

2006-2007 MFSC Membership Policies

Membership Year

The Membership year runs from July 1st through June 30th of the following year.

MFSC Membership:

MFSC Membership includes registration with United States Figure Skating (USFS), a family subscription to "Skating Magazine", MFSC ice privileges for skaters, and eligibility to test and compete within the USFS structure. Members 18 and over are eligible to vote, hold office, and act as MFSC Delegates to the USFS Governing Council.

- Dues are \$135 per year for the first skating member in a family, and 50% of that amount, or \$67.50, for the 2nd member in the family. Third or more family members will pay a fee of \$50 each.
- Dues are reduced to \$75 per year for skaters who are the first skater in their family, are either recent MFSC Basic Skills graduates or are currently enrolled in the Basics Skills (STARS) program.
- Dues will be prorated as follows: Full members joining from January-March: half-fee (\$67.50), full members joining from April-June: one quarter fee (\$33.75).
- Dues are complimentary for one non-skating parent or guardian if there is no skating adult in a family with club skaters under age 18. The non-skating parent or guardian will be registered with USFS and will be eligible to vote for the family skaters on Club matters.

Associate MFSC Membership

Associate MFSC Membership is available for skaters who are registered by another USFS Club as their Home Club and represent that Club at competitions. Such members will have access to MFSC ice sessions but will not be eligible to vote on MFSC matters or hold office. These families are not eligible for complimentary non-skater voting memberships.

- Dues are \$75 per year
- These members will be required to sign a Waiver for insurance purposes (recommended by USFS's insurer to cover them on MFSC ice).
- They may test at MFSC test sessions without paying the additional fee charged to non-Club testers.
- Associate Members may change their Home Club designation at any time by notifying their home club membership chair, filling out the appropriate change club form, making sure that their home club fees are not in arrears, notifying the MFSC membership chair, and paying the difference in dues at the time the change is made.
- Dues will be prorated as follows: Those joining from January-March: half fee (\$37.50), those joining from April-June: one-quarter fee (\$18.75).

Voting Membership

Voting Memberships may be purchased by those non-skating adults who are not already complimentary members but wish to vote on Club matters and be eligible to hold office. These members will be registered with the USFS.

- Dues are \$35 per year.

MFSC Coaches

MFSC Coaches are required to be Club members, and as such are granted all ice privileges and may vote on Club business if their home club is the MFSC, but are not eligible to hold office or act as a Club Delegate, according to the MFSC Bylaws.

- Dues are \$35 per year.
- An MFSC Coach whose home club is not MFSC is an Associate Member, and therefore is not eligible to vote on Club matters.

MFSC Board Members

MFSC Board Members are required to be USFS and Club members and therefore, may vote on Club business, are eligible to hold office, or act as a Club Delegate, according to the MFSC Bylaws.

- Dues are complimentary for non-skating board members.
- Non-skating Board members will be counted as the voting representative for their family's junior skater(s).

Honorary Members

Honorary Members are elected to this status by the board, and are usually adults.

- Dues are complimentary for Honorary members.
- They are registered with USFS.
- They will continue to receive Club communications and will be considered active as long as they return their USFS Registration forms.
- Honorary status is terminated when the registration forms are not returned.

Golden Circle Members

Golden Circle Members are those persons who make a sizable donation to the MFSC. (Amount to be determined by the Board of Directors)

- Donations in excess of MFSC membership dues are tax deductible.
- Golden Circle Members will be registered with USFS
- Additional privileges, as determined by the Board of Directors, will be granted.

Voting

Voting at the MFSC Annual Meeting and any additional meetings of the Membership is the privilege and duty of all registered MFSC Members who are 18 years of age or over.

- Each adult member, whose home club is the MFSC, is entitled to one vote, except for voting representatives.
- Voting representatives are entitled to one vote per each junior skater in their family.
- Eligibility for voting on club matters requires that the voting adult be registered with the MFSC/USFS a minimum of 30 days prior to the meeting.

Equipment Fees

An equipment fee of \$15 per skating member (or a maximum of \$30 per skating family) will be assessed each year to cover the cost of equipment related to improving the quality of instruction in the club.

General Rules:

- **Only Full MFSC Members and Associate MFSC Members may register for “Club” ice sessions and skate on “City” ice.**
- **Nominees for Board positions** will be drawn from the pool of registered adult MFSC Club members. Others who desire to be nominated may request registration from the Membership Chair and pay a fee of \$25 for a voting membership. Registration must take place at least 30 days prior to the election.
- Basic Skills (STARS) skaters may join MFSC at any time by paying the MFSC membership dues as described above, making them eligible to skate on “Club” and “City” ice (for extra ice time or lessons). They may continue to register for Basic Skills programs by paying the group lesson fee. Some restrictions on Club and City ice will apply to these low-skill skaters, at the discretion of the Ice Committee.
- Students, who were MFSC members prior to moving for educational purposes, may skate during academic breaks without paying a membership fee. They must, however, sign a Waiver of Liability and pay current drop-in fees to skate on MFSC ice sessions.
- **Reciprocity Policy:** Any member of a USFS Member Club may use MFSC ice for up to one month without joining as an Associate Member.
- **Summer School:** Summer school skaters are not required to be members of the MFSC. (As the sponsor of the event, MFSC liability insurance is in force.)

Membership codes and definitions

The following designations are used for the various member classifications:

Type of Membership:

Full	Home club is MFSC
Associate	Home club is not MFSC
Coach	Has permission to teach on MFSC ice
Voting	Adult - non-skater
Complimentary	Adult – Board, Honorary, Golden-Circle, or voting Representative

Member Activity: (may be multiple – based on Club participation)

Junior	JR	Skater under 18
Adult	AD	Skater 18 and over
Voting representative	VR	Adult, non-skater, voting representative for junior skaters
Board member	BD	MFSC Board member
Coach	CC	Club Coach
Judge	JDG	Judge
USFS Delegate	DGC	Delegate to the USFS Governing Council
Honorary	HON	Honorary member
Voting Golden Circle	VM	Adult, non-skater, Voting Membership
Not registered	GC	Large financial donors
	NR	Adult, non-skating members of a family that may volunteer for Club activities but do not wish to vote on club matters – used primarily for contact info

All skaters, board members, judges, USFS delegates, coaches must be registered with the USFS by their home club. The voting representatives, honorary members and Golden Circle members are registered with the USFS at the discretion of the MFSC Board.