

THE BLADE



2018 UGL REGIONAL COMPETITION UPDATE



Northern Blades and NSC will be hosting the 2018 Upper Great Lakes Championships Oct 4 -8, 2017. Placing in the top four positions in this event is the first step for skaters to qualify for the US Nationals in January 2018. In conjunction with this event we will also be hosting the 2018 UGL Competition which is the non-qualifying track. Northern Blades will have skaters competing in both the qualifying and non -qualifying events.

The club had to submit a bid and be chosen by US Figure Skating to host these competitions. We have previously submitted bids for this event and were not chosen so we really want to do a great job with this event to show them they made the right choice!

We are expecting 750 – 800 competitors between the two events. Skaters will come from MN, WI, IA, ND, SD, IL and MO. That said, we will be needing all the help we can get to make the events a huge success and be able to host these and other prestigious USFS events in the future.

The initial schedule will be out in mid September. At that time we will email all of our club members the volunteer sign up forms. Competition will held during day and evening hours so there will be lots of opportunity (and need) for volunteering! Because this is a qualifying event there are specific protocols we must follow in various volunteer positions. We will have a training session for all volunteers as we get closer to the event. Youth volunteers must be age 12 or older and adult volunteers must be 16 or older.

All Northern Blades Club members, both registered and non-registered, will receive an all event pass so they can come and watch some great skating and cheer on their fellow Northern Blades teammates that will be competing!

Any questions regarding the event please feel free to contact one of the event co- chairs: MollyFitzel mklanger@gmail.com or Jane Schaber jschaber@superrink.org


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TESTING

Tests Passed Since Winter issue of The Blade Published

Katelyn Lawrence Novice Moves in the Field	Kylie Gibson Junior Freeskate	Olivia Romo Juvenile Moves in the Field
Lydia Deboer Novice Moves in the Field	MaKayla Dostal Pre-Preliminary Freeskate	Isabella Giacomini Pre-Preliminary Freeskate
Bella Golomb Juvenile Free Dance	Ava Hartvigsen Juvenile Moves in the Field Preliminary Freeskate	Ava Privratsky Novice Moves in the Field
Cassie Spartz Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field	Coryna Stanchfield Pre-Preliminary Freeskate	Skylar Weirens Juvenile Free Dance
Haylee Zellner Pre-Juvenile Moves in the Field	Lilly Anderson Juvenile Moves in the Field	Lilian Werdel Pre-Preliminary Freeskate
Casi Reiser Novice Freeskate	Dani Reiser Novice Freeskate	JoJo Fitzel Junior Moves in the Field
Mitchel Markkanen Junior Moves in the Field Preliminary Dance Test Pre-Bronze Dance Test		

The Club has set up a Shutterfly site to share all of our pictures of our skaters with club members. You should have received an invitation from Mel Berghuis to access the site. Only invited members can access the site. Emails went to the email address you have on file with the Club. Be sure to watch the site and add photos from events you attend.

When you access the site, log in with your email and existing Shutterfly password (or create a new account if you don't have a Shutterfly account with that email).

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State Championships

Final Results from State

Pre-Preliminary Girls Ava Hartvigsen – 4 th Place Haylee Zellner – 8 th Place Megan Nicholls – 10 th Place	Preliminary Girls Bella Golomb – 3 rd Place Selina Wang – 9 th Place	Senior Ladies Sydney Ullman – 7 th Place
Pre-Juvenile Girls Ava Privratsky – 11 th Place	Open Pre-Juvenile Girls Claire Goodreau – 6 th Place	Juvenile Girls JoJo Fitzel – 3 rd Place Katelyn Lawrence – 5 th Place
Open Juvenile Girls Emily Miller – 2 nd Place Bridget McNeff – 5 th Place	Novice Ladies Sunny Choi – 2 nd Place Tyra Schmalzbauer – 3 rd Place	Adult Bronze Denise McNeff – 1 st Place
Pre-Preliminary Boys Skylar Weirens – 1 st Place		



Basic Skills Participants

The following skaters were recognized for their placement over the past season and had their pictures taken at the State Championships.

Congratulations!

Brooke Melstrom 1st Place, Basic 3

Katalina Pugh 2nd Place, Basic 4

Ruby Werdel 2nd Place, Basic 6



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June	July	August
Gordon Pietsch (6/1)	Paige Schumacher (7/2)	Sydney Ullman (8/1)
Rodrigo Menendez (6/5)	Julia Larson (7/10)	Rayna Lucas (8/5)
Isabella Giacomini (6/8)	Emily Giese (7/15)	Tyra Schmalzbauer (8/8)
Brooke Melstrom (6/8)	Megan Nicholls (7/18)	Mitchel Markkanen (8/9)
Haylee Zellner (6/9)	Lainey Donoghue (7/22)	Alexa Duffy (8/10)
Sunny Choi (6/12)	Ella Uhde (7/28)	Maggie Harris (8/13)
Brooklyn Fields (6/14)	Annaleigh Collins (7/24)	Katalina Pugh (8/16)
Sarah Varian (6/14)	Tina Kaas (7/25)	Shari Kraber (8/16)
Lydia DeBoer (6/16)		Winifred Omberg (8/17)
Claire Goodreau (6/18)		Selina Wang (8/18)
Trysta Luther (6/20)		
Rose Esteb (6/24)		
Skylar Weirens (6/28)		
Dennis Kraber (6/30)		

UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Event
September 1 st	Qualifying & Non – Qualifying Regionals Registration Deadline
September 19 th 6-7:30 pm	Regionals Exhibition in Rink 3
September 26 th 4 – 8 pm	LuLaRoe Fundraiser Sale at the Super Rink
October 4 th -8 th	2018 UGL Regionals Qualifying and Non-Qualifying Competition at the Schwan Super Rink
October 15 th 4:30-7:30 pm	Fall Kick Off event at Vertical Endeavors
October 28 th 2-4pm	Club picture in the Dance Studio

SKATERS SECTION

Northern Blades Skater Spotlight :

Makenna Leik

Congratulations to Miss Makenna Leik for qualifying for the US. National Solo Dance Championships at the Senior level to be held September 6 -9 in Colorado Springs!!

Makenna has been competing in the USFS Solo Ice Dance Series this season. At each event skaters are awarded points based on placement and the number of skaters in the group.

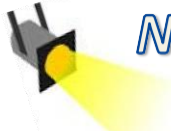
Skaters can use their top three competitions in the final tally. Makenna qualified 4th and they take the top 6 skaters.

This is a wonderful accomplishment for Makenna, as it was her first year competing in dance events. Her initial goal was to make Nationals next year! The fact that she qualified for Nationals in her first year is a reflection of her hard work and significant commitment. Additionally, there are no dance events locally, so the Leik family has had significant travel to places such as Michigan, Colorado, Indiana, and Illinois.

Congratulations



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Northern Blades Skater Spotlight : ***New Members***



Annaleigh Collins

Age: 9

School: St. John the Baptist, New Brighton

Fun Fact: Loves horses and horseback riding.

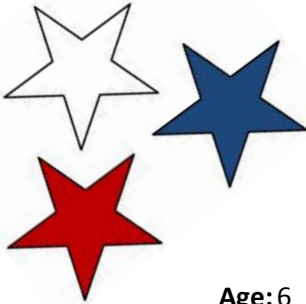


Paige Schumacher

Age: 12

School: Southwest Junior High, Forest Lake

Fun Fact: Her favorite animal is a sloth!



Charlotte Herrick

Age: 6

School: Kaleidoscope Charter School, Otsego

Fun Fact: She loves riding her Aunt Sammy's miniature horses!



Emma Anderson

Age: 10

School: Woodcrest Spanish Immersion

Fun Fact: She shares her birthday with her now 94 year old great- grandmother and a cousin!



Haylee Zellner

(Returning Member)

Age: 15

School: Northside Christian, Blaine

Fun Fact: She likes to go four- wheeling and spend time at the cabin.

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Northern Blades Skater Spotlight : New Members



Back Row (L-R): Brooklyn Fields, Kelly Gibbs, Gabriella Boman, Lorelai McEvoy
Front Row: Winifred Omberg

Brooklyn Fields

Age: 9

School: Turtle Lake Elementary

Fun Fact: Loves to bake and has won cupcake baking contests.

Kelly Gibbs

Age: 12

School: South West JuniorHigh, Forest Lake

Fun Fact: Enjoys playing the violin.

Gabriella Boman

Age: 9

School: Rogers Elementary S.T.E.M. Magnet School

Fun Fact: She has a Robo Dwarf hamster named Choco. She loves to chase Choco around the kitchen in her hamster ball and feed her a treat every night.

Lorelai McEvoy

Age: 8

School: Valentine Hills Elementary, Arden Hills

Fun Fact: She loves skating and hanging out with friends.

Winifred Omberg

Age: 7

School: Parnassus Preparatory School

Fun Fact: She lost her first tooth on her first day of first grade.



Coaches Corner



Northern Blades would like to welcome and spotlight some of our new coaches!



Talia Lerol
Home Club Coach

Talia is a Full Time NSC and NSC Northern Blades Coach for Freeskate and Choreography. She coaches all ages and levels. Talia is an ISI, USFS, and PSA Member. Talia started skating when she was 5 years old, and started coaching in 2014 after completing an internship at NSC and Graduating with a BS in Recreation and Sports Management. Her favorite skating memory is when she competed in her first USFS competition in Duluth. She skated a perfect program (landed all her doubles, had strong spins, and no missteps), which earned her First place. When standing on the podium to get her medal there were large cameras around and she found out it was going to be on the news that night advertising the competition. Later that night she watched the news and it showed all the girls getting medals on the podium after the event. It all was so exciting and she will never forget it.

Maria coaches all levels from beginners to Senior Moves & Free Skate and ISI FS 9. She is PSA Rated in Moves in the Field and Freestyle, and a District 10 ISI Judge. Maria also works with skaters as a secondary coach. Maria first saw skating when she was 6 years old, and wanted to FLY like the skaters did! She begged her mom for lessons for 3 years and started when she was 9. While working on her (ISI) Pre-Alpha skills, she decided that she would learn as much as she could and become a skating coach! She started assisting as a coach in group lessons when she was 15, and began taking on private students in 1991. Her favorite memories are skating in the annual ice show and her synchro team's lock in when she was 12. Maria works to set achievable goals while working with both the athlete and the parent(s). She adjusts her approach to each skater's goals and needs. She loves to teach developing skaters the technical skating skills, but also focuses on expression, realistic goal setting, and imagery techniques. Fun facts: She has a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design with an English Literature major. Maria also has 2 children, Lily (3) and Gabe (12).



Maria Slabiak
Associate Coach



Board Member Spotlight:

Molly Fitzel



My name is Molly and this is my first year on the Board. I am currently the Co-Chair for the Rising Stars Competition Northern Blades holds every year and for the Upper Great Lakes Regional Championships. I am

also one of the SafeSport chairs and a TCFSA representative. I live in Shoreview with my husband Ben and our 3 kids - JoJo (10), Max (7) and Brecken (6). Our daughter JoJo is currently at the Juvenile level. I work as a director of a non-profit in St. Paul called the North End-South Como Block Nurse Program. Our mission is to help seniors live happy, healthy and at home instead of early nursing home placement. In addition to being the director I also teach senior exercise classes. My oldest student is 96 years young! In my spare time I love to workout, cook, shop and read.

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