

## 2020-2021 MVSC Membership Options

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### **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, 2021.

### **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 email [mvskatingclub@gmail.com](mailto:mvskatingclub@gmail.com).*

**Skater Name:**

**Parent Name:**

## **MVSC Volunteer/Fundraising Policy**

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***\*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 2020-2021 skating season (7/1/20-6/30/21). 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 after finishing a task. Vouchers will be available in the Graf front office. 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 that you are able to participate 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 the Skating Director and Board of Directors 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 the Skating Director 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 2020-2021 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.

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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.

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**Signature**

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

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**Date**

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**Printed Name**

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**Contact phone #**

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**Email**

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**Fundraising Requirement**

Each active member of MVSC will be presented with fundraising options throughout the skating season. MVSC will hold raffles during our annual shows, etc. 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.

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# Shamrocks Rink Management

## Merrimack Valley Skating Club

### ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND COMPLETE RELEASE 2020-2021

**Please print clearly:**

**Participant Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City, State, Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of permission to use, today and on all future dates, the property, facilities and services (Facilities) of Graf Skating Rink in Newburyport, MA, I, the undersigned (Skating Professional), hereby expressly agree:

- 1.) That skating and off-ice conditioning (dry land training) is a participation sport and I am fully aware of the risks and hazards involved in or arising from my use or presence upon the facilities. I hereby assume any and all risks involved in or arising from my use of our presence upon the facilities, including, without limitation, the risks of bodily injury resulting from collision between myself and another person or a stationary object or the negligent or deliberate act of another person.
- 2.) To release SRM and/or MVSC and all of its successors, assigns, affiliates, officers, directors, instructors, employees and agents from, and agree not to sue any or all of them on account of or in connection with any claims; causes of action, injuries, damages, costs or expenses arising out of Professional's use of or presence upon the Facilities, including, but not limited to, those based on bodily injury, whether or not caused by the negligence or other fault of SRM and/or MVSC.
- 3.) This release shall be binding upon my heirs, administrators, executors, assigns and legal representative.
- 4.) To waive the protection afforded by any statute or law in any jurisdiction whose purpose, substance and/or effect is to provide that a general release shall not extend to claims, material or otherwise, which the person giving the release does not know or suspect to exist at the time of executing the release.
- 5.) If I ignore this agreement and file suite, I will be held responsible for all attorney fees and court costs incurred by SRM and/or MVSC.
- 6.) I have read and understand this agreement. I understand that by signing this agreement I surrender valuable rights, including, but not limited to, my right to sue. I do so waive voluntarily.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_