

# 2021-2022

## 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!

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**For questions about registration please contact:** Danielle Semler  
[MFSCMembership@gmail.com](mailto:MFSCMembership@gmail.com) or (651) 592-5993

**For questions about the website or how to register please contact:** Dana Schwartz  
at [dana.schwartz365@gmail.com](mailto:dana.schwartz365@gmail.com) or (651)-233-0891.

For questions about contracts or contract ice please contact: Becky Neve. 612-269-6048

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*New Members:* Welcome and thank you for continuing your skating journey and choosing Maplewood Figure Skating Club as your home club. The transition of becoming a club member instead of participating in our skate school program can be 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 who have already been through it. 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:* Thank You for joining us again for another season, we are excited to have you as part of our skating family!

**RETURNING MEMBER'S REGISTRATION DUE: MAY 31st 2021**

## **Medical Release Waiver**

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian for my child(ren). 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) 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 supervisor, coach or other team administrator 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.

## **Liability Waiver**

By registering my child(ren) 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.

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.

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In consideration of the benefits to us awarded by acceptance of this application, the undersigned agree to hold and save harmless the Maplewood Figure Skating Club, its board and its officers for any claims or demands arising out on any accidents and injuries during skating sessions or other club sponsored activities, or for loss of personal property. I agree and understand that by digitally agreeing to this document it shall be considered binding similar to signing a physical copy.

## **COVID Waiver**

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily

I assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by participating in **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** activities and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I also understand that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by SARS-CoV-2 while participating in **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** activities due to the actions, omissions, or negligence of anyone who enters a facility where a **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** activity is held, including without limitation, **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** coaches, volunteers, and program participants and their families.

I voluntarily agree to assume all of the foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself (including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death), illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)'s participation in **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** activities ("Claims"). On my behalf, and on behalf of my children, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless **Maplewood Figure Skating Club**, its coaches, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of **Maplewood Figure Skating Club**, its coaches, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any **Maplewood Figure Skating Club** activity.

## **SafeSport 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 SafeSport policies and rules. For the current list of policies, please check at: <https://www.usfsa.org/clubs?id=84197>.

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 SafeSport 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 SafeSport policy or suspected misconduct. I understand and agree that misconduct outlined by SafeSport policies will not be tolerate 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.**

## **Volunteer and Fundraiser Requirements**

### **CANDY BAR SALES & NORTH ST. PAUL CAR SHOW**

We will resume selling candy bars at the North St. Paul Car Show this season

All **Full Club members** will be required to sell a minimum of **4 boxes (2 if introductory)**. The **cost per box is \$60**. In addition to the boxes club members are required to purchase the club will purchase additional boxes of candy bars that will be sold at the North St. Paul Car Show. Members will have an opportunity to sell their candy bar boxes at the North St. Paul Car Show held on Friday evenings during the summer months. **Each family** will be required to **work 2 Friday Evenings (1 if introductory)** selling candy bars at the North St. Paul Car Show. A Club member who is signed up to sell candy bars at Car Show may sell their own candy bar boxes once the minimum of two club boxes are sold during the volunteer shift. Club members are allowed to sell 2 boxes of their own candy bars at each of their shifts.

**I agree to purchase a Minimum of 4 boxes at rate of \$60 per box and understand payment of \$240 is due at time of pickup or I agree to buyout option at rate of \$35 per box with understanding that buyout payment of \$140 is due at or prior to candybar pickup date.**

**I understand and agree that I will be required to volunteer for 2 shifts at the NORTH ST. PAUL car show this summer. I agree and I understand I must complete the volunteer shifts even if I choose the candybar buyout option. I agree to fulfill the mandatory volunteer requirements as stated above.**

**I understand I must sell 2 club candy bar boxes before selling personal candy bar boxes. I understand I will only be allowed to sell 2 personal candy bar boxes per shift.**

**I agree that if I do not complete the required volunteer shifts at North St. Paul Car Show during the summer of 2021 I will be charged a volunteer fee of \$50 per shift not completed up to the maximum amount of \$100 per family.**

### **NORTH STAR SKATE SCHOOL HELPERS**

All **Full Club members** will be required to volunteer and help with our skate school program. **Skaters who are 12 years of age or older** will need to help and assist coaching staff with NSSS group lessons, holiday events, or open houses. Skaters will need to complete a total of **12 hours (6 hours for Introductory members)** between the months of June 2021 - May 2022 as a skate school helper. If the **skater is under 12 years of age, the parent will need to complete 50% of the required hours; 6 hours (3 hours if Introductory member)**. All hours completed by parents are to be arranged by skate school director, Nikki Bennis. Hours may include but are not limited to playing music at Jr. club ice or for spring show, helping during skate school sessions, working at skate school events, working extra shifts during FALL CLASSIC COMPETITION. All skate school helpers will need to attend a training session scheduled by Nikki before they can begin helping during NSSS. A training session is only needed once and does not need to be completed each season.

**I understand and agree that full club member skaters will be required to volunteer for 12 hours as a helper at NORTH STAR SKATE SCHOOL. I understand and agree to complete the required hours if my skater is under 12 years of age. I understand and agree I will be charged a volunteer fee of \$12 per hour not completed up to the maximum amount of \$144 per skater (\$72 if introductory member). I agree and understand that if my shifts are not completed by May 31st 2022 I will be charged and required to pay a volunteer fee.**

## **RINK MONITORS**

We are requiring club members to complete **16 hours per family** and work as rink monitors during contract ice sessions. Each family will need to complete **16 hours** for the skate season between the months of June 2021 - May 2022. Families may choose to do an **early buyout on this requirement at a rate of \$10/hour, or \$160 per family**. The **early buyout is only available until Sept 1 2021**. After September 1, 2021 the buyout rate for rink monitor hours will be **\$15/hour up to the maximum amount of \$240 per family**.

Interested members may have the opportunity to work **more than the minimum 16 hours** to fill any "buyout" slots available and will receive a **credit of \$7/hour** for each hour worked over the minimum requirement of 16. Skaters 15 years and older may work as rink monitors to receive credit or meet family requirements. Credits may only be used as payment towards maplewood ice and contract purchases and have no cash value. Credits not used within 12 months of the date awarded will be considered a donation to the club.

**I understand and agree to fulfill the mandatory volunteer requirement as Rink monitor or choose the early buyout option as stated above. I understand and agree that if I do not complete my rink monitor volunteer requirement and have not chosen to do the advance \$10/hour buyout I will be charged a volunteer fee of \$15/hour up to the maximum amount of \$240 per family. I agree and understand that I may only do an advance buyout on or before September 1st 2021. I agree and understand that I have until May 31st 2022 to complete this requirement. I agree to be charged a volunteer fee for all incomplete shifts.**

## **FALL CLASSIC COMPETITION**

We are requiring club members to complete **2 volunteer shifts per family (plus 1 additional shift for each additional skater)** at the Maplewood Fall Classic Competition at the Vadnais Heights Sports Complex. **Introductory members are required to complete 1 shift per family (plus 1 additional shift for each additional skater)**. This requirement applies for all full club members, **regardless if your skater is competing at the competition**. Members who have not completed the required volunteer shifts by the end of the event will be charged a volunteer fee of \$100/ shift not completed up to the maximum amount of \$200 for a single skater household and up to the maximum of \$300 for a 2 skater household. A limited amount of volunteer opportunities may occur for event prior to event for those families with known conflicts and every effort will be made to accommodate families that communicate known conflict prior to July 31st 2021.

**I understand and agree to fulfill the mandatory volunteer requirements as stated above. I understand and agree that I will be charged \$100/shift for each unfulfilled required shift. I**

**understand and agree that there is no guarantee that the club will be able to provide volunteer hours prior to the event to fulfill requirements and if I am unable to volunteer during the event I will be billed. I understand and agree I must complete the volunteer shifts even if my skater is not competing in the Fall Classic Competition.**

## **BUTTERBRAIDS FUNDRAISER**

We will be participating in a Butterbraids sale. It will be held in early spring 2022, prior to Easter. Each **full member family** will be required to **sell 20 Butterbraids (Introductory 10)**. The **buyout rate is \$8 per butterbraid up to the maximum amount of \$160 for full club members or \$80 for introductory members.**

**I agree to participate in the Butterbraid Fundraiser. I understand and agree that there is a buyout option that meets the minimum requirement for the above fundraiser.**

## **POLAR CONCESSIONS**

In the past club members have been required to volunteer and work at the concession stand at Polar Ice Arena. This fundraiser has helped to maintain and keep the fee charged for our spring show lower. At this time the club is not ready to commit to the upfront costs needed for the concession stand during the covid pandemic. The board reserves the right to add a volunteer requirement for polar concession stand if it is thought to be the best choice as a fundraiser by the board members for the club.

**I understand and agree to fulfill a mandatory volunteer requirement if the polar concession stand is used or run by the figure skating club during the 2021-2022 season. I understand I will not be charged any fees for months that the concession stand is not in operation.**

## **POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL FUNDRAISER**

If the board deems necessary, it is possible that an additional fundraiser (to be determined) may be added during the year that would require participation of all club members.

**I agree to fulfill the mandatory volunteer requirements as stated above. I understand and agree that I will be invoiced a fee for non-participation (to be determined) (plus \$50 for each additional skater) for unfulfilled shifts.**

## **ASSOCIATE / ADULT / ALUMNI VOLUNTEER INCENTIVE**

Associate members and Adult/Alumni members do not have volunteering requirements, but will be eligible for a volunteering incentive. If these members participate in any one of the fundraisers (such as, sell candy bars or work a shift at Fall Classic), they will be **eligible for a partial membership refund of \$20.**

### **\*\*Note on Outstanding Bills\*\***

For all of the agreed volunteer events listed above, if at any time the result of non-participation or buying out leads to outstanding bills the following rule shall be placed in effect. This rule shall also be applicable for any outstanding overdue bills due to MFSC in general. **Rule:**

**"The skater(s) shall be deemed "not in good standing" with US Figure Skating. This means the skater(s) shall not be allowed to skate on club ice, compete, participate in synchro practice or competitions, skate in the MFSC Spring Show, test with US Figure Skating, renew their US Figure Skating Membership with any club, or participate in any club benefits afforded by their membership until such a time as all outstanding bills are paid in full."**

**I agree and understand that by digitally agreeing to this document it shall be considered binding similar to signing a physical copy.**

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### **Special Note**

The board of governors recognizes that the club has fundraisers and member requirements that possibly other clubs do not have. This is all in an effort to try to keep the **ice costs** per session **as low as possible** for all of our members. The board tries to keep the fundraiser/volunteer obligations to more of a time commitment than a monetary one (unless the member chooses the buyout option).

We hope you understand our reasons for membership requirements.

If you have any questions regarding membership please contact Danielle Semler at [MFSCMembership@gmail.com](mailto:MFSCMembership@gmail.com) 651.592.5993

## **CONTRACT / RANDOM ICE - SKATERS RULES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 1. At the beginning of the freestyle session, the skater must check in with the Rink Supervisor stating your name and handing in your music. It is the skaters responsibility to check in with the Rink Supervisor.**
2. Generally, music will be played on a first come, first served basis. In the event that the session is full and many skaters wish to play their program music, skaters may only have one song in line at a time
3. When it is your turn, please be prepared to skate your program. Music will only be stopped and restarted at the discretion of the Rink Supervisor.
4. A skater whose music is being played has the right of way.
  - \* during busy sessions skaters may be asked to wear a fluorescent colored sash indicating they have the right of way while skating their program.
  - \*The skater wearing the sash has the right of way.
5. Random ice buyers must pay immediately upon entering or prior to taking the ice. Venmo payments, checks or punch cards are preferred. Credit cards will not be accepted as a form of payment. The buyon rate for contract ice is \$22.00 (or 4 punches) for a 1 hour Freestyle session,
- 6.The rink monitor supervisor is Becky Neve. She can be contacted directly with questions or concerns related to contract ice. 612-269-6048

**By agreeing to this waiver, as a Parent/Legal Guardian, I have read these rules and responsibilities with the skater(s) and we both understand and agree to the above skater rules and responsibilities.**

## **CONTRACT / RANDOM ICE - SAFETY CONTRACT**

1. Respect the rights of other skaters.
2. No food, gum, or beverages (except plastic bottles of water) are allowed on the ice by skaters or coaches.
3. The club is not liable or responsible for any phone damage that may occur if a skater chooses to use their cell phone to play music.
3. Skates must be worn on the ice - no street shoes or boots.
4. Skaters and/or Pros should not stand on the ice in the way of other skaters who are working. If you need to rest, go to the hockey box or off the ice. Do not sit on the boards or sit or lay on the ice. For short rests on the ice, stand with your back against the boards and away from the corners.

5. All 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.

6. Watch for skaters executing jumps, spirals, camel spins, etc. Spins can only be practiced on the harness end of the rink between the blue line and the boards. Jumps should be executed from the same blue line to the other end of the rink. These rules do not apply when practicing your program.

7. When a skater is skating their program, the following rules apply:

- \* The skater may be required to wear the colored sash (clearly visible) while skating their program.

- \* The skater with the sash has the right of way.

8. Skaters may use the jumping harness ONLY with the supervision of their Pro.

**By agreeing to this waiver, as a Parent/Legal Guardian, I have read these rules and responsibilities with the skater(s) and we both understand and agree to the above safety rules. I agree and understand that by digitally agreeing to this document it shall be considered binding similar to signing a physical copy.**

## **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 MFSC 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 hereby authorize MFSC to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, or distribute said media for MFSC activities, events, and functions or for any other lawful purpose. In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, wherein my likeness appears. Additionally, I waive my right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of any of these photographs, videos, or audio clips.

**I have read this agreement and fully understand its terms. I have signed it freely and without any inducement or assurance of any nature. I understand and approve the Maplewood Figure Skating Club to use photographs and/or videos of me, the skater(s), and/or my family for promotional, advertising, marketing, and other lawful activities as content on the organization's Facebook page, website, and/or any club events or functions held during the season, such as the spring banquet. I understand the club will take precautions and be selective so only appropriate content is being published for public viewing. I agree and understand that by digitally agreeing to this document it shall be considered binding similar to signing a physical copy.**