

Merrimack Valley Skating Club

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June 1, 2018

Dear prospective member,

June is here which means that it is time to renew your membership with the Merrimack Valley Skating Club or perhaps join for the first time! This will be our 13th year of offering membership with US Figure Skating. MVSC offers 7 different membership category options: full membership, introductory membership, collegiate membership, professional membership and associate membership (all explained further in the enclosed material).

If you would like to transfer your membership to MVSC please note your current USFS number and Club on your registration form. If you already represent another club you are more than welcome to join MVSC as an Associate member as well. Non-club members please note: if you join MVSC as an Associate Member you will not have to pay the non-member fee when contracting Freestyle ice and you will also be eligible to participate in the annual spring show as well as have priority for all Club test sessions and freestyle sessions.

Any skater who plans to contract freestyle ice, compete or test must be a member of MVSC. If your child is no longer taking Learn to Skate lessons and they do plan to compete or take part in USFS test sessions they will need to join MVSC as well. A one-time introductory membership (for new members) is available for such skaters and is explained later in this packet.

Included in this packet you will find the information and forms needed to ensure your 2018-2019 membership with MVSC and US Figure Skating. Please be sure to complete all necessary information and include your membership payment(s) with your registration form. Your check should be made out to Merrimack Valley Skating Club. **All registration materials must be returned no later than June 22, 2018.** You may leave your registration form in the Graf Rink office or mail it to the above address. Please remember that your current USFS membership number will expire on June 30, 2018 unless you renew your membership. US Figure Skating will mail you your updated membership card directly once your registration is renewed.

Please note the volunteer and fundraising section of our membership agreement. The MVSC Board has worked hard to make sure that our policies are fair to all members. Skating clubs rely greatly on fundraising and the support of volunteers. The policies listed in this packet are nothing more than an effort to ensure the longevity of the Merrimack Valley Skating Club. Full cooperation is asked from our membership in order to see that MVSC continues to be a successful organization. Adult and Associate members are asked to become involved in fundraising and volunteering however the requirements are lowered. Please refer to the following pages for more information.

MVSC must register at least 25 skaters and/or adults each year in order to maintain an active status with US Figure Skating. Skaters, parents, coaches, family members and friends are all welcome to join. If you have any questions regarding MVSC membership please do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you in advance for your continued support of the Merrimack Valley Skating Club and its host facility, the Graf Rink.

Sincerely,

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Tracey Beaupre – President

Debbie Powers – Treasurer

2018 - 2019 MVSC Membership Options

Full Membership (Home Club Membership)

Any skater who wishes to test or compete, participate in the spring show and contract MVSC Freestyle ice must be a member of MVSC. MVSC will be your home Club that you represent. Full membership with MVSC entitles the member to: represent MVSC at competitions and tests and receive priority status for shows, exhibitions and MVSC test and freestyle sessions. Members will receive a subscription to Skating Magazine (one per family), a US Figure Skating registration number and certificates of accomplishment for passing proficiency tests and placing at USFS qualifying events. Full members are entitled to vote on all MVSC ballot issues. If the member is under the age of 18, one parent or guardian will be the voting representative for the member. All test candidates, competitors and guests of other clubs must be a member in good standing with their Home Club and have approval from a Club Official to participate in USFS sanctioned events.

Introductory Full Membership (Home Club Membership)

The Introductory Membership carries the same privileges as a Full Membership. It is meant for a skater who is a new member to US Figure Skating and has never been a full member of any Club. Please note that the Introductory Membership may only be used for first-time members and may only be used one time per person. Former Learn to Skate members may take advantage of the Introductory Full Membership.

Adult Membership (Home Club Membership)

Adult Membership carries the same privileges as a Full Membership. Adult members must be age 21 or older.

Collegiate Membership (Home Club Membership)

Collegiate Membership carries the same privileges as a Full Membership. This is a one-time fee that will cover each college student for the consecutive 4 years that they are in school. This is a four-year Full membership with MVSC at a reduced rate for college members and all full-membership skating privileges apply for the four-year duration. Each athlete may receive this option only once during their entire skating career and must be enrolled in college to receive this membership.

Professional Membership (Home Club Membership)

Professional Membership with MVSC is for coaches only and carries the same privileges as a Full Membership.

Mid-Year Membership (Home Club Membership)

The Mid-Year Membership carries the same privileges as a Full Membership and is only meant for new members joining after January 1, 2019.

Associate Membership (Non-Home Club Membership)

Associate membership with MVSC entitles the member to priority status for MVSC Freestyle sessions, shows, exhibitions and MVSC test sessions. MVSC will not be your Home club and Associate members do not receive USFS registration numbers through MVSC. Associate members will not have to pay the \$30 non-member fee (per contract) when registering for Freestyle ice. Associate members with MVSC are entitled to vote on all ballot issues. If the member is under the age of 18, one parent or guardian will be the voting representative for the member. You must be a Full Member of another USFS club to qualify for this category.

USFS membership obtained through MVSC is non-refundable.

If you have any questions regarding MVSC membership please contact Nikki Roberts at 978-462-8112 or nikki@thegrafrink.com

Skater Name:

Parent Name:

MVSC Volunteer/Fundraising Policy

****Please Note: This form must be signed and returned with your membership registration and payment(s)
Registrations submitted without a signature will not be renewed with US Figure Skating.****

The Merrimack Valley Skating Club is sustained through the efforts of our volunteers and fundraising opportunities. Volunteers are necessary in order to ensure that our Club events run smoothly and that costs of such events are kept to an absolute minimum. MVSC is looking to form both a fundraising and a show committee. Please let us know what your special talents are if you don't see your interest listed below! If you are unable to be available for volunteer opportunities there is a buy-out option listed below.

Volunteer Requirement

Each MVSC full member is required to volunteer a **minimum of 5 hours** of time within the 2018-2019 skating season (7/1/18-6/30/19). Adult and Associate members will be required to volunteer a **minimum of 2 hours** throughout the season.

Please check off what volunteer opportunities you or your skater would like to help with below. Additional volunteer opportunities may come up within the year and you will always receive notice of such instances when they arise. Each member will be required to submit a volunteer voucher to Nikki. Vouchers will be available on the MVSC bulletin board. Members will not be credited for the volunteer time unless a voucher is submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.

Volunteer Options (please check at least 3 categories you are interested in):

___ **Hospitality:** Coordinate donation of food/drink items for Club events such as test sessions, Winter Exhibition, Spring Show and the Annual Club Party.

___ **Handbook:** Looking for an organized individual who could put together a basic Club handbook. There is a copy of a past handbook to turn to for a template. This volunteer would work directly with Nikki to pull together all information.

___ **Learn to Skate Registration Table:** Volunteers are needed to work the registration table on the first day of each skating session. Volunteers will need to assist skaters entering the ice and making sure that no parents step on the ice during this process.

___ **Fundraising Committee:** MVSC is in need of a fundraising committee in order to create new opportunities for members to raise funds for their Club. Funds will go directly towards all Club activities and purchases.

___ **Show Committee:** MVSC will hold two shows per skating season. Committee members will work directly with the Skating Director and assist in general planning tasks such as: show registration, ticket sales, raffle organization, reaching out to our community with show advertising, show staging/decorating, flower assembly, show programs and distribution, raffle, boutique and flower sale tables on the show day, show set-up and break down, etc.

___ **Dress Sale:** Volunteers will be needed to organize two dress sales each skating season. In addition to assisting with the organization we are looking for volunteers to work during the dress sale hours (usually held during Freestyle sessions and Learn to Skate classes).

___ **MVSC Annual Party:** Volunteers are needed to organize the MVSC Annual Party. Our end-of-the-year party typically takes place each June however a late-summer or early fall date is also an option.

___ **On-Ice Volunteers (skaters):** On-ice volunteers must be members of US Figure Skating. Any skater who is at least 12 years of age and working on Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field is eligible to volunteer their time as a group helper during our Learn to Skate sessions. Classes run on Sunday and Thursday from September through June while summer classes take place on Monday. Volunteers must speak to Nikki before helping with their first class.

___ **Newsletter:** MVSC is looking to launch a newsletter for its membership and is looking for a parent to take on this new project.

___ **Other:** _____

***Volunteer Buy-Out Option**

(Full member \$125 ~ Adult or Associate member \$50)

_____ (Please initial) When agreeing to buy-out your volunteer hours you will not be required to volunteer any of your time throughout the year. Please enclose your \$125 or \$50 check (please refer to the amounts above) payable to MVSC with your membership registration. Please note that the volunteer buy-out fee is in addition to your membership registration fee.

If you do not purchase the buy-out option and do not fulfill your minimum volunteer hour obligation you will be billed \$25 for each remaining hour at the end of the 2018-2019 season. Members who fail to fulfill their volunteer minimum and do not pay their volunteer hourly charge will be registered with US Figure Skating as members in bad standing. Such members will not be allowed to test, compete or renew their membership with any USFS Club until payment is received by MVSC.

I have read and agree to the volunteer policies of the Merrimack Valley Skating Club. I understand my volunteer obligations to the Club and will adhere to all policies.

Signature

(Parent signature if member is under the age of 18)

Date

Printed Name

Contact phone #

Email

Fundraising Requirement

Each full member of MVSC will be presented with fundraising options throughout the skating season. MVSC will hold raffles during our annual shows and will ask each member to contribute. If a larger fundraiser is offered we will also offer a buy-out option (if feasible) for those members who do not wish to participate in such a fundraiser. All fundraising opportunities will be announced via email.

MVSC Membership Registration Form (7/1/18 – 6/30/19)

~ United States Figure Skating ~

Skater Name: _____
First M.I. Last

Address: _____
Street City/State Zip Code

Name of School Attending in September, 2018: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ *E-mail _____
(Cell) _____ (*Email is important for Club notifications.)
(Work) _____

Current USFS #: _____ D.O. B. _____ USA Citizen: Y or N
(If applicable)

Emergency Contact & Phone #: _____

Please check one: Renewal Member ___ New Member ___ Transfer Member ___

If you are a member of another USFS club, please state your home club below:

Club Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Membership Category (check one): Please see previous page for detailed category descriptions.

Full Membership – MVSC will be your home Club.	\$135	
Introductory Full Membership – Same privileges as the Full Membership. Intended for first-time US Figure Skating members and may only be used one time per person.	\$95	
Adult Membership – Same privileges as the Full Membership. Skaters must be age 21 or older.	\$100	
Collegiate Membership – MVSC will be your home Club. One-time fee for a 4-year Collegiate membership. Each athlete may receive this option only once during their entire skating career and must be enrolled in college in order to receive this membership.	\$120	
Professional Membership – MVSC will be your home Club. Meant for skating professionals only.	\$80	
Mid-Year Membership – MVSC will be your home Club. Pro-rated membership is only for new members joining after January 1, 2018. Same privileges of full membership.	\$85	
Associate Membership – MVSC will not be your home Club. Skaters must be a Full member of another USFS club to qualify for this category. Same privileges of full membership however you are not allowed to vote on ballot issues.	\$70	

MVSC is not responsible for any accident or injury incurred during any Club sponsored activity, during any Club contracted ice time or during any Graf Rink ice time, event or function. USFS membership obtained through MVSC is non-refundable. I have read all the policies of the Merrimack Valley Skating Club and agree to all terms listed in the membership packet. I have read and understand the US Figure Skating SafeSport policies (www.usfigureskating.org/clubs?id=84197) and agree to abide by all codes of conduct.

Parent Signature
(If applicant is under the age of 18.)

Applicant Signature
(If applicant is 18 years of age or older)

Please return your completed membership registration form, volunteer page, waiver and check(s) (payable to Merrimack Valley Skating Club) to:

Merrimack Valley Skating Club
Graf Skating Rink
28 Low St.
Newburyport, MA 01950

For office use only:
Payment:

Date/Check #:

Notes: