

Collegiate Skating Webinar

Q & A



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**SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026
3:00 PM PST**

SWIPE TO MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Panelist slides courtesy of Bella Matossian

MEET
**SARA BARCIK
WEISSMAN**



COLLEGIATE TEAM: UCLA

Major: Microbiology, Immunology, Molecular Genetics

Minor: Biomedical Research

Graduated: August 2023

Skating Level: Juvenile SP/FS, Juvenile Solo FD, Low Team Maneuvers

Currently: Lab Tech USC Keck School of Medicine

What's Next: PhD Cancer Biology

Junior Council Co-Advisor

MEET
**NATHANIEL
CHEN**



COLLEGIATE TEAM: DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Major: Biological Anthropology **Minor:** Biology & Music

Graduated: June 2025

Skating Level: Senior FS, Junior Free Dance, High Team Maneuvers

Former Junior Council Officer

MEET
**CASSIDY
IRWIN**



COLLEGIATE TEAM: UCLA

Major: Psychology

Skating Level: Junior SP/Championships, Senior Solo Free Dance

Former Junior Council Officer

MEET
JOONSOO KIM



COLLEGIATE TEAM: UCLA
(TEAM MEMBER, CHAIR & CO-PRESIDENT)

Major: Psychobiology

Graduated: December 2021

Skating Level: Senior

Currently: Johns Hopkins School of Medicine - 3rd Year

What's Next: Otolaryngology Head & Neck Surgery

Former Club Board Member

MEET
**BRIAN
TOKUDA**



COLLEGIATE TEAM: UCLA

Major: Economics

Skating Level: Junior FS

Former Junior Council Officer

MEET
**LINDSAY
WANG**



COLLEGIATE TEAM: ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Major: Communications & Fashion
Skating Level: Senior/Championship
Former Junior Council Officer

- Question: Was it hard to balance skating and school as a freshman? Did it get easier or harder in subsequent years?
- Answer(s): It can be tough the first year. But it gets easier with time. You're getting used to being away from home, being on your own, doing your own planning, etc. You also have more flexibility with your time since you can plan your classes (for example) in the morning if you plan to skate afternoons.

- Question: How are the events/rules different for collegiate skating from the USFS standard track?
- Answer: Collegiate skating uses the 6.0 system vs. IJS even for higher levels. Each event is considered “separate”, so you can do only a FS and not do a SP. There are no “combined” events. There are also no artistic events...just technical.

- Question: Does mentioning my skating on college applications help?
- Answer: Yes! But the inclusion of skating history was less about tests and medals, and more about the commitment, discipline and focus. Mention the early hours before/after school and how you deal with difficult elements.

- Question: How do you manage getting to and from a rink?
- Answer: Some schools have rinks on-site, but in other cases you have to find ice off-site. The skaters try to carpool with other skaters that have a similar schedule if they don't have cars themselves.

- Question: Is it hard to get ice time?
- Answer: Sometimes. Hockey tends to get priority over figure skating, but sometimes the teams will buy ice time for practices. Even having a rink on campus doesn't guarantee available ice. The UCLA team skates at multiple rinks based on available ice.
- Question: Why does hockey tend to get priority?
- Answer: It can come down to funding. Hockey is NCAA vs. figure skating which is USFS.

- Question: Does it matter if I skate at a lower level for the team events? How does scoring work when skaters representing one college are different levels?
- Answer: All levels contribute to the team's overall points, and each skater on the team competes at their respective level. See the chart on the next slide for an explanation of the team points calculations.

Final Thoughts

- Collegiate skating is great way to stay close to the sport while you're in college, even if you are not training the same number of days/hours.
- A great way to see what a collegiate competition looks like is to attend and/or volunteer.