



Why join Forestwood Skating club?

Your U.S. Figure Skating *Basic Skills membership* is an introductory membership into The U.S. Figure Skating Association. That membership allows your skater to participate in *learn-to-skate* activities sponsored by Forestwood Figure Skating Club and also in *Basic Skills* competitions.

A parent needs to be aware that there is a different type of membership in The U.S. Figure Skating Association that enables a skater to participate in all U.S. Figure Skating activities and also includes a subscription to SKATING magazine.

The best way to be a part of The U.S. Figure Skating Association is to become a member of Forestwood FSC; in other words, membership in The U.S. Figure Skating Association member club includes a full membership to The U.S. Figure Skating Association.

What is USFSA?

USFSA stands for United States Figure Skating Association. USFSA is the national governing body for the sport of amateur figure skating in the United States. USFSA sanctions competitions from local regional all the way to the national championships. The skaters you see representing the US in World and Olympic events have qualified through USFSA competitions. When competing in USFSA competitions, the level a skater competes at is determined by the skating tests he/she has passed. The classes of tests are Moves in the Field, Free Skating, Pairs, Dance, and Synchronized Team.

When should your child join a figure skating club?

You may notice a display or bulletin board at your skating rink with information on joining the skating club affiliated with your ice rink, and you may wonder when your child should join with a full membership with the skating club. Once your child is ready to utilize more practice ice, take the U.S. Figure Skating tests or compete in competitions, it is time to join a figure skating club. A skater can skate as much or as little as they desire on Club ice.

Test sessions

Your child **MUST** be a **FULL** member of The U.S. Figure Skating Association in order to take tests, or to compete beyond the Basic Skills levels. If your child takes a test at a club of which he or she is a member, you will be given a discount on testing fees.

Volunteering with a skating club

Skating clubs are run by volunteers. If possible, take the time to volunteer with your child's skating club. Through involvement, you will learn more about skating and, at the same time, you and your child will make skating friends.

Can you be a member of more than one skating club? Why join more than one club?

Skaters must first be a "home club member" of a certain skating club. That is the skating club your child will represent in competitions. However, your child may also join additional skating clubs as an associate member. Associate memberships can be useful if your child needs to take tests, skate on ice time rented by a sponsoring club or participate in a certain club's ice shows or exhibitions.

How do I get started?

- Visit the Forestwood Skating Club room. Talk to the Monitor, and gather literature and information that is tailored to your skater's needs. There are fundraising opportunities to help defray the costs of figure skating.
- Call Jackie Gray to discuss membership options, and to take advantage of our *introductory rate*. 440-842-9541.
- Visit our website www.forestwoodskatingclub.com and find us on Face book, under Forestwood Skating Club.