coaches and registered guest coaches are allowed to teach private lessons during Practice Ice.
  - All financial matters and scheduling must be between the coach and the student.
7. The Board of Directors reserves the right to limit the number of coaches teaching during any session.
8. Coaches may be on the ice, without charge, only while teaching or partnering a paying skater, or for a short warm-up, or while interacting with skaters during the last part of a Basic Skills/Learn to Skate USA session.
9. Coaches must show preference for teaching club members over guests.
10. Coaches who bring guest skaters to Practice Ice are expected to introduce them to the general ice rules and procedures as outlined on the Blue Edge FSC of CT website. They must ensure that the guest is already a member of USFSA or LTSUSA and that they register and pay for their sessions in advance using EntryEeze.

11. Coaches are assigned to LTSUSA or other groups according to what the Program Director determines is in the best interest of skaters.
12. Coaches must notify the Program Director as soon as they become aware that they cannot attend their scheduled group assignment. Coaches may arrange for a substitute with approval from the Program Director.
13. Coaches are expected to adhere to USFS SkateSafe policies (<https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe>) and PSA Professional Standards (<https://skatepsa.com/professional-standards>).
14. Coaches are expected to be reliable in carrying out their responsibilities, for example, to be on the ice in time for group or private lessons.
15. If questions arise concerning any Blue Edge FSC of CT Board of Directors' policy or activity, coaches should feel free to contact persons on the Coaches' Committee or the Club President, Nancy Brittingham.

Coaches Committee:     Mary Lee, Chair  
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