



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why should I join RMFSC?

U.S. Figure Skating is organized through member clubs like RMFSC. Membership in RMFSC provides skaters with all of the benefits of a USFS membership, including: (i) eligibility to compete in USFS sanctioned competitions; (ii) eligibility (at certain levels of RMFSC membership) to test in front of USFS qualified testing panels; (iii) a subscription to Skating Magazine; and (iv) coverage under USFS's sport accident insurance policy. In addition, RMFSC membership provides multiple local club benefits such as:

- RMFSC Scrip Program (earn \$ to pay your skating expenses!)
- Annual Competitor Funding
- Skater's Assistance Fund
- Junior Board
- Annual Banquet
- Annual Ice Show
- Rocky Mountain Championships (RMFSC's home rink competition)
- USFS Test Sessions (10 each year!)
- Annual/Bi-Annual Skate Swaps
- High School Lettering Program

Which membership class is right for me?

RMFSC maintains many membership classes to serve the various needs of skaters. The **Introductory 1 and 2** classes are offered at a low cost to allow skaters to compete at the basic skills/free skate level. When competitive skaters are ready to take their pre-preliminary test, they must join with a parent/legal guardian (or a skating sibling who is 18 or older) at the **Individual/Family** level. Adult skaters who do not wish to compete but want to test may join at the **Recreational** level. College bound skaters may choose a 4-year **Collegiate** membership. Skaters who train at the Ice Centre but who are members of other clubs, may join as **Associate** members. Skating enthusiasts who do not skate may join as a **Supporting** member. **Coach** and **Official** memberships also are available. *Please refer to the detailed descriptions of membership classes for list of privileges and responsibilities associated with each.*

Can I join RMFSC anytime during the year?

Membership applications are accepted throughout the membership year (July 1-June 30). Some skaters, usually new members at the Basic Skills level, will choose to join in Spring to compete in certain competitions. Please be aware, however, that dues are not pro-rated. Competitor funding for Individual/Family members is available only to those

who join/renew before July 1. Late fees apply for renewals received after June 30. In addition, membership applications for the current membership year cannot be processed online from June 1-June 30, which is the join/renew window for the upcoming membership year. Contact membership@rmfsc.org if you wish to join for the current membership year during this period.

What are my membership dues used for?

The majority of membership dues go toward USFS membership. The remaining amounts are used to pay for RMFSC's administrative expenses, competitor funding, RMFSC skating and social events (e.g., Rocky Mountain Championships, Annual Banquet, Sectional and National Send-offs), and the Junior Board.

Why does RMFSC need Volunteers?

RMFSC is an active club and needs many volunteers for its testing, competition, ice show, skate swap, banquet and other events. Accordingly, we ask Introductory 2 and Individual/ Family members to help out. In addition, volunteering is great way to meet other skating friends and parents. Please note that some volunteer positions require SafeSport training and/or background checks.

What if I don't have time to Volunteer?

RMFSC is exclusively volunteer run; therefore, we strongly encourage your participation whenever you are available. Some volunteer opportunities simply require donating food or other goods for events or completing tasks on your own time at home. RMFSC cannot maintain its activities without you!

Why are the Introductory 2 dues more than the Introductory 1 dues?

The Introductory 1 and 2 fees cover only the cost of USFS membership plus a small amount (\$10 for Introductory 1 and \$5 for Introductory 2) to cover RMFSC's administrative expenses to process and maintain the membership. USFS offers a discount only for the first year of membership; therefore, RMFSC must charge more for Introductory 2 memberships to cover the expense of USFS membership.

What if my Introductory skater needs to test during the membership year?

Introductory 1 and Introductory 2 skaters may test during the membership year upon payment of a \$70 Introductory Member Testing Fee, along with the fees associated with the test your skater wishes to take. You and your skater would then need to renew at the Individual/Family level for the following membership year.

May I participate as in RMFSC if I have an Introductory Skater?

Yes! RMFSC welcomes parents/legal guardians to join and participate as Supporting members. Please note that some volunteer positions require SafeSport training and/or background checks.

Which membership is right for me?

I have a competitive skater who is under 18 and tests at the pre-preliminary level or above. Which membership should I choose?

RMFSC requires an adult family member/legal guardian to join with each minor skater who tests at the pre-preliminary level or above. As the adult, you will need to join as an Individual member and your minor skater will need to join as a Family member.

I have two skaters under 18 who compete and test. Which membership should I choose?

You will need to join as an Individual member, and both of your skaters will need to join as Family members.

I have a skater under 18 who competes and tests. Both my spouse and I want to be members. Which membership class should we choose?

You may join as an Individual member and your skater may join as a Family member. Your spouse may join as a Supporting member.

May I continue to participate in RMFSC even after my skater is done skating?

Yes! RMFSC welcomes skating enthusiasts to join and participate as Supporting members. Please note that some volunteer positions require SafeSport training and/or background checks.

I have a beginner skater. Do I need to join RMFSC?

Joining RMFSC provides beginning skaters the opportunity to participate in competitions and become part of a skating community. Skaters who have never been a member of a club may join as Introductory 1 members and as Introductory 2 members in subsequent years.

My skater will turn 18 during the membership year, but will not be 18 as of July 1. Do I need to join as an Individual member?

Yes, you will need to join as an Individual member and your skater will need to join as a Family member. Skaters may only join as Individual members on their own if they turn 18 before July 1 of the current membership year.