# South Suburban Parks and Recreation Ice Arenas

# South Suburban Professional Skating Staff Guide

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## Information about South Suburban Professional Skating Staff

Below please find helpful & useful information to make it easier for you to understand our sport. The Directory of professional skating staff begins on page 3 of this Guide.

**EXPLANATION OF SKATING TERMS** 

United States Figure Skating **USFS**:

> USFS is the National Governing Body (NGB) of our sport. They conduct testing sessions and run the competitions that qualify our skaters for International, World and

Olympic competitions.

**SKATING CLUBS:** The local organizations that organize the tests and competitions. When you are a

member of a Club, you are also a member of the USFS.

ISI: Ice Skating Institute

> An organization of rink owners and operators dedicated to the promotion of arena management promotion and recreational skating. They have its own testing and

competition structure. It also can feed into the USFS program as well.

PSA: **Professional Skaters Association** 

> (Formerly Professional Skaters Guild of America). The world's largest and most recognized organization of skating coaches. The PSA is the officially designated coaches' certification and education program for figure skating by the USFS and the United States Olympic Committee. They conduct conferences and seminars to educate all levels of teachers. Selected Master-Rated coaches conduct the written and oral rating exams of the coaches, and place these in the coaches' biographies. The ratings go from registered to certified to senior to master. They also produce

literature and keep coaches informed of changes in their profession.

LEARN-TO-SKATE (LTS)

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**PLAY HOCKEY** (LTPH)

Our beginning level of instruction utilizes USFS and ISI basic skills. We offer class lessons and skaters are divided by ability and age.

Class sizes are small. We feel that this is the most affordable and conducive

environment to learn basics.

As a skater progresses through these levels, they may wish to add private

lessons to help with the more advanced skills.

Skaters interested in hockey who progress through Pre 2 or Level 3

may then enter our Learn to Play Hockey classes.

FREESTYLE: These are special sessions provided for the practice of jumps, spins, footwork, etc.

> Skaters are allowed to share the sound system to practice their routines to music as well on these sessions. They are commonly divided by ability into these sessions with

the lowest level being Alpha.

**MOVES IN THE** 

These tests incorporate basic, intermediate, and advanced forms of skating and FIELD: turning skills used in figure skating. They follow general patterns on the ice and

therefore require specialized practice sessions. Currently, they are a prerequisite to the

freeskating tests, but they may be taken independently of the freeskating tests, if

desired.

DANCE: This can be done as a couple or individually and it involves prescribed steps, edges,

turns and patterns done in time to various rhythms and musical selections. Advanced

ice dancing involves small lifts, spins and jumps and this is called free dancing.

#### **PAIRS**

This is done by couples and involves more freeskating. Pairs skating demonstrates bigger lifts, longer spins, and higher jumps with more rotations. Strong freestyle skills are a must before entering this element of our sport.

# SYNCHRONIZED SKATING:

This fast growing area of our sport is a team function. Teams are divided by age and size of the team. It is very competitive, but at the same time, a lot of fun. You see some real creative formations, powerful skating and neat "tricks" done in unison with others.

**THEATER ON ICE** This new program is for skaters interested in competing in production type or ensemble show routines. The team practices weekly on average and competes nationally in the National Theatre on Ice competition held each summer. They also perform in local shows and at skating events.

#### **USFS TEST LEVELS**

| <u>Figures</u> | Moves in the Field  | <u>Freestyle</u>    | <u>Dance</u>  | Adult Moves         | <u>Adult</u><br><u>Freestyle</u> | <u>Pairs</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
|                |                     |                     |               |                     |                                  |              |
| Preliminary    | Pre-<br>Preliminary | Pre-<br>Preliminary | Preliminary   | Adult<br>Pre-bronze | Adult<br>Pre-bronze              | Pre Juvenile |
|                |                     |                     |               | Adult Bronze        | Adult Bronze                     | Juvenile     |
| 1st            | Preliminary         | Preliminary         | Pre-Bronze    | Adult Silver        | Adult Silver                     | Intermediate |
| 2nd            | Pre-Juvenile        | Pre-Juvenile        | Bronze        | Adult Gold          | Adult Gold                       | Novice       |
| 3rd            | Juvenile            | Juvenile            | Pre-Silver    |                     |                                  | Junior       |
| 4th            | Intermediate        | Intermediate        | Silver        |                     |                                  | Senior       |
| 5th            | Novice              | Novice              | Pre-Gold      |                     |                                  |              |
| 6th            | Junior              | Junior              | Gold          |                     |                                  |              |
| 7th            | Senior              | Senior              | International |                     |                                  |              |
| 8th            |                     |                     |               |                     |                                  |              |
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#### MEANING OF FIGURE SKATING COACHES' CREDENTIALS

If a coach is a **Double Gold Medalist**, it means the coach has tested in the US and Canada.

If a coach has a **Master Rating**, it means the coach either has passed all the tests or has coached skaters through all the tests in that area **and** has passed an oral exam given by a panel of expert coaches from across the United States about their knowledge and ability to teach. The coach may achieve these ratings in Figures, Freestyle, Moves in the Field, Dance, Free Dance, Pairs, Synchronized Skating, Group Teaching, Choreography and Program Administration. The highest level of rating is Master, then Senior, then Certified, and finally Registered.

A **PSA Basic Accredited Coach** means they have passed the entry-level written exam. All figure skating staff coaches must be members of the Professional Skaters Association (PSA) or Ice Sports Industry (ISI) to teach private figure skating lessons at South Suburban Parks and Recreation.

It is important to select a coach who blends in well with you and your child's personality. A coach's qualifications and teaching experience determine their lesson rates and they often vary depending on their experience and rating. Private lesson fees are paid directly to the instructor. Lessons may be 15, 20, or 30 minutes up to an hour in length.

Private lessons during public sessions require students to pay the general admission fee at the facility. The coach can recommend an amount of lesson time based on the amount of time the student skates, ability, aspirations and, above all, the family budget. Observe as the coaches teach, read this booklet, and if you still need help making a decision, contact Gerry Lane, Director of Skating at 303.798.7881, ext. 33304 or 303.709.9500, ext 30562.

Coach's fees will vary. After the name of each coach below (in alpha order by last name), please find the name of the facility(s) where they are available to teach and their hourly fee. South Suburban Ice Arena, 6580 S Vine St., Centennial is **SSIA** and Family Sports Center, 6901 S. Peoria St., Centennial is **FSC**.

# PRIVATE LESSONS COACHING STAFF DIRECTORY At South Suburban Ice Arena and Family Sports Center Ice Arena

Below this list of staff, please find terms and information about this professional staff at both our ice arenas.

#### Alpha by the coach's last name

### **Erich Bookwalter**

#### **SSIA**

571-277-6499

ErichGT2014@gmail.com

\$66/hr

- ♦ Teaching experience since 2013
- ♦ USFS Gold Medalist in Compulsory Dance and Moves in the Field
- ♦ USFS Junior Free Dance
- ◆ PSA Basic Accredited Coach
- ♦ Coaches Partnered Dance and Move in the Field to Senior Level

#### **Tony Dicus**

#### SSIA & FSC

404-316-3139

tonydicus@hotmail.com

\$70/hr

- ♦ Teaching experience since 1995
- ◆ PSA Registered Rating in Moves in the Field
- ♦ USFS Junior Moves and Novice Free Skate Competitor
- ♦ Co-author of Skating 102
- ♦ Coaches all levels and ages in Freestyle, Pairs, Moves in the Field, Choreography and Beginner Hockey Skills

Carol Fox SSIA

303-795-6028 \$90/hr

- ◆ Teaching experience since 1984
- ◆ PSA Master Rating in Dance and Free Dance
- National Coach and coach of Regional and Sectional champions
- ◆ Former International, World, and Olympic competitor
- ♦ Coaches Ice Dancing and Choreography, all levels & ages

#### Laura Doty Gaumond

**FSC & SSIA** 

720-266-1235 <u>lgdoty@mac.com</u>

\$60/hr

- ◆ Teaching experience since 2004
- ♦ PSA Member
- Principal pair skater for Bietak Productions/Royal Caribbean International, Holiday on Ice, Advanced Entertainment Group, Woodstock Ice Productions and specialty performer for Disney on Ice
- ♦ USFS Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field and Junior Freeskate
- ♦ Coaches and choreographs all levels and ages in singles and pairs

#### Justin Gaumond

**FSC & SSIA** 

720-203-3097 jgaumond@gmail.com

\$60/hr

- ◆ Teaching experience since 2005
- PSA Basic Accreditation
- ♦ Principal pair skater in professional ice shows including Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines
- ♦ USFS International and National Competitor in Pairs
- ♦ USFS Triple Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field, Freestyle and Pairs
- ♦ Coaches all levels and ages in singles and pairs

#### Kittredge Hamlin

SSIA & FSC

303.709.4095 <u>Kit.Hamlin@yahoo.com</u> \$62/hr

- ◆ Teaching experience since 2005
- ◆ USA Hockey Level 4 Coach
- ♦ Former Junior A and Division III Hockey Player
- ◆ Teaches all levels of hockey and power skating

#### **Amber Kole**

SSIA & FSC

720-579-4664 <u>amberkole@gmail.com</u> \$60/hr LTS;

\$63/hr for

Pre-Preliminary & Above

- ◆ Teaching experience since 2011
- ◆ PSA Registered Rating in Freestyle
- ♦ USFS Gold Medalist in Pairs, Moves in the Field, and Junior Freeskating test
- ◆ Former U.S. Senior Pair Competitor and Regional and Sectional Medalist
- Coach of Regional, Sectional Medalists and Junior National Competitors
- ♦ Coaches all levels and ages-specializing in Freestyle, field moves, pairs and Choreography

#### Nicholas Kole SSIA & FS

303/658-0053 Kolepersonaltraining@gmail.com \$60/hr LTS & Hockey;

\$66/hr for

Pre-Preliminary & Above

- ♦ Teaching experience since 2008
- ◆ PSA Registered Rating in Freestyle
- ♦ USFS Gold Medalist in Pairs, Moves in the Field, and Junior Freeskating test
- ♦ Former World Junior Team member and National and International Medalist
- ♦ Coach of Regional, Sectional and Junior National Competitors
- ◆ Certified Personal Trainer
- ◆ Coaches all levels and ages—specializing in Freestyle, Pairs, Pole Harness and Power Skating/Hockey

#### Sacha Lalonde

#### SSIA & FSC

202-270-3830 <u>SachaLalonde@gmail.com</u> \$70 hr; \$60/hr LTS

- ◆ Teaching experience since 1997
- ♦ PSA Registered in Freestyle
- ♦ Skate Canada Gold Medalist in Figures, Freestyle, Skating Skills, Senior Competitive Singles Test and Diamond Dance Test
- ♦ Three-time Skate Canada National Competitor
- ♦ Principal Performer with Disney on Ice for 15 years in Singles and Adagio
- ◆ Dance partner up to Gold Dance with some International Dances
- ♦ Coaches all levels and ages specialize in jump technique
- Speaks English and French

#### Sara Buck Lalonde

SSIA & FSC

937-716-7205 <u>Buckanator1@gmail.com</u> \$66/hr; \$60/hr LTS

- ◆ Teaching experience since 1998
- ◆ PSA Certified Rating in Group and Registered Rating in Dance
- ♦ USFS Gold Medalist in Dance and Moves in the Field and Novice Freeskate test
- ◆ PSA Level 2 Hockey Power Skating Accreditation
- ♦ A principal performer with Disney on Ice, Adagio Skater, Silk and Web Specialty Act. Ten years of professional performance experience
- ♦ Three time National Synchronized Skating Champion with Miami University Varsity team
- ♦ Coaches all levels and ages

#### **Debbie Lane**

#### SSIA & FSC

\$75/hr LTS

- ◆ Teaching experience since 1976
- ◆ PSA Master Rating in Figures, Freestyle, Dance, Free Dance and Moves in the Field
- ♦ Former World Team Member and International Medalist, International Coach, Coach of International, National, Sectional and Regional Champions
- ♦ PSA Honorary Member
- Level V Ranked PSA Coach
- ♦ ISI District 12 Board Member Representative
- ♦ Vice president of the ISIA Education Foundation
- Coaches all levels and ages

### **Gerry Lane**

W: 303-798-7881, X 33304 <u>GerryL@sspr.org</u> \$82/hr; C: 303-880-2497 \$75/hr LTS

♦ Director of Skating for South Suburban Parks and Recreation

SSIA & FSC

- ♦ ISI Certified Arena Programmer (CAP) and Skating Director (CSD)
- ♦ Teaching experience since 1976
- ◆ PSA Master Rating in Figures, Freestyle, Dance, Free Dance and Moves in the Field
- International Coach, Former National Competitor and Champion, Coach of International, National Sectional and Regional Champions
- ♦ Level V Ranked PSA Coach
- Past President of Professional Skaters Association and Honorary Member
- Past president of the International Professional Skaters Union
- ♦ Secretary of the Professional Skaters Foundation
- ♦ Coaches all levels and ages

#### Kristen Adamczyk Lewis

**SSIA & FSC** 

719-238-7328 Kristenlewis81@gmail.com

\$64/hr Pre-Pre and above;

\$50/hr LTS

- ◆ PSA Registered Rating in Moves in the Field and Freestyle, ISI and PSA member
- USFS Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field and Freestyle
- ♦ Former U.S. International Team Member at the Novice and Junior Level
- ♦ Former Regional & Sectional Champion and National & International Medalist
- ♦ Coaches all ages and levels from Recreational to Competitive-specializing in freestyle

#### Julie Morris McKenny

<u>SSIA</u>

720-201-1391 \$84/hr

- ◆ Teaching experience since 1988
- ♦ Former USFS National Competitor
- ◆ PSA Master Rating in Freestyle, Moves in the Field, & Certified Rating in Group Teaching
- ♦ Gold Medalist in Figures, Freestyle and Moves in the Field
- ◆ Coaches all levels and ages—focusing on Competition

#### Shellanne Mellor-Pasquale

720-314-0119 Shellskate@msn.com

\$75/hr

- ♦ Teaching experience since 1997
- ◆ PSA Certified Rating in Moves in the Field and Freestyle
- ◆ Canadian Gold Medalist in Figures, Freestyle, Dance, Artistic & Senior Competitive tests
- ISI Bronze Certified Judge
- ♦ Western Canadian competitor for ten years
- Coaches all levels and ages of skating

#### **Sheri Morse**

#### SSIA & FSC

720-402-6609 sherilmorse@gmail.com

\$70/hr

- ◆ Teaching experience since 1993
- PSA Basic Accredited Coach
- PSA Power Skating Hockey I Accredited
- ♦ USFS Junior Freeskate and 7<sup>th</sup> Figure Test
- ♦ Regional Competitor
- ◆ Teaches all levels and ages

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#### Michele Mumbower FSC & SSIA

\$60/hr

630-290-1971 Micheleskate1@yahoo.com

- ♦ Coaching experience since 2004
- PSA Basic Accredited Coach
- ♦ ISI Gold/Synchro Certified Judge
- Coach of National Showcase competitors
- ♦ Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field, Pre-Silver Dance, and Intermediate Freestyle
- ♦ World Junior Synchro Competitor & 3 time Junior National Synchronized Skating Champion
- ♦ Coaches all levels and ages in freestyle, moves, and choreography; recreational to competitive

#### Terrie Neukirch

**SSIA** 720-300-5650 Coloradosk8coach@me.com

\$75/hr

- ♦ Teaching experience since 1981
- ◆ PSA Master Rating in Freestyle, Certified Rating in Figures and Registered Rating in Moves in the Field
- ♦ PSA Level IV Ranked Coach
- ♦ Gold Medalist in Figures and Freestyle and Pre-Silver Dance
- ♦ Regional and Sectional Competitor
- ♦ Coach of Regional, Sectional and National competitors
- ♦ ISI Gold Certified Judge
- ♦ Coaches all levels and ages

#### Kaylar Neumann SSIA & FSC

218-205-0385 <u>kaylar.s.neumann@outlook.com</u>

\$60/hr

- ♦ Teaching Experience since 2010
- ♦ PSA Basic Accredited Coach
- ♦ Regional and Sectional Competitor
- ♦ Teaches all levels and ages in freestyle, moves, choreography and basic hockey skating skills
- Teaches all levels recreational to competitive

#### Hollie Price Quinn SSIA & FSC

303-570-6933 \$72/hr FS 4 and above; \$66/hr up to FS4

- ◆ Teaching experience since 1996
- ♦ PSA Certified Rating in Freestyle
- ♦ USFS Gold Medalist in Freestyle and Moves in the Field
- ♦ Regional and Sectional Competitor
- ◆ All levels and ages in figure skating and power skating.

#### Michelle Riley **FSC**

303-520-3495 \$50/hr

- ◆ Teaching experience since 2002
- ♦ USA Hockey Level 4 Coach
- ◆ Teaches Hockey Skills and Power Skating ages 4 and up

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#### Amy Schneider SSIA

303-708-9675 \$75/hr; \$50/hr off-ice

- ♦ Teaching experience since 1987
- ◆ PSA Registered Rating in Figures and Freestyle
- ♦ USFS Gold Medalist in Freestyle
- ♦ Performer in Disney on Ice
- ♦ Director of Off-ice Conditioning at South Suburban
- ♦ Coaches private, semi-private and group off ice conditioning classes
- ♦ Coaches all levels/ages in Freestyle

#### Billy Schneider

303-708-9675 \$105/hr

- ♦ Teaching experience since 1979
- ◆ PSA Master Rating in Figures and Freestyle

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- ◆ Former National Competitor and Coach of Regional, Sectional, and National Champions; and Gold Medalist in Figures and Freestyle
- ♦ Teaches competitive skaters at all levels

#### Jody Sigman SSIA & FSC

303-908-2583 Jody@sigmandenver.com

\$66/hr

- ♦ Teaching experience since 1984
- ◆ PSA Master Rating in Freestyle, Senior Rating in Figures and Certified Rating in Group Teaching
- ♦ Double Gold Medalist in Figures, Freestyle, and Junior Pair test
- Coaches all levels and ages

#### Kathy Sutterfield FSC

303-470-0874 \$46/hr

- ♦ Teaching experience since 2000
- ♦ PSA Basic Accredited Coach
- ♦ ISI Bronze Certified Judge
- ♦ USFS Adult Bronze Freestyle and Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field tests
- Preliminary Dance test
- ♦ Coaches basic learn to skate skills to all ages

#### Anmarie Russo Sutton FSC

317-902-3815 \$52/hr

- ◆ Teaching experience since 2002
- ♦ PSA Member
- ♦ USFS Intermediate Freestyle and Moves in the Field and 4th Figure test
- ◆ Teaches all ages of beginning skating

#### Jessica Williams SSIA & FSC

210-865-3881 figuresakte24\_7@sbcglobal.net

\$66/hr; \$60/hr LTS

- ◆ Teaching experience since 2005
- ♦ PSA Registered Rating in Moves in the Field, Freestyle and Dance
- ◆ USFS Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field, Freeskating, Dance and Free Dance
- ♦ A regional competitor in singles and three time USFS National Solo Dance Medalist
- ♦ MA in Sport and Performance Psychology
- ♦ Coaches all levels and ages recreational through competitive

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## Jamie Lane Youtsey

**SSIA & FSC** 

303-880-2498

J7lane@yahoo.com

\$72/hr; \$66/hr LTS

- ♦ Teaching experience since 2007
- ◆ PSA Master Rating in Moves in the Field, Certified Rating in Freeskating and Dance and Registered Rating in Choreography
- ♦ Member of PSA Sports Science Committee and Dartfish Video Analyst
- ♦ USFS Gold Medalist in Moves in the Field and Dance
- ♦ Coaches and choreographs all levels and ages