



**VALLEY FIGURE SKATING CLUB
2022-2023 SEASON**

The Board of Directors of the Valley Figure Skating Club (VFSC) welcomes you to another season of skating! We hope this packet of information will be helpful to you as you register for the coming year. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Conger (barbconger77@gmail.com) or Ona Herber (oherber@gmail.com), Membership Co-Chairs.

The following forms must be returned by **June 22, 2022** to begin or continue your membership with Valley Figure Skating Club.

PLEASE MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION MATERIALS TO:

VFSC
c/o Barb Conger
1101 W Ann Street
Kaukauna, WI 54130

DUES FOR July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023:

1. \$140 - Full Membership
2. \$50 - each additional Membership
3. \$55 - Introductory Membership
4. \$55 - Associate Membership
5. \$50 - Coaching Membership
6. \$80 - Collegiate Membership

Valley Figure Skating Club Memberships

Calendar Year runs July 1 – June 30

Full Membership

\$140.00 – 1st skater

\$50.00 – Each additional skater in the family

- Includes membership into the USFS, includes “Skating Magazine”
- Full access to VFSC ice time as a contracted skater or a walk on skater
- Allows skater to compete in USFS competitions
- Skater is eligible to test thru the USFS
- Club events such as the Annual Ice Show, Club parties and Competition/Test Session
- 14 hours volunteer time required **per family**
- Mandatory Fundraising Commitment of \$200.00 **per family**
- Business Size Ad required (in all Ice Show Programs)
- MUST HAVE PASSED BASIC 6 LEVEL TO JOIN VFSC

Introductory Membership

\$55.00 – Each 1st year skater only available to those who have never been a member of a USFS Club.

- Includes membership into the USFS, includes “Skating Magazine”
- Full access to VFSC ice time as a contracted skater or a walk on skater
- Allows skater to compete in USFS competitions
- Skater is eligible to test thru the USFS
- Club events such as the Annual Ice Show, Club Parties and Competition/Test Session
- 10 hours volunteer time required **per family**
- Mandatory Fundraising Commitment of \$100.00 **per family**
- MUST HAVE PASSED BASIC 6 LEVEL TO JOIN VFSC

Associate Membership

\$55.00 – membership to VFSC

- Must hold a USFS Home Club registration thru another club other than VFSC
- 10 hours of Volunteer time required **per family**
- MUST HAVE PASSED BASIC 6 LEVEL TO JOIN VFSC

Coaching Membership

\$50.00 – membership to VFSC

- Includes membership to USFS if not already enrolled thru another club.
- Must submit a resume to the VFSC Board prior to coaching on club ice.
- Must have personal liability insurance to be able to coach on club ice.
- Allowed 6 sessions coaching on club ice as a visiting coach before membership is required
- Must have a current PSA membership.
- Must complete a background check thru PSA
- Must complete PSA & USFS continuing education credits as deemed by USFS & PSA
- Must participate in club events as deemed necessary by the VFSC Board

Collegiate Membership

\$80.00 – 1st year

\$10.00 – Each additional year (up to 3 years)

- Must be enrolled in a college or technical college.
- Includes membership into the USFS, includes “Skating Magazine”
- Full access to VFSC ice time as a contracted skater or a walk on skater (at a rate of current contract)
- Allows skater to compete in USFS competitions
- Skater is eligible to test thru the USFS
- Club events such as Club Parties
- 5 hours of Volunteer time required per year

VOLUNTEER COMMITMENT

Volunteer opportunity information will be sent through email. It is the member’s responsibility to contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Board Members and/or Committee Chairs to arrange my volunteer hours. All volunteer hours **MUST** be submitted to Kyler Meredith.

The VFSC Volunteer Coordinator is Kyler Meredith, at kylmeredith31@gmail.com or 920-378-1066.

All volunteer time must be fulfilled before June 30, 2023. Unfulfilled volunteer hours will be charged to the member at a rate of \$20.00 per hour and will not be considered **Members in Good Standing** unless and until any such charges are paid.

A **Member in Good Standing** is required status for participation in all USFS sanctioned competitions, testing, ice show participation and synchronized participation.

ICE SHOW ADVERTISING SALES

Each member must sell a minimum of one ad for the VFSC Ice Show Program. Information about the cost and size of ads will be provided for me at a later date. Please understand that if you do not submit an ad for the ice show, you will be billed \$25.00.

FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT

Members are expected to raise money through fundraising according to the membership type. If members do not raise the amount per membership type, they will be liable to pay the remaining portion in order to remain in good standing with VFSC and USFS as noted above by membership type. **No carryover of volunteer hours or fundraising credit will be allowed.**

If you have any questions regarding the amount that you have fundraised, please contact our Fundraising Coordinator, Elysabeth Dreger, at 920-420-0346 or Elysabethdreger@gmail.com

REQUIREMENT FOR ICE SHOW ELIGIBILITY

Full club members are required to contract and skate a minimum of 2 sessions per week September-May in order to participate in the May ice show. Exceptions will be made at the Board’s approval.

VALLEY FIGURE SKATING CLUB RULES AND PROCEDURES

The following rules and procedures were adopted by the VFSC Board of Directors to promote an atmosphere conducive to training as well as allow for the safety of each skater. The rules must be followed by both skaters and pros in order to be effective:

1. Skaters may be removed from the ice for any of the following: 1) intentionally damaging the surface of the ice. 2) Consistent lack of consideration for other skaters. 3) Offensive, abusive or profane language. 4) Wild or rough skating. 5) Disrespectful actions towards pros, ice monitors, other skaters or arena personnel.
2. Consumption of food/snacks/beverages on ice or near boards is prohibited; the only exception is water bottles and must be kept back in the hockey boxes away from the ice surface. Keep all personal items such as tissue boxes, notebooks, music, apparel clear of ice surfaces and/or access areas for safety of all and remove them after each session.
3. Be considerate in the use of the ice: consideration for 'right of way' on the ice as follows: 1) skaters doing their program to music, 2) skaters having lessons, 3) skaters in the harness. Practicing a program is critical to skating development; therefore, all pros and skaters should be aware of who has the right of way. Anyone, including pros, who ignore these rules and procedures will first receive a warning and then be suspended from the session.
4. No congregating on the ice during ice time.
5. Any grievances should be brought to the VFSC Board of Directors.

SAFE SKATE

Valley Figure Skating Club is committed to creating a safe and positive environment for members' physical, emotional and social development and ensuring that it promotes an environment free of misconduct.

The following code of conduct applies to all participants in activities hosted, supported, sponsored or engaged in by U.S. Figure Skating and Valley Figure Skating Club including but not limited to competitions, exhibitions, training camps and local rink activities.

Participation or my child's participation in all the activities associated with U.S. Figure Skating and Valley Figure Skating is an honor and privilege that carries certain responsibilities. Members must abide by the rules and guidelines set forth by U.S. Figure Skating or its properly designated agents.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of the Valley Figure Skating Club Code of Conduct is to set forth clear and consistent behavioral expectations for its members and their parents/guardians and to inform them of the consequences that will occur in the case of any rule violations.

VFSC members are expected to act in a manner that represents the members, fellow skaters, the club, and community in a positive manner. The VFSC Code of Conduct will be applied on and off the ice at practices, competitions, test sessions, and all other club events to ensure the enjoyment, safety, and development of all skaters. These guidelines may be reviewed and changed as needed at the discretion of the VFSC Board of Directors at any time.

1. Show good sportsmanship by demonstrating support and respect for all skaters, coaches, parents, officials, and volunteers.

2. Respect others' personal space on the ice and follow all safety rules
3. Respect public property and property of others
4. Use appropriate language, social media included.
5. Dress appropriately while representing VFSC
6. Do not take part in gossip, discuss other skaters, or spread rumors
7. Respect others outside of the rink; including use of social networking sites and electronic communication
8. Resolve any conflicts without resorting to hostility or aggressive/threatening behavior
9. Refrain from the consumption, distribution, and possession of any amount of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or controlled substances when under the legal age limit. Skaters and/or parents who observe unsafe, rude, or inconsiderate behavior or any other violation of the Code of Conduct on the part of other skaters and/or parent/guardians should report the incident in writing to any VFSC Board member within 24 hours. In addition, any identifiable cyber image, posted profanity, photo, or video that implicates a skater or parent/guardian to have violated the VFSC Code of Conduct shall be confirmed as a violation of the Code of Conduct.

Skater/Parent Discipline & Consequences

Skaters: Any Valley Figure Skating Club skater may be immediately suspended from the ice for unsportsmanlike behavior, or for any violations outlined in the VFSC Code of Conduct. This decision is at the discretion of the VFSC Board and will depend upon the severity or pattern of the offense, as to whether or not verbal or written warnings will be issued prior to suspension. Should disciplinary action be necessary, representatives from the VFSC Board will conduct a meeting with the skater and parent (it is not required to have a parent present for verbal or written warnings) and potentially the Coach, if they wish to be included, to explain the circumstances of the discipline and discuss options. A skater can receive a verbal or written warning for any violation of the Code of Conduct based on the severity or pattern of the offense. It will be the VFSC Board's responsibility to enforce this code. Further, upon final decision by the VFSC Board and involved coaches, skaters may face the possibility of permanent separation from the Valley Figure Skating Club for repeated or severe violations.

Parents: Parents are also held accountable to the club's stated Code of Conduct. A parent who violates the Code of Conduct, may also be subject to disciplinary action that may include: losing privileges to watch practice, attend competitions or participate with their child in VFSC activities; or, their child's separation from the Valley Figure Skating Club.

AMATEUR ATHLETIC WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the TriCounty Ice Arena/Appleton Family Ice Center/Champion Center/Appleton Ice, Inc./Valley Figure Skating Club program, related events and activities, including, but not limited to programs at the Arena and Offsite, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including, but not limited to, the potential for permanent paralysis and death and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,

2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown and assume full responsibility for my participation; and
3. I willingly comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe, or in the case of a minor, the parent(s) or legal guardians(s) observe, any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and
4. I, for myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE AND HOLD HARMLESS, TRICOUNTY ICE ARENA, APPLETON FAMILY ICE CENTER, CHAMPION CENTER, APPLETON ICE, INC., THE VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, OUTAGAMIE COUNTY AND THE VALLEY FIGURE SKATING CLUB, their representative administrators, members, directors, agents, coaches, officials, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners and lessors of the premises used to conduct the event, including, but not limited to, at the Arena, in transit to or from the Arena, hereinafter referred to as "releases", from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, and any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of INJURY, DISABILITY, OR DEATH, or loss or damage to property.
5. I also understand and accept the fact that by the terms of any ice rental contracts between Appleton Ice, Inc., Appleton Family Ice Center, Tri-County Ice Arena, Champion Center and the Valley Figure Skating Club, the Village of Fox Crossing, Winnebago County, Outagamie County, and the officers, directors, supervisors and employees of the above entities are not responsible for any property damage or loss suffered by me which occurs in the locker rooms or any other area wherein property of mine or the skating club is kept or stored, either permanently or temporarily.
6. This waiver and release is understood to supersede and take precedence over any other agreement or representation, whether written or oral, which contradicts the terms of this waiver.

****PLEASE PRINT AND RETURN****

VALLEY FIGURE SKATING CLUB SKATER INFORMATION

Membership Type (please select):

Full

Introductory

Associate

Coaching

Collegiate

check # _____

amount _____

	Skater #1	Skater #2
Name		
Birthdate:		
USFSA#		
Skater Email (optional)		
Primary Coach		
Secondary Coach		
Moves in the Field Level		
Freestyle Level		
Dance Level		
Associate Clubs		
Associate Member's Home Club		

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VFSC SKATER CONTACT/EMERGENCY INFORMATION

SKATER'S NAME: _____

PARENT NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE #1 _____ PHONE #2 _____

EMAIL (to be used for club communication) _____

HEALTH INFORMATION (If more than one skater, please list for both.)

Please list any serious illnesses, severe allergies, or chronic conditions:

MEDICATIONS: _____

HOSPITAL PREFERENCE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP _____ PHONE _____

I/We will not hold Valley Figure Skating Club financially responsible for the emergency care and/or transportation of said child.

Print Skater's Name

Signature of Skater (parent or guardian if under 18)

Date

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Please initial the following:

_____ I understand the Valley Figure Skating Club's policy requiring each family to perform volunteer hours as referenced by the membership type.

_____ I understand Valley Figure Skating Club's policy requiring each member to sell a minimum of one ad for the VFSC Ice Show Program.

_____ I understand Valley Figure Skating Club's policy regarding mandatory fundraising. If I do not raise the above amount per membership type, I understand that I will be liable to pay the remaining portion in order to remain in good standing with VFSC and USFS.

_____ I agree to the terms and disciplinary actions included in the Valley Figure Skating Club Code of Conduct.

_____ I hereby give permission for skating related photographs and/or video images of myself, captured during any Valley Figure Skating Club (VFSC) activities or events, to be used for the purpose of Valley Figure Skating Club promotional materials, including but not exclusive to bulletin board postings, VFSCclub.com website postings, and/or publicity flyers, and waive any rights to compensation for, or ownership of, such materials.

_____ I understand and accept the amateur athletic waiver and release of liability.

_____ I/We, the undersigned, do hereby authorize Valley Figure Skating Club to call an emergency ambulance in case of accident or acute illness and to arrange for necessary emergency medical and surgical care in case I/We am not immediately available. Any qualified physician called by Valley Figure Skating Club may treat and do whatever is necessary for the health and well-being of my child.

It is understood that a conscientious effort will be made to notify me/us (parent/guardian(s)) before such action will be taken. In the event that I/We cannot be contacted, Valley Figure Skating Club Board Members are hereby authorized to take whatever action is deemed necessary in their judgment for the health and wellbeing of my/our child.

Print Skater's Name

Signature of Skater (parent or guardian if under 18)

Date