

McCall Figure Skating Club Membership Guide

McCall Figure Skating Club (MFSC) is a U.S. Figure Skating affiliated club located at the Manchester Ice & Event Centre in McCall, Idaho. Originally at the mercy of Mother Nature, as the only skating facility was an outdoor parking lot, the club formed in 2001. However, through generous contributions to the Richard J. Sabala Foundation, and the visionary persistence of the Sabala Family, Manchester Ice & Event Centre, MFSC's home rink, opened in 2003.

Today, MFSC sponsors several U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned events each year, including a competition and test session, two ice show productions, a summer performance camp, and spotlight exhibition performances during hockey game intermissions.

The McCall Figure Skating Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization dedicated to supporting the practice, instruction, and advancement of figure skating. Our club encourages respect and goodwill among skaters, parents, coaches, and the McCall community.

Benefits of Club Membership

Figure skating offers many great benefits for your child. Values skaters learn through their participation include: appreciation for an active, healthy lifestyle; self-esteem, self-confidence, self-discipline and self-reliance; an ability to manage stress, perform under pressure and test emotional and physical balance; being part of an exciting individual or team sport; developing short term and long term goals; managing success and disappointment; appreciating fair play and being a good sport; and learning respect for others.

Joining a club is an important step in a figure skater's life, as the club becomes a skater's training home. Joining a club is essential once a skater is ready to take official US Figure Skating Tests or compete in competitions. Our club offers weekly club ice sessions, an annual test session and competition with judges so skaters can advance, two ice shows, fundraising activities, social events, and an annual awards banquet. The officers and board members of the McCall Figure Skating Club are committed to making this club the best it can be for all our children. Skating with MFSC is a great place for kids to engage in physical activity in a safe and positive environment; not to mention its being the perfect place to fight the winter blues and cool off from summer's heat.

Parent participation is a **MUST** for our club to be successful. The most important thing you can do as the parent of a figure skater is to inform yourself of the "nuts and bolts" of the MFSC and US Figure Skating rules, as well as to support your skater on and off the ice. MFSC officers, Board of Directors, Committee Members, and coaches are all here to guide you along the way and make this an amazing journey for your family.

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Message from our President

Welcome to the 2023-2024 skating year! Our focus as a club this year is to simplify everything and to reduce stress for all our members. We want a fun, positive environment so everyone can enjoy participating in the McCall Figure Skating Club. The MFSC Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Coaches and fellow parents are here to help.

Please help us with our goal by signing up early and taking several volunteer days / slots for our two fundraisers: Fireworks and the October competition. These are our sole money-makers to pay the cost of ice (now \$300+ per hour) for all our members. Many hands make light work! Contact various committee chairs (at left) to join us.

~ Marie Furnary, President



Entryeeze is an online membership program designed to make applying, renewing and managing your membership a breeze. MFSC's Membership year starts July 1st.

Entryeeze.com/MFSCMembership

This is the program that you will use for paying monthly club fees, tracking your volunteer hours and registering for a test session or competition. For competition-related questions, please ask your coach. If you do not have access to a computer or have any membership-related questions, do not hesitate to contact:

Wendy Frick, Membership Chair

Meet Our Coaches

Lori Benton

Email Lori (208) 559-0211

Born and raised in San Diego, Lori completed at the amateur level through college and medaled at the United States Figure Skating Championships and World University Games while attending San Diego State University. After college, she went on to earn the title of World Professional Figure Skating Champion in 1989.

Lori performed as a principal soloist in Ice Capades, Holiday on Ice and numerous shows worldwide from 1981 through 2002 and has shared her technical and creative love of the sport of figure skating with her students, National Competitors, and Olympic Medalists since 1985!

A professional choreographer, Lori has contributed her creativity and signature style to professional ice shows over the past twenty five years including Tacoma's Lakewood Winter Club annual ice shows, summer productions of the Sun Valley Ice Show now known as Sun Valley on Ice, and since 2011, the Manchester Ice & Event Centre's McCall Starz on Ice!



Marie Furnary

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As a PSA **Double Master-rated** coach in Moves in the Field and Group Instruction, Marie has more than 20 years of coaching experience, and is a US Figure Skating Gold Medalist in Ice Dance. Marie's primary coach was Olympic Team pairs/dance coach Ron Ludington, who ingrained techniques of his coach, Maribel Vinson-Owen, in all of his skaters. She also holds a PSA Level II ranking, a Certified Rating in Ice Dance, a Registered Rating in Freestyle, and is a Level 1 & 2 hockey accredited & power skate coach with the PSA.

Marie's MFSC skaters include 16 Gold/Senior USFS Test Medalists since the club's inception in 2003. Her skaters' other achievements include competing as co-captain of the 2012 National Collegiate Champion Team: receiving the highest IJS score out of 44 Preliminary girls at the 2013 US Figure Skating NW Pacific Regionals; performing as a cast member of the 2015 *Holiday on Ice* European Tour of *Passion* as well as in the 2015-2016 US tour of *Disney On Ice: 100 Years of Magic*. She has also taught at the Dartmouth FSC in New Hampshire, and at the Johnstown FSC in Pennsylvania.





USFS Skate Safe

We all can play a role in preventing abuse and reducing misconduct in sport. The U.S. Figure Skating Skate Safe (aka SafeSport) Program provides resources for all members to help identify abuse and misconduct steps that can be taken to reduce it and procedures to respond to it.

U.S. Figure Skating strives to provide a safe environment for their members that is free of misconduct and harassment. The association will not tolerate or condone any form of harassment or misconduct of any of its members including athletes, coaches, officials, directors, employees, parents, volunteers or any other persons while they are participating in or preparing for a figure skating activity or event conducted under the auspices of U.S. Figure Skating. All forms of misconduct are unacceptable and in direct conflict with U.S. Figure Skating rules.

The U.S. Figure Skating SafeSport Program addresses the following types of misconduct: Sexual, Physical & Emotional Misconduct, bullying, threats, hazing harassment, and willfully tolerating misconduct.

All individuals, regardless of membership with U.S. Figure Skating, are encouraged to report suspected violations of SafeSport.

U.S. Figure Skating has developed policies for its member clubs to help them address misconduct if it should occur, and to reduce, monitor and govern areas where potential misconduct could occur. U.S. Figure Skating recommends that its member

clubs adopt the SafeSport policies below that are applicable to their club and facility to reduce the risks of potential misconduct.



<https://www.usfigureskating.org/skatesafe>

Lori Benton, MFSC SkateSafe Committee Chair

For concerns or to report any violations contact any MFSC SkateSafe Committee Member

To contact USFS SafeSport directly email safesport@usfigureskating.org or call 719-635-5200

The McCall Figure Skating Club on facebook.

The McCall Figure Skating Club has a public presence on Facebook. We use this page to promote competitions, events, shows, and fundraisers, as well as to show the accomplishments of our skaters. If you do not want your child's name or photograph(s) on this site, please notify our membership chair immediately. www.facebook.com/McCallFigureSkatingClub

MFSC also has a closed group for *Members Only*, where we communicate reminders for show practices and club meetings, recruit volunteers, plan events and fundraisers and report competition-related information. www.facebook.com/mfscmembersonly



For more volunteer opportunities, or questions, contact Holly Pedrow MFSC Volunteer Committee Chair.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

The McCall Figure Skating Club does its best to provide amazing opportunities to our members, but with all our events, that requires work. MFSC requires all members to perform 15 volunteer hours per child per membership year (25 hours per family).

Events needing volunteers include:

July >> Fireworks Booth
October >> Competition
December >> Holiday Show
February >> Winter Carnival Ice Show

Don't panic, volunteer hours are easier to get than you think. *All unfulfilled hours will be charged \$20/hour.*

CLUB ICE

Starting in September 2023, all club members will pay monthly ice fees under the "Contract Ice" tab (not in merchandise) in Entry Eeze so we can keep track of ice cost payments. These 10 monthly payments (September-June) will include ALL ICE COSTS for rink ice time, so that our skaters can skate on every session without being assessed a fee.

If you wish to skate in the summer, you may purchase July and August ice from the rink as a pass (\$135) OR skaters who want to skate in the mornings but who do not belong to the MFSC will buy a new Morning Figure Skating punch card from the rink for \$150 plus tax – one punch (\$15) will cover each hour of ice time a skater uses (not the whole morning).



Jason Hawkins Skate by the Lake Competition & Test Session

Competing is a large part of the figure skating world. Although some skaters choose not to participate, if you do... every October the McCall Figure Skating Club sanctions a US Figure Skating Competition and Test Session. This is a great opportunity to show off your skills, start your testing track and compete on home ice. Talk to your coach about participating in this competition and other competitions in our region.

Michelle Randall, Competition Chair
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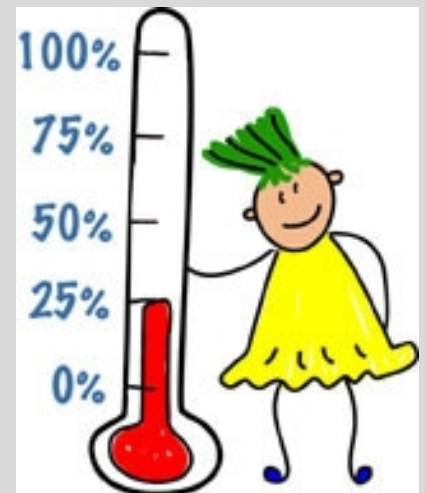
We encourage all our members to represent the McCall Figure Skating Club in STYLE! PersonaliTeez exclusively provides MFSC apparel; skating jackets, hoodies, backpacks *and* t-shirts.



Visit www.personaliteez.com/mccall to order.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is an important part of any club. The MFSC has several fundraising events every year. Our two biggest events are the Skate by the Lake Competition and the fireworks booth on July 4th. We are always looking for additional ways to increase the operating budget of MFSC. Our main goals...raising money to decrease the cost of club ice and hosting fun family events for our members on and off the ice. We cannot do this without the help of our MFSC families. Please volunteer when possible!! If you have any questions or would like to share your fundraising ideas contact



HOLLY PEDROW, FUNDRAISING CHAIR