

2025-2026

Welcome to the Maplewood Figure Skating Club's Annual Membership Registration!

With your account you will have access to register for classes or contract ice, sign up for volunteer events, update your contact information, pay online, and much more!

For questions about registration please contact: Danielle Semler

MFSCMembership@gmail.com or (651) 592-5993

New Members: Welcome and thank you for continuing your skating journey and choosing Maplewood Figure Skating Club as your home club. The transition to becoming a club member can seem like a lot to navigate and often creates questions. The good news is you are not alone, and we have many experienced skaters, families, coaches, and board members to help during the process. If you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of our board members. Contact info can be found on our website under "Contact Us." We would be happy to answer your questions or help you connect with one of our families.

Returning Members: Welcome back and thank you for joining us again for another season. We are excited to have you as part of our skating family, and we look forward to celebrating all your accomplishments this skating season!

RETURNING MEMBER REGISTRATION DUE: June 17, 2025

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION is due before taking the ice this season if no other membership, such as Learn To Skate, is current. Otherwise, new members can register at any time.

SIGNATURES are required throughout this Agreement. The purpose is to ensure that each provision has been read and understood. Digital signatures are permitted. While the document is lengthy, we hope that it answers all your questions to ensure that everyone has a full understanding of this Agreement and its requirements. Signatures are required at:

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SkateSafe Agreement



Safety is important to the Maplewood Figure Skating Club, which is why we follow all rules and guidelines set forth by U.S Figure Skating regarding SkateSafe policies and rules. For the current list of policies, please check at:

<https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe>.

In the event that a coach, official, director, employee, parent/guardian or volunteer observes inappropriate behaviors (i.e., policy violations), suspected physical or sexual misconduct, it is the personal responsibility of each member to immediately report his or her

observations to the club's SkateSafe Compliance Officer and take the appropriate action stated in applicable U.S. Figure Skating Rules.

The Maplewood Figure Skating Club does not support any form of misconduct within the sport of Skating. Examples of such misconduct include but are not limited to:

- Emotional Misconduct
- Physical Misconduct
- Sexual Misconduct
- Bullying
- Harassment
- Hazing

I understand and agree to bring forth any concerns regarding SkateSafe policy or suspected misconduct. I understand and agree that misconduct outlined by SkateSafe policies will not be tolerated at the Maplewood Figure Skating Club. I also understand and agree that such misconduct cases will be handled according to the outcome decided by the board of Governors.

Skater's Name: _____
Skater's Signature, if 18+: _____
Parent or Guardian of Minor Skater: _____
Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Definitions

Full Club Member: Skaters who have completed their introductory club membership year and are not transfer club members.

Introductory Club Member: Skaters in their first year of a US Figure Skating club membership. These skaters generally have fewer volunteer and fundraising requirements. If a skater joins MFSC after the start of the skating season, which runs June through May, volunteer hours are not reduced or prorated. However, there will be no penalty for fundraisers that took place before the skater joined the Club.

Transfer Club Member: Skaters who are full USFS members but have transferred their home club to MFSC. Transfer Club Members have the same volunteer and fundraising requirements as Introductory Club Members during their first skating season with MFSC unless otherwise stated in this Agreement. Any requirements applicable to Introductory Club Members apply to Transfer Club Members even though Transfer Club Members are not expressly spelled out in this Agreement.

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Volunteer & Fundraiser Requirements

MFSC is an entirely volunteer-run organization. Volunteering and fundraising are essential to our Club's sustainability and also help ensure that our skaters and coaches are properly supported. It is also a wonderful way to get involved with the Club, meet members and families, and learn about the sport of figure skating. The more hours you contribute to volunteering and fundraising, the more events and opportunities the Club can offer our skaters. We appreciate your time and commitment to the Club!

Review our volunteering and fundraising requirements carefully. Due to the importance of volunteering, there is **no ability to buy out of volunteer requirements**; however, there are financial penalties for non-completion.

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

FALL CLASSIC COMPETITION

The 2025 Maplewood Fall Classic has been selected as a National Qualifying Series (NQS) competition! Hosting an NQS competition is a tremendous honor and is the culmination of many volunteer hours of work and dedication.

The NQS is the first stage of the U.S. Figure Skating singles, pairs, and ice dance qualifying pipelines. NQS is comprised of a series of competitions between mid-July and early October. Athletes participating in the juvenile, intermediate, novice, junior, and senior levels can have the scores they earn at these designated competitions count toward the overall NQS standings. The final NQS standings will be used to determine which individual athletes/teams will advance to the NQS Finals and eventually the U.S. Figure Skating Championships (junior and senior) or National High Performance Development Team (juvenile – novice).

Because NQS competitions attract so many skaters, coaches, and judges, a well-run competition has the potential to impact the growth of the Fall Classic well beyond 2025. While this is a tremendous opportunity for our Club and our skaters, it will involve more volunteering than a typical Fall Classic competition.

All club member families are required to volunteer at the Maplewood Fall Classic, which is held **September 18-21, 2025**. Full club member families and introductory club member families will be required to volunteer an equal number of shifts, and the volunteer requirements apply whether or not a club member is competing in the Maplewood Fall Classic. Until the Club receives more information with respect to the size of the competition, we are unable to establish a set number of shifts that will be required.

Prior to the competition, there will be an opportunity for club member families to select their volunteer shifts. Shifts will be assigned to club member families who do not sign up on their own. A limited amount of volunteer opportunities may be available prior to the event for those families with

known conflicts, and every effort will be made to accommodate families if they **communicate known conflicts prior to July 31, 2025**. Email known conflicts to MFSC.FallClassic@gmail.com.

Some volunteer shifts/jobs during the event can be fulfilled by a skater 15 years of age or older. Many jobs must be completed by an adult, however. When volunteer shifts are made available for sign up, the job description will indicate if the shift can be completed by a skater or someone over the age of 18. Skaters who complete shifts beyond their families' minimum requirement may count each hour worked as an extra volunteer hour needed for the Club Lettering Program.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand my volunteer requirements for the Maplewood Fall Classic. I understand my family will be required to volunteer at the Maplewood Fall Classic and that a minimum number of shifts will be determined at a later date. I agree to complete at least the minimum number of volunteer shifts required. I understand that the penalty for failing to complete Maplewood Fall Classic volunteer requirements is **\$200 per shift**. I understand that I will be billed for any non-completed shifts by October 31, 2025. And I agree to pay the amount invoiced for non-completed shifts by November 30, 2025. I understand that failure to pay the assessed penalty by the due date or to make arrangements with the Club may result in revocation of the Club family's skaters' Good Standing status. Outstanding penalty fees for the Fall Classic will also make skaters ineligible for a Spring Show solo unless arrangements are made with the Show Committee prior to submitting the Spring Show soloist application.

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Skater's Signature, if 18+: _____
Parent or Guardian of Minor Skater: _____
Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

NORTH STAR SKATE SCHOOL HELPERS

All Club members are required to assist coaching staff with North Star Skate School (NSSS) group lessons, holiday events, and open houses. Skate school helper hours are to be completed between the months of June 2025-May 2026.

Full Club Members who are 12 years of age or older (or who have permission from the skate school director) are required to complete **16 hours** as a skate school helper.

Introductory Club Members are required to complete **8 hours** as a skate school helper.

Full Club Members and Introductory Club Members who are under the age of 12 and are unable to complete skate school hours will need a parent or guardian to complete required hours on their behalf. Parents must arrange these hours by contacting skate school director, Nikki Bennis. In the past, substitute skate school helper hours have included duties such as playing music during ice time or for spring show practices, helping check in skaters during skate school, working at skate school events, and working extra shifts during the Maplewood Fall Classic.

All new NSSS helpers must attend a training session, which Nikki Bennis will schedule, before they can begin assisting NSSS. Skaters who have prior experience helping with NSSS may be required to receive a short review of expectations with the skate school director.

Club members who do not complete required shifts will be charged a penalty of **\$20 for each non-completed shift**. Non-completed NSSS helper hours will be billed at the completion of the 2025 season and will be due within 30 days.

However, if a skater wishes to participate as a soloist in the **MFSC Spring Show, 75% of skate school helper hours must be completed (or be signed up for and committed to completing) by the end of the Winter II session in February**. This means that Full Club Members wishing to participate as a soloist in the Spring Show must have completed or be signed up for 12 NSSS helper hours by the end of the Winter II session in February, and an Introductory Club Member must have completed or be signed up for 6 NSSS helper hours by the end of the Winter II session in February, all by the time solo applications are due in January. Failure to meet this 75% requirement will result in a skater's ineligibility for a solo.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand my volunteer requirements for skate school helper hours and that I agree to perform those requirements. I understand I will not be eligible for any Spring Show solo (low feature, high feature, cold freeskate, cold dance, senior solo, special solo) unless I have completed at least 75% of my skate school helper obligations (or have signed up for a sufficient number of hours to meet the 75% requirement by the end of Winter II session) prior to applying for a solo 2026. I agree to pay any penalties assessed for non-completion as explained above.

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RINK MONITORING

All Club Member families must volunteer to rink monitor. The rink monitoring requirement is per family, not per skater. If a family has a Full Club Member and an Introductory Club Member, the family must fulfill the requirements of the Full Club Member.

Full Club Member families must complete **18 hours** of rink monitoring.

Introductory Club Member families must complete **9 hours** of rink monitoring.

Skaters aged 15 and older may rink monitor after receiving training. Reach out to Club President, Nancy Packer, to schedule training.

Club Member families who rink monitor a greater number of hours than required will receive a **credit of \$9/hour** for each hour worked above and beyond the minimum requirement. Credits may be used as payment towards MFSC buy-on ice, contracts, and punch cards and must be used within 12 months.

Rink monitoring shifts are completed during the Skating Season, June through May. The penalty for non-performed rink monitoring obligations is **\$25 per hour**.

If a skater wishes to participate as a soloist in the **MFSC Spring Show, 75% of rink monitoring volunteer hours must be completed or be signed up for and committed to being completed prior to the beginning of the Spring Session**, which begins in March. This means that Full Club Members wishing to participate as a soloist in the Spring Show must have completed or have signed up to complete 13.5 rink monitoring hours by the end of the Winter II session in February, and an Introductory Club Member must have completed or have signed up to complete 6.75 rink monitoring hours by the end of the Winter II session in February, all by the time solo applications are due in January. As with Skate School hours, failure to meet this 75% requirement before submitting a solo application will result in a skater's ineligibility for a solo.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand my volunteer requirements for rink monitoring and that I agree to perform those volunteer requirements. I understand I will not be eligible for any Spring Show solo (low feature, high feature, cold freeskate, cold dance, senior solo, special solo) unless I or my family have completed at least 75% of my rink monitoring obligations (or have signed up for a sufficient number of shifts to meet the 75% requirement by the end of Winter II session) prior to applying for a solo 2026. I agree to pay any penalties assessed for non-completion as explained above.

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FUNDRAISING REQUIREMENTS

CANDY BAR SALES & NORTH ST. PAUL CAR SHOW

MFSC will continue the tradition of selling candy bars at the North St. Paul Car Show this season. The Club will purchase the candy bars, and Club Members need only sell them along the main street during the North St. Paul Car Show during June through early September.

Full Club Members are required to volunteer **2 Friday evenings**. **Introductory Club Members** are required to volunteer **1 Friday evening**.

The volunteer shift leader is responsible for bringing candy bars to the event from TCO or as agreed upon with the Car Show Coordinator; for setting up; and for returning money collected to the Car

Show Coordinator. If no one has signed up as “lead,” any members signed up on that date must communicate with each other to choose who will perform lead duties or how lead duties will be divided amongst the signed-up members.

Club members who do not complete required shifts will be charged a penalty of **\$200 fee for each missed shift**. Penalties will be billed by September 30, 2025, and will be **due October 31, 2025**. Failure to pay or enter into a payment arrangement or other agreement with the Board may result in a Club Member’s loss of Good Standing status and may affect a skater’s eligibility for a solo in the Spring Show.

Car shows that are canceled are counted as completed shifts if the Club member or family was signed up at least 24 hours prior to the show’s cancellation.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the volunteer requirements for the North St. Paul Car Show. I understand that failure to complete the volunteer requirements or to pay the assessed penalty may result in the loss of the skater’s Good Standing and that outstanding penalty fees may make skaters ineligible for a Spring Show solo. I agree to perform the required volunteer shifts for the North St. Paul Car Show and to pay any penalties assessed for non-completion as explained above.

Skater’s Name: _____
Skater’s Signature, if 18+: _____
Parent or Guardian of Minor Skater: _____
Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

POLAR CONCESSIONS

We will be operating the concession stand during the 2025-2026 season at Polar Ice Arena. In the past this opportunity has allowed us to provide the Spring Show “extras” (LED lighting & costumes) and keep the Spring Show fees low.

Concession stand shifts are divided into two periods of time, Winter and Spring. There is a volunteer requirement for each period of time.

Full Club Members must complete **2 volunteer shifts** (plus 1 additional shift for each additional skater) in **Winter** and **2 volunteer shifts** (plus 1 additional shift for each additional skater) **in Spring**, for a **total of 4 required shifts per family** (plus 2 additional shifts per additional skater).

Introductory Club Members will be required to complete 1 volunteer shift during **Winter** and 1 volunteer shift during **Spring**, for a total of 2 shifts.

Skaters and family members and friends aged 16 and above may help fulfill a Club family’s volunteer requirements.

There is a **\$75 per shift penalty** that will be applied to any non-completed volunteer shift obligations.

The penalty will be billed at the conclusion of the Winter and Spring time periods and will be due within 30 days of billing. If a family has not completed Winter obligations by the time Spring Show applications are due in January 2026, the skater must commit to completing the obligation by signing up for the requisite shift(s) or make arrangements to pay the penalty if completion cannot be accomplished prior to submitting the Spring Show soloist application.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand my volunteer requirements for the concession stand. I agree to perform those requirements. I understand that failure to complete those requirements or to pay the assessed fee affects Spring Show soloist eligibility (such as low feature, high feature, cold freeskate, cold dance, senior solo, special solo). I agree to pay any penalties assessed for non-completion as explained above.

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISERS

If the Board deems necessary, it is possible that additional fundraisers may be added during the Skating Season that would require Club Members' participation.

By signing below, I acknowledge that additional fundraising requirements may be added throughout the Skating Season. I agree to abide by the terms of those additional fundraising requirements.

Skater's Name: _____
Skater's Signature, if 18+: _____
Parent or Guardian of Minor Skater: _____
Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

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ADULT/COLLEGIATE/ALUMNI/COACH **VOLUNTEER & FUNDRAISING INCENTIVE**

Adult, Collegiate, and Alumni members are not obligated to complete any volunteer requirements. However, they are eligible for a volunteering incentive.

If an Adult, Collegiate, or Alumni member chooses to participate in any one of the MFSC fundraisers or volunteering opportunities, they will be eligible for a 1-hour ice coupon per volunteer shift. These coupons can be used for any contract ice during the 2025-2026 season. (Coaches may also earn volunteer incentives in this same manner.)

Opportunities to earn a buy-on ice coupon include (but are not limited to) volunteering at: the North St. Paul Car Show, the Maplewood Fall Classic, the Synchro Classic, rink monitoring, and the Polar Arena concession stand.

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CONTRACT / BUY-ON ICE: SKATERS RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Skaters must check in with the rink monitor every time they get on the ice and communicate payment method being used that day. If no rink monitor is present, skaters must complete the rink sheet prior to taking ice.
2. Generally, music is played on a first come, first served basis.
3. When it is your turn, please be prepared to skate your program.
4. A skater whose music is being played must wear a fluorescent colored sash indicating they have the right of way while skating their program.
5. Skaters buying onto ice must pay upon entering the ice or prior to taking the ice. Payment can be made by open coupon, punch card, Venmo, check, or cash.
6. No food, gum, or beverages (except water) are allowed on the ice by skaters or coaches.
7. MFSC is not liable or responsible for any phone damage that may occur if skaters choose to use their cell phone to play music.
8. Skaters MUST be alert for fellow skaters on the ice to avoid collisions. Watch where you and others are going at all times. If a fall occurs, do your best to immediately get up and go to the side.
9. Skaters may use the jumping harness ONLY with the supervision of their Pro.

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Waivers & Agreements

Medical Release Waiver

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian for my child(ren) or am an adult skater. I hereby give my permission for any supervisor, coach or other team administrator associated with the **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** to seek and give appropriate medical attention for our child(ren) (or for myself, if an adult skater) in the event of accident, injury, illness. I will be responsible for any and all costs associated with any necessary medical attention and/or treatment.

I hereby waive, release and forever discharge **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** and associated supervisors, coaches or other team administrators from all rights and claims for damages, injury, loss to person or property which may be sustained or occur during participation in **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** activities, whether or not damages or loss is due to negligence. I hereby acknowledge that my child(ren) is (are) physically fit and capable of participation in all **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** activities.

Skater's Name: _____
Skater's Signature, if 18+: _____
Parent or Guardian of Minor Skater: _____
Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Liability Waiver

By registering my child(ren) (or myself if I am an adult skater) with the **Maplewood Figure Skating Club**, I agree to participate (or allow my child(ren) and family members to participate) in the **Maplewood Figure Skating Club**, and hereby release **Maplewood Figure Skating Club**, its directors, officers, agents, coaches, and employees from liability for any injury that might occur to myself (or to my child(ren) and family members) while participating in the **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** program, including travel to and from training sessions, organization events or other scheduled activities.

In consideration of the benefits to us awarded by acceptance of this application I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the above mentioned organizations and/or individuals, their agents and/or employees, against any and all liability for personal injury, including injuries resulting in death to me, my child(ren) and/or other family members, or damage to my property, the property

to my child(ren) and/or other family members, or both, while I (or my child(ren) or family members) participating in the **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** program or its sponsored activities.

Skater's Name: _____
Skater's Signature, if 18+: _____
Parent or Guardian of Minor Skater: _____
Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Name and Likeness Consent and Release Agreement

I authorize the Maplewood Figure Skating Club the rights to use, publish, or copy photos taken of me, my skater(s), or family before, during, or after any Maplewood Figure Skating Club activity or event. I also agree that Maplewood Figure Skating Club may use such photographs, video, and audio recordings taken of or by me with or without my consent or the use of my name for any lawful purpose including, but not limited to; publicity, illustration, advertising, marketing, copyrighting, and Web Content. I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, wherein my name or likeness appears. Maplewood Figure Skating Club will take precautions and be selective so only appropriate content is being published for public viewing. I waive my right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of any of these photographs, videos, or audio clips.

Skater's Name: _____
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OUTSTANDING BILLS & GOOD STANDING

If bills are not paid within 30 days of being invoiced, a Club Member is considered to be in arrears. If no arrangements have been made with the Board to satisfy a Club Members' financial obligations within 60 days of the date due, the Club Member will be considered "not in good standing" with U.S. Figure Skating.

Skaters who are not in Good Standing with U.S. Figure Skating are not allowed to skate on any ice, not permitted to compete, not permitted to participate in synchronized skating practice, not authorized to test with U.S. Figure Skating, not allowed to renew their U.S. Figure Skating Membership with any club, and not allowed to participate in any club events or benefits afforded by their membership until such time as all outstanding bills are paid in full or a payment plan agreement has been reached with the Board.

MFSC's payment and volunteer requirements as set forth in this Agreement that are specific to Spring Show soloist eligibility are separate and distinct from Good Standing within the meaning of U.S. Figure Skating. Thus, a skater can be in Good Standing with U.S. Figure Skating but still be ineligible for a solo if the requirements of this Agreement are not met.

By signing below, I acknowledge that failing to fulfill my financial obligations to the Club may result in the skater being not in Good Standing with U.S. Figure Skating. I agree to fulfill my financial obligations and to communicate openly and early with the Board if payment accommodations may be necessary.

Skater's Name: _____
Skater's Signature, if 18+: _____
Parent or Guardian of Minor Skater: _____
Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

CONFIRMATION OF UNDERSTANDING & AGREEMENT

I have read this entire Membership Registration Packet fully and understand its terms, including all of the volunteer and financial obligations and the consequences for noncompliance. I agree to raise questions with the Board of Directors if any issues arise and to discuss those issues in good faith and with the shared goal of ensuring healthy and supportive relationships with respect to skaters, coaches, volunteers, families, and the Maplewood Figure Skating Club. I agree and understand that a digital signature in any part of this Agreement is binding the same as if a physical copy were signed.

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Club Membership At-A-Glance

Volunteer Requirements:

- Maplewood Fall Classic Sept. 18-21, 2025—number of hours TBD; \$200 per shift penalty due Nov. 30, 2025
- Skate School helper—
 - Full Club Member 16 hours
 - Introductory Club Member 8 hours
 - \$20 per shift penalty
- Rink Monitoring—
 - Full Club Member 18 hours
 - Introductory Club Member 9 hours
 - Requirement is per family, not per skater
 - \$9/hour credit for above-and-beyond hours
 - \$25 per shift penalty for non-completed hours

Fundraising Requirements:

- North St. Paul Car Show—
 - Friday evenings, June through early September
 - Full Club Member 2 shifts
 - Introductory Club Member 1 shift
 - \$200 penalty for non-completed shifts due by Oct. 31, 2025
- Polar Concessions—
 - Two time blocks (Winter & Spring), and each block has volunteer requirement
 - Full Club Member 2 shifts in each of Winter & Spring
 - Introductory Club Member 1 shift in each of Winter & Spring
 - Additional skater per Club family = 1 additional shift in each of Winter & Spring
 - \$75 per shift penalty

Spring Show Soloist Eligibility with Respect to this Membership Agreement:

- Skate School helper and Rink Monitoring volunteer hours must be 75% complete or be signed up for and committed to completing by the end of the Winter II session in order to be eligible for any solo in the Spring Show, all before solo applications are due in January.
- Must purchase and skate a contract each session (Summer, Fall, Winter I & II, and Spring). (Some solos require more than 1 contract/session; contact coach for details.) Buy-on ice does not satisfy contract-ice obligations.
- If financial penalties for failing to complete volunteer or fundraising requirements have been billed (i.e., for non-completion of the Car Show in September, the Fall Classic in September, the concession stand in the Winter time block) and are not paid in full or an agreement reached with the Board prior to submission of a solo application, skaters are ineligible for a Spring Show solo.