

Coach Mathew



Mathew Gates is a seven-time consecutive US national medalist, two time World competitor, and Jr World competitor (Team USA) British solo dance champion and an alternate for the United States Olympic Team. Mathew has skated professionally in The Champions on Ice tour, as well as many other professional shows and engagements around the world. Mathew has coached and choreographed for numerous Olympians and World Medalists. Mathew's students have competed at 14+ US National Championships and have won 9+ US National medals. Mathew currently coaches and choreographs for multiple US National champions and international competitors. His past and present students have been assigned to international competitions for Team USA, Canada, Russia, Romania, Ukraine, Denmark, Azerbaijan, Japan, Italy, Israel, Mexico, Hungary, Belarus, Poland, Great Britain, Australia, France, Austria and Germany. Mathew is a former ISU & National Technical Specialist. He attended the International Skating Union's TS training school in Frankfurt, Germany. Mathew was formerly a Figure Skating Director in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area, and currently owns The Elite Skating Academy of NC - which is a competitive track program for beginner to advanced level skaters. Mathew relocated to NC in 2016, and lives in Wesley Chapel with his wife and two children.

Mathew coaches private and semi-private lessons to all ages and abilities, specializing in: Ice Dance, Choreography, Moves in the Field, Skating Skills (bio-mechanics) Off ice conditioning/ballet for skaters, Partnering for beginner-International level Ice Dance tests, Professional Skate Sharpening services, Professional Music Cutting/Arrangement Services and video analysis.

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Coach Andriy



Andriy Kyforenko is a Two time Junior Ukrainian National Champion and a member of the Ukrainian Junior National Team. Andriy competed at nine international competitions and was a ISU grand-prix event champion in 1998. Andriy competed at two Junior World Championships.

From 2002-2008 Andriy performed as a professional (principal) skater around the world as a soloist. Medrano (Italy) 2002 , Holiday on Ice (Holland) 2003 – 2006, Hot Ice (England) 2006 – 2007 and Royal Caribbean International– 2008. Andriy began coaching while performing in England (2007) but became a full time coach in North Carolina as of 2009. Andriy graduated from National University of Physical Training and Sport of Ukraine and completed higher education in “Olympic and Professional Sport.” He is qualified as a Trainer of Figure Skating and Teacher of Physical Training. Andriy is also PSA Master Rated in Freestyle, CER: Category A, and has participated in numerous PSA Seminars, Workshops, Oral R.S and the Pace program.

Andriy is a head coach in The Elite Skating Academy of NC and coaches private and semi-private lessons to all ages and abilities at Extreme Ice Center in Indian Trail, NC. Andriy has coached Regional champions and sectional competitors. He specializes in freestyle and off-ice physical training/conditioning. Andriy resides in Charlotte NC with his wife, Anya.

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Coach Sasha



Alexandra Zaretsky-Osborne (aka Sasha) is a two-time Olympian (2006 & 2010) Sasha is a former Israeli National Champion, top 10 finisher at the Olympic games, World and European Championships. Sasha won the bronze medal at Skate America, and has medaled at many other international competitions. Sasha has been coaching for 8+ years and has coached regional, sectional and national medalists. Sasha has performed in numerous professional shows. Sasha was formerly coached by Mathew Gates, among many other top caliber coaches.

She specializes in freestyle, ice dancing and off ice conditioning/stretching. Sasha speaks English, Hebrew and Russian. Sasha is a coach in the Elite Skating Academy, and coaches all ages and abilities.

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Coach Pam



Pam Fultz has been coaching for 20 years. She is a two time US National competitor and US Figure skating gold medalist. Pam has won several Regional and sectional medals in pairs skating.

Pam trained under Olympians and Olympic coaches. Pam is PSA certified to coach freestyle, pairs and moves in the field.

Pam has 8 years of professional show experience as a principal adagio pair and featured soloist. She was company manager and line captain for: Radio City Christmas Spectacular, Paramount on Ice, Le Ice Show (Ice Capades Canada), Festival on Ice (Mexico) Busch Gardens Virginia

Pam is a coach in the Elite Skating Academy, and coaches all ages and abilities. She specializes in freestyle, pairs and moves in the field.

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Coach Kristin



Kristen Wilson has 10 years of coaching experience. She is Triple Gold Medalist in Freestyle, Moves-in-the-field, and Ice Dancing.

Kristen competed in competitive synchronized skating at the USFS sectional level. She is PSA Certified Senior Rated in Sports Science and Medicine and holds a PSA Hockey I certification.

Kristen attained her B.S. in Sports Management from the WellStar College of Health and Human Services at Kennesaw State University in Atlanta, Georgia. At Kennesaw, she received the President's Award for her internship with the Atlanta Sparks Special Needs Hockey program. She has also enjoyed volunteering with the Wounded Warrior Project and the Special Olympics throughout her career. Her students have ranged from regional competitors to youth elite hockey players.

Kristen's students have participated in the USFS National Program Components Camp and Non Qualifying Regional Championships, results including a final round first place finish at 2015 Non-Qualifying South Atlantic Regional Championships. Kristen coaches all ages and abilities, and specializes in freestyle, ice dancing and moves in the field.

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Coach Kendal



Kendal Buckalew is a US Figure Skating Double Gold Medalist in Senior Freestyle and Moves in the Field.

Kendal was First Alternate to the 2015 Eastern Sectionals Championships in Novice Ladies, and the 2016 South Atlantic Regionals Senior Ladies Pewter Medalist. Kendall also qualified for the 2016 Eastern Sectionals Championships.

Kendal is a senior level skater and is currently training to qualify to the US National Championships. Kendal is coached by former Ukrainian National Champion and Jr World competitor, Andriy Kyforenko and World and International Coach, Mathew Gates.

Kendal specializes in off-ice training and freestyle. She is a junior coach at Extreme Ice Center and a coach for the Elite Skating Academy. Kendal coaches all ages and abilities.

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Guest Coach Ashley



Ashley Foy-Tervoort: Former German National Champion and Jr World Competitor. Former United States National Competitor and sectional medalist in pairs and ice dancing. Ashley competed internationally for Germany on the Junior Grand Prix circuit. Ashley has medaled at many international events, and has coached sectional and national medalists. Ashley is the director of The International Skating Academy in The Hague, Netherlands. Ashley was formerly coached by Coach Mathew Gates, and specializes in freestyle, ice dancing and off-ice conditioning. Ashley speaks English, German and Dutch.

*Elite Skating Academy will invite special guest coaches from time to time. We will notify all participants of opportunities to work with our special guest coaches!