

# Queen City Figure Skating Club

## Membership Information - 2011-2012 Season

The Queen City Figure Skating Club begins its 2011-2012 season on July 1, 2011. Whether you are a competitive or a recreational skater, our Club offers something for every member of the family. This year, United States Figure Skating has increased their dues, and our membership dues are increased to reflect that. Membership fees help support our athletes and allow us to provide the programs, benefits, and numerous hours of ice during club sessions. Your participation in Club activities is extremely important and greatly appreciated, and your membership entitles you to voting privileges at our annual spring meeting (voters must be 18 years of age or older).

### Club Ice Sessions – A Key Membership Benefit

Our club skating sessions will begin in September and will continue through April/May. Again this year our members can enjoy many hours of skating weekly at area ice facilities: Northland Ice Rink, The Sphere, Indian Hill Winter Club and the Cincinnati Gardens. We are planning sessions on Tuesday and Saturday at Northland, and Sundays at the Indian Hill Winter Club (times TBD). Ice at The Sphere (formerly Sports Plus) and the Gardens will be based on ice rental rates, and opportunities to share ice with FSCC.

Due to the popularity of Saturday sessions, there are no guests or walk-ons allowed on Saturdays without Ice Monitor approval on slower days. However, we are planning to allow Introductory members to have limited privileges on Saturday this year (details to follow), but we will continue to reserve part of the Saturday session for only our higher level skaters.

Last year we offered members over 100 hours of club ice, and our goal is to offer a similar amount this year, with a focus on making the sessions more regular. This season's club ice schedule, with a description of the different formats of each session, will be sent out later this summer when the schedule is finalized.

### Other Membership Benefits

- We sponsor the annual Queen City Invitational Competition, a real service to our members from Basic Skills on up, who compete in a USFS-sanctioned event without the expense of travel out of town.
- Low testing cost for members (historically the lowest cost to members of any local club).
- A Club directory / handbook with a complete listing of members, coaches, and club officials.
- Special benefits include grants, Scholastic Merit Awards, and Gold Test Medals for freestyle, pairs and dance. The basic requirement for special benefits is that the skater be registered with United States Figure Skating (USFS) through the Queen City Figure Skating Club (QCFSC) and purchase either a full individual or family membership. Applicants must meet other eligibility requirements.
- Membership benefits include holiday festivities and family fun nights, skating exhibitions, test privileges and other social activities.

Please check rink bulletin boards and/or our website, [www.queencityfsc.com](http://www.queencityfsc.com), for timely news, events, and schedule changes. We also encourage everyone to give us an accurate email address, as frequently this is the best way to advise members of last minute changes and upcoming activities.

### Membership Dues and Club Ice

Your membership dues primarily go toward our largest cost, rental of club ice. Our club chooses to provide a large amount of club ice time as part of membership relative to other clubs in the area because it has allowed us to retain a good coaching staff. We provide the coaches ice time at a very nominal price, and a club full of potential students. They in turn attract more students due to their reputation, and the club prospers. Unlike other local clubs, we have no requirement to commit in advance to particular club ice sessions, which is a great convenience to you, our members.

Your board's first responsibility is to keep the club operating in the black. We work hard to maintain the variety of club ice sessions while holding down dues as much as possible. Remember that one way to further reduce your personal dues costs is to consider a committee chair role. A \$100 dues discount is available for committee chairs (and in some circumstances, we will consider co-chairs and split the discount). The Board reserves the right to select the chairs based on experience especially if multiple people express interest in the same job. But since several chairs were empty this past season, there is definitely room for more participation.

The club collects USFS fees and passes them on as part of the USFS registration process. The USFS fees are increasing this year. To simplify dues collection, we have incorporated USFS increased fees into all membership types, but the portion going to QCFSC has not increased.

### Membership Highlights

- All Memberships include the USFS fee.
- USFS is requiring clubs to have waiver and consent forms on file.
- Queen City also requires a club ice etiquette acknowledgement, an emergency medical form and a volunteer form. **All forms must be updated annually for all skaters.**
- College memberships are available for 4 years at a substantial savings. You may start the 4 year period in any year you are in college (you do not have to be an entering freshman).
- College memberships are only open to those who register with Queen City as their home USFS Club; OR to former full (individual or family) QCFSC members. All other college students must pay out-of-club test fees.
- **Volunteers are absolutely essential to the success of this organization. Many of the activities vital to a quality skating club, such as test sessions, an annual competition, and regular club ice sessions cannot happen without volunteers to staff them.** Without your support we may not be able to offer the amount of test sessions, club ice, exhibition, or competition opportunities we have provided in the past. Please indicate your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choices in the appropriate column on the volunteer form.

### How to Join or Renew

Please review the table of membership options offered and the restrictions or benefits that apply to each option. With 2-4 sessions available to you per week, the cost per session for ice is very attractive.

The purchase of a family, individual, or adult skating membership allows you to pay ½ of your dues now and ½ in January. All members of Queen City FSC under the age of 18 are required to have at least one parent or guardian also registered as a US Figure Skating and club member, either through a family membership or as a non-skating booster. This policy gives *all* members representation in our Club and encourages participation by parents in club activities.

New members are welcome at any time of year. Club dues (at adult, individual, or family levels) will be prorated 50% for new members joining after January 1 and 25% for new members joining after April 1 (unfortunately, USFS fees are not prorated). Renewals are not eligible for prorated fees.

Please return your completed QCFSC membership application, along with your check or money order **payable to Queen City FSC**, to:

Holly McDonell  
Membership Chair QCFSC  
7721 Falling Waters Ct  
West Chester, OH 45069

If you have questions regarding membership please contact me at 513-759-0984 or [mcdonell23@aol.com](mailto:mcdonell23@aol.com).  
Enjoy your skating season!

## Application Checklist

\*\*\*fill out and include with your application\*\*\*

Please make sure you are submitting a complete application:

\_\_\_\_ Membership form, listing ALL names of family members to be registered

- a. Did you register at least 1 adult over the age of 18?
- b. Check enclosed payable to QCFSC?
- c. Did you pay in full? (unless you are an Adult, Individual, or Family member. In that case you must pay at least ½ the full fee now. You may not deduct any anticipated Committee chair discount).

\_\_\_\_ Volunteer form

\_\_\_\_ Signed Ice Etiquette acknowledgement form

\_\_\_\_ Signed and completed Emergency contact form for EACH individual skater who will use club ice

\_\_\_\_ Signed 2-page USFS waiver / consent form

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DO NOT GIVE THESE FORMS TO YOUR COACH

DO NOT GIVE THE FORMS TO RINK STAFF

DO NOT OMIT ANY OF THE REQUIRED FORMS

OR -- YOUR APPLICATION PROCESSING MAY BE DELAYED!