



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 hosts local club activities such as an annual banquet, ice show, skate swap and USFS test sessions.

How is RMFSC governed?

RMFSC is a tax-exempt non-profit corporation run by a volunteer board. RMFSC bylaws allow for a 5-9 member board. We encourage you to contact RMFSC at rmfscpresident@gmail.com if you have an interest in serving on the board.

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., 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.

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!

What is SafeSport?

SafeSport is a mandatory athlete protection program for all U.S. Olympic sport governing bodies. As a member of USFS, RMFSC is required to comply with SafeSport rules. SafeSport includes an online training program and a reporting protocol for violations. RMFSC requires all members to complete SafeSport training for each membership year.

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.

