

Dear Skating Family,

Welcome back !! Summer is winding down and before you can blink, it will be back to school. I suspect that the skaters in your household are already clamoring for Fall ice .

The Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club has had not only a great summer but 2010 has proven to be a monumental year. We started the year with Learn to Skate classes filled to capacity, we were enthralled by the beauty, grace, and athleticism of Olympians Emily Samuelson & Evan Bates and had a fun Night at the Museum with Melody on Ice, thanks to the efforts of Erin Donovan and her crew. The Springtime Invitational in May brought out the dance in many of our skaters and our Basic Skills Competition in June was our most successful in years. Kudos go to Ann Dougherty, Jim Achtenberg and all the Club volunteers that made these events successful.

As summer began we had a memorable Dr. Porter Synchro Camp and were excited by the success of our Ice Dancers competing at Lake Placid. Several of our skaters have competed successfully in competitions outside our Club. In addition we had a strong representation at the AAFSC booth at Ann Arbor Art Fair with 45 Club volunteers participating in manning the booth. As of now, Club membership is on pace to beat last year and Summer Learn-to-Skate has 14% more skaters than a year ago.

This Fall AAFSC is hosting Midwestern Sectionals November 9 - 13, the final step prior to US Nationals. The annual Dr. Richard Porter Synchronized Classic, one of the premier synchronized skating competitions in the country will be held on December 3 -5. Volunteers will be needed to make all these events successful!

In this packet you will find the Fall Ice Schedule and Contract. You will also find some basic information from the AAFSC office as well as Ice Etiquette rules that all skaters must follow. Please make your skaters familiar with this information.

You are what makes this Club alive! You are the heart & soul of AAFSC. You – the Skating Family.

On behalf of myself and the AAFSC Board of Directors we wish an enjoyable Fall season for you and your family. Hope to see you around the rink.

Regards,

John Toomasian
President
Ann Arbor Figure Skating Club

A FEW IMPORTANT DETAILS FROM THE AAFSC OFFICE

All Skaters are **REQUIRED** to check in with Ice Monitor/PIC prior to entering the ice. Those not contracting should be prepared to provide payment prior to entering the ice. Skaters **must be** members of AAFSC to skate on Club sessions. A non-AAFSC United States Figure Skating member may skate up to **three** times before having to join AAFSC as a 2nd Club member. Proof of USFS membership and AAFSC waiver required.

ICE PAYMENT : This Fall AAFSC is offering three different payment levels for ice.

- ✓ **CONTRACT** – This is the best value per session. Sessions start Tuesday September 7th. Registration deadline is 5PM September 10th. Contracts submitted September 7th and after may be prorated. Ice used prior to the submission of a completed contract must be paid at the Sign-On rate (or Sign-On card) at the time of use. After 5PM September 10th a \$25 Late Fee will be assessed to all further contracts or for any added ice time. There is NO refund for contract ice. Credits to skaters accounts may be given **only** for medical reasons, when accompanied by a signed certificate from an MD . The Club office may allow switching between sessions on the same day. The sessions switched must be the same price or lower (no refunds for overpayment). If the session switched for is higher, the skater will be treated as a “Sign-on” skater and have to pay, in advance of entering the ice, the difference between the “contract” price of their original ice and the “sign-on” price of the ice they are switching to.

EXAMPLE: Mary Jean Doe is contracted for the 1:15 session on Sunday but decides to skate on the 11:15 session Sunday instead. She will pay an additional \$5 to make this change. Her contract price for 1:15 is \$12 and the walk-on price for 11:15 is \$17. (\$17 - \$12 = \$5). If she had skated at 12:15 she would not have paid anything extra as they are similar contract sessions.

Contract ice **cannot** be carried over to other days. Contract skaters are required to Check-In with Ice Monitor/PIC every session.

- ✓ **SIGN-ON CARDS** – The Sign-On Card is a laminated card good for ten sessions. Each punch is equal in value to one \$15 Sign-On session. If used for a lower priced session there will be NO refund. If used for a higher priced session the difference between \$15 and the Sign-On price of that session must be paid **PRIOR** to the skater entering the ice. Sign-On Cards are great for families with more than one skater or who feel that contracting for a 10 – 13 week session will not be of greater benefit. It also is easier than carrying cash. Sign-On cards can be purchased **ONLY** in the AAFSC office, during regular office hours. The price is \$145 for one card or \$280 for two cards. **WARNING: Lost cards will NOT be replaced.**
- ✓ **SIGN-ON** - AAFSC accepts cash or check (made out to AAFSC) for the Sign-On amount prior to entering the ice.
- ✓ **NOTE:** Skaters **must pay** for the session **PRIOR** to entering the ice. All Club sessions will have a PIC (Person-in-charge) or Ice Monitor who collects money at the ice entrance and then moves to the Music Booth to play music and monitor the ice. If the skater enters the ice late, he/she **MUST** go directly to the Music Booth (even if they are late for a lesson) to pay for their ice. PIC will only accept cash (no bills higher than \$20), checks (made out to AAFSC) or Sign-On cards.

CLEANLINESS:

It is very important that everyone work to keep our environment neat, clean and healthy. This includes locker rooms, ice rinks and café areas. Do not leave food, tissues, tights, guards, or “anything” just lying around. You are a guest in someone else’s home. Be on your **BEST Behavior!**

THEFT:

In keeping with **CLEANLINESS**, do not leave items of value lying around. Ipods, cellphones, jackets, purses, books, money, and even skates have been stolen from the rink as well as the AAFSC Locker Room. If you value your possessions please do **NOT** leave them unattended.

AAFSC Ice Rules & Etiquette Summary

1. Check-In

- a) Skaters must check in with the PIC before getting on the ice. Sign-ons must have payment with them. In order of preference, this is punch card, check (made out to AAFSC), or cash. If the PIC is already in the music box, please skate over to the music box and check in immediately.
- b) When there is no ice cut before your session, please remember to check in with the PIC at the music box, even if you are staying on from the previous session.
- c) Contract skaters must show up within the 1st 10 minutes of a “full” session, otherwise they will lose their spot to a sign-on on a first-come, first-served basis.
- d) Maximum number of skaters allowed per session is as follows:

General	28	High FS	25	Field Moves	28
Low FS	35	Low/Mid FS	32	Stroking	30
Mid FS	32	Mid/High FS	25	Dance	35

If the limit has been reached, no additional skaters will be accepted.

2. Ice Cuts

When there is an ice cut, the last skater off the ice should close the rink door. Do not leave skate guards on the inside boards – they can fall off and jam the Zamboni. Do not get on the ice until the Zamboni is completely off! This is an important safety issue.

3. Music

- a) Music is played in the order it is requested, with the exception of pro requests. Pro requests have priority over skater requests. During periods of high demand, a pro cannot request more than one play per 15 minutes (i.e., in a 25 minute session, 2 plays maximum; in a 50 minute session, 3 plays maximum). Once the pro request has been played, the PIC will return to the skater-requested playing order.
- b) During periods of high demand (i.e., before a competition) a skater can have their music played only twice (including a Pro request) per session. On non-crowded sessions with few program requests, the PIC can use their discretion on the number of times a program can be played.
- c) Under no circumstances will a program be given pro-request status if a skater is not being given a lesson from his/her pro.

4. On-ice Priority

A skater whose music is playing has the right of way over all other skaters. After this, a skater receiving a lesson has the right of way over other skaters.

5. On-Ice Behavior

- a) Rude and objectionable behavior is not permitted and can be cause for being ejected from a session. Examples are cursing, spitting, kicking at the ice or boards, rudeness to skaters, pros or the PIC. If ejected, no refunds for the session will be given.
- b) No eating, drinking, gum chewing, or smoking is permitted on the ice. The only exception is that a water bottle (with a cap) may be kept in the hockey boxes.

6. Traffic flow

When not skating (resting, getting a drink of water, speaking to another skater/pro), please stand along the boards or in the hockey boxes. Do not stand in the middle of the ice or in the lutz corners. Pros not actively skating with their students should also teach from along the boards or the hockey boxes and give right of way as noted above.

7. Specific Session Rules

If practicing another discipline on a particular session (i.e., practicing freestyle on a moves session or vice versa), right of way is given to those skaters for whom the session is designated. No more than 2 synchro skaters practicing together will be allowed.

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	No.	Session	Time	Rink	Min	wks	Price	Fill in \$	Sign on
Sun	100	General	11:15-12:15pm	Oly	60	12	168.00		17.00
	101	General	12:15-1:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
	102	General	1:15-2:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
	103	Dance Teams	2:15-3:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
	104	Dance Teams	3:15- 4:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
Mon	200	General	3:15-4:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
	201	General (half session)	3:40-4:05pm	Oly	25	12	72.00		9.00
	202	General	4:15-5:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
**	203	Mid/High Ballet	5:15-6:05pm		50	12	Pay Instructor		
	204	General	5:15-6:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
	205	General	6:15-7:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
*	206	Foundations of Ice Dance	7:15-8:05pm	Oly	50	12	240.00		23.00
	207	General	7:15-8:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
Tues	300	General	3:15-4:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
	301	General (half session)	3:40-4:05pm	Oly	25	12	72.00		9.00
	302	General	4:15-5:05 pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
	303	General	5:15-6:05pm	Oly	50	11	132.00		15.00
**	304	Pilates and Yoga	5:15-6:05pm		50	12	Pay Instructor		
	305	Learn to Skate Lessons	6:15-7:05pm	Oly	50		Use Group Lesson Form		
Wed	400	General	3:15-4:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
	401	General (half session)	3:40-4:05pm	Oly	25	12	72.00		9.00
	402	General	4:15-5:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
**	403	Low Ballet	TBD		50	12	Pay Instructor		
	404	General	5:15-6:05pm	Oly	50	12	144.00		15.00
	405	General	6:15-6:45pm	Oly	30	12	96.00		11.00
Thur	500	General	3:15-4:05pm	Oly	50	11	132.00		15.00
	501	General (half session)	3:40-4:05pm	Oly	25	11	66.00		9.00
	502	General	4:15-5:05pm	Oly	50	11	132.00		15.00
	503	General	5:15-6:05pm	Oly	50	11	132.00		15.00
**	504	Jazz	5:15-6:05pm		50	11	Pay Instructor		
	505	Learn to Skate Lessons	6:15-7:05pm	Oly	50		Use Group Lesson Form		
Fri	600	General	3:15-4:05pm	Oly	50	10	120.00		15.00
	601	General (half session)	3:40-4:05pm	Oly	25	10	60.00		9.00
	602	General	4:15-5:05pm	Oly	50	10	120.00		15.00
	603	General	5:15-6:05pm	Oly	50	10	120.00		15.00
Sat	700	S Stars/Intro Dance	9:15-11:05am	Oly	105		Use Shooting Stars Form		
	701	Learn to Skate Lessons	10:15-11:05am	Oly	50		Use Group Lesson Form		
***	702	Intro to Dance -Off Ice	10:15-11:05am		45	10	100.00		13.00
	703	General	12:15-1:05	Oly	50	11	132.00		15.00
M-F		General -Cube Pass Thru Ice	6:05am-8:05am	Oly	60		Pay Cube Staff		\$8/hr
M-F		General-AAFSC Pass Thru	8:15am-2:20pm		60		Pay AAFSC Office		\$9/hr

Tuesday Sept 7, to Thursday Dec 2, 2010

Skaters Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

Level(s) Passed as of Sept 7, 2010:

Badge: _____ Field Moves: _____ Freestyle: _____

****COACHES SIGNATURE (required)**

FIGURE SKATING HOME CLUB: _____

USFS NUMBER: _____

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 5PM on Sept 10th 2010.
 Late fee of \$25.00 will be assessed after Sept 10th.

DIRECTIONS: Please fill out completely.

1. Circle the numbers for all desired sessions.
2. Write the session price in the "Fill in \$" column & total.
3. Obtain coaches signature above. Required.
4. Add \$5.00 Administrative Fee.
5. Signature of skater (if 18 or older) or parent.
6. Make a copy of this form for your records.

Amount Due: \$ _____

Administration Fee: \$ 5.00

Late Fee (after Sept 10th): \$ 25.00

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Signature of skater(if 18 or older)or parent(required):

General = no tests passed and up, all disciplines.

Dance Teams = TEAMS ONLY.

Test Dates

Sept 27, 2010 Mon 8:15am - 2pm: apps due Sept 13
 Nov 2, 2010 Tues 8:15am - 2pm: apps due Oct 19
 Nov 30, 2010 Tues 8:15am-2pm: apps due Nov 16

PLEASE MAIL THIS CONTRACT AND YOUR PAYMENT TO:
 AAFSC
 2121 Oak Valley Drive
 ANN ARBOR, MI 48103
 734-213-6768

or bring to the AAFSC office at the Cube.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

*** Price Includes instruction**

**** Off ice class**

***** Intro to Dance -Off Ice- available to non Shooting Stars skaters**

STROKING ONLY - Tues-Fri - 4:05-4:15 - No ice cut

No additional charge for those on 3:15, 3:40 or 4:15 sessions.

There will not be an assigned stroking coach. Skaters may work on their own or take private or semi-private stroking lessons.

Oct 19, Tues, 5:15-6:05pm Sectional Exhibition

Nov 9-13, Tues-Sat, AAFSC hosting Midwest Sectionals, No Club Ice

Nov 25, Thurs, Thanksgiving, Rink Closed, No Club Ice

Nov 26, Fri, No Club Ice

Nov 27, Sat, 12:15 only, no LTS/SS

Nov 28, Sun, Regular Club Ice

DATE _____

CHECK# _____

AMOUNT RECEIVED \$ _____

QB

Date _____

Initials _____