



July, 2010

2010/2011 Skating Season

Dear Skaters, Parents, and Professional Staff:

Welcome to the 2010/2011 Skating season! The Greater Green Bay Figure Skating Club (GGBFSC) is pleased to announce its program for the Fall 2010- Spring 2011 skating season. Our skating year continues through the summer with similar programs. During the regular skating season, we offer:

Fall/Winter/Spring Skating Program	Synchronized Skating
Learn-to-Skate Program	Social Activities
Exhibitions	Ice Show

The GGBFSC is a member of United States Figure Skating, and conducts its skating programs at the DePere Ice Arena.

*****The GGBFSC will also be hosting the 2011 UGL Regional Championships this fall from October 1-5, 2010! Watch for more information on this event and how you can help in upcoming newsletters or e-mails. All club members will have required volunteer hours for this event above and beyond the normal service hour requirements. Please see the service hour's commitment form for details***

If you contracted for Summer 2010 Ice, please return the following items:

- 1) **Skater Contract form.** The form used to choose the sessions you want to register for this season is attached. It also is used to determine total contract charges, and the amount required with your registration materials.
- 2) **Check/Money Order for Total Payment due with this contract.** The total amount is determined on the Skater Contract form. You may pay for the entire contract at this time, but the minimum (1/8 of total contract) is calculated on the form. You may pay 8 equal payments due the 15th of each month starting in August.
- 3) **Payment for any remaining Summer Ice bill.** If you are not paid in full on your summer contract or the past year, you will not be able to register for fall ice.

If you did not contract for Summer 2010 Ice, please return the following items in addition to those listed above (available on line or at the Membership Meeting as Supplemental Materials):

- 4) **Membership and Waiver form.** Please include the appropriate membership fee.
- 5) **Service Hour commitment form.** Service is critical to GGBFSC; please carefully review your commitment. Uncompleted service hours will be billed at \$20 per hour.

To receive priority, registration must be Postmarked NO LATER THAN August 11, 2010, and sent to the following address(Please DO NOT put in the club box):

Donna Remington
3229 Old Military Road
DePere, WI 54115

After August 11, 2010 late registration may be accepted on a space available basis.

Further, registrations postmarked later than August 11th will be assessed a \$50 late fee penalty.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the enclosed forms, please contact: Amy Vandenberg at amy.vandenberg@snc.edu or Donna Remington at dremington@gbp.com

Club Website: www.greatergreenbayfsc.com

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Membership

GGBFSC Home Club Membership is open to anyone with an interest in figure skating. Membership fees for this season include membership in the Club from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011. Skaters must have a US Figure Skating membership to skate on Club ice time. Associate memberships are available only to members of other Clubs who have a current US Figure Skating membership number from that Club. The membership fees for this year are:

*Regional service hours are extra required hours, see service hours commitment form.

Membership Category	USFS Membership Included	Club Service Hours	Skating Magazine Subscription	Cost	Notes
Full	Yes	15*	Yes	\$125.00	
Introductory (new)	Yes	15*	Yes	\$100.00	<i>New to the club and may never have been a USFS member</i>
2nd Additional Family Member	Yes	0	No	\$85.00	
3rd or more family member	Yes	0	No	\$50.00	
4 year Collegiate	Yes	6*	Yes	\$100.00	Must be a full time college student. Membership is for four years
Associate	No	6*	No	\$50.00	Must provide USFS membership from home club
Synchro Limited	Yes	0	Yes	\$50.00	May not contract for Club Ice. Must be a member of our Basic Skills Program. For \$75 may upgrade to full member
Emeritus	Yes	0	Yes	\$50.00	One time approval by the Board of Directors Continues until Emeritus member no longer pays fee

The following apply to full membership (not limited membership categories):

Membership dues are used for both US Figure Skating and operation of the GGBFSC. Membership allows a skater to purchase Club ice. Membership also includes participation in any Club functions, social or business, including exhibitions. Members will receive our newsletter, and the first member in each family will receive a copy of **Skating** Magazine published by US Figure Skating. USFS Membership allows members to test and compete at US Figure Skating Competitions. Full, Collegiate, and Emeritus Members have GGBFSC voting rights, if over the age of 18.

The Club **Service Hours Requirements** can be found on the Club website. The completed and signed commitment form must be on file with the Service Hours Coordinator in order to participate in Club activities (including Club ice time).

Club Contract Ice Time

Please see ice contract form for specific sessions and skating times. In summary:

- The Club has regularly scheduled afternoon ice times on:
 - Tuesday (3:30 p.m. – 7:20 p.m.)
 - Thursday (3:30 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.)
 - Friday (3:30 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.)
 - Sunday (2:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.)
- Early morning ice is available:
 - Monday and Thursdays (5:30 a.m. – 6:50 a.m.)
- This year the skating contract will begin on August 30th, 2010 and end on June 5, 2011. Check the club bulletin board or our website for the calendar of ice sessions or club events.

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- The first 15 minutes of each freestyle session is Dance, Moves or edgework. Dance music is allowed. Skaters who have passed the Senior Moves in the Field test may use this time for Freestyle, only when they are in a lesson.
- *Contracted ice time for this skating season will be offered in three segments to allow greater flexibility and participation in other activities:*
 - 1) *Fall Segment: August 30th, 2010 – November 7, 2010*
 - 2) *Winter Segment: November 8, 2010 – March 13, 2011*
 - 3) *Spring Segment: March 14, 2011 – June 5, 2011*
- **Signup for ALL the segments must be completed at this time.** We encourage members to sign up for all segments, as they may become filled and might not be available later in the skating year. The priority for contract ice (described later) will be used at the beginning of the skating year, and any open times throughout the remainder of the year will be filled on a first come, first served basis.
- The Club maintains a website at www.greatergreenbayfsc.com. It is our intention to post most of the Club information and forms online to reduce postage and copying costs. Please familiarize yourself with this site as more of the information you need from the Club will be available there.
- The Club does not have ice on Sunday of Labor Day weekend, Labor Day, Thursday, Friday and Sunday of Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, New Years Day, Easter, Mother's Day, the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, and Memorial Day.

** Please check the club calendar on the club website or club bulletin board for additional days and times that club ice will not be available.*
- Any deviations to the schedule or additional ice times throughout the year will be posted on the Club bulletin board located in the lobby, on the GGBFSC website, or our club newsletter.
- Club ice time contracts are available to home Club or associate members only.
- US Figure Skating members from other Clubs may skate at our regular walk-on rates if space is available.

Contract Ice Fees

- Basic membership does not include ice time other than ice used for social hours. Ice time may be obtained by contracting throughout the season or by paying walk-on rates.
- Ice contract charges for each session are shown on the “Skater Contract Form”.
- The Club reserves the right to cancel or change any sessions, and will make appropriate adjustments to the final contract payments. Ice contract payments are due and payable in **8** equal installments by the 15th of each month beginning with August and ending with March.
The remaining balance is due by March 15, 2011.

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- Bills or account status reports will be sent to all GGBFSC members at frequencies throughout the year. **Late fees will be assessed for late contract payments.**

Priority for Contract Ice

The priority system to allocate available ice time follows:

Applications postmarked by the deadline:

1. Club members will have priority to skate based on number of years' membership in GGBFSC. (A skater who joins in November will have the same priority as a skater who joins in July.)
2. If two skaters have the same priority and “tie” for the last available spot, priority will be given to the skater who skated the most hours in the previous year.
3. New Club members will be assigned any remaining ice by lottery in case of a “tie” for final spots.

Applications postmarked after the deadline:

Will be handled on a first come, first served basis, with no priority for years' membership.

Walk-on Fees

Club members that desire additional time not covered by their contracts may acquire that time, if it becomes available, at the following rates:

80 minute Morning Ice Freestyle	\$15.00 (\$13.00 Contracted)
50-55-70 minute Freestyle	\$13.00 (\$11.00 Contracted)

Maximum Occupancy and Walk-On Priority

A maximum of 22 skaters are allowed on the ice for all sessions. **Reserved ice time will be reassigned for the session if you are not present by five minutes past the start time.** This means the skater must check in with the ice monitor. Priority for walk-on and make-up ice is as follows:

1. Club members making up missed time, which has been scheduled 24 hours in advance.
2. Club members taking additional time, which has been scheduled 24 hours in advance.
3. Guests who have been scheduled 24 hours in advance.
4. Unscheduled members or guests.

Make-ups and Refunds-Contract Ice Times

- The Club maintains a very liberal make-up policy, but we do not guarantee that ice will be available for make-ups. Make-ups for any missed contract sessions will be on a first come, first served basis.
- ***Make-ups must be made up in the yearly segment where they were missed. For example, this means that make-ups “earned” during the Winter session can only be used in the Winter session.***

- If you will miss a session, you or your parent must either sign the monitor book in advance, or call the DePere Ice Arena to inform the monitor that a session (or sessions) will be missed. Since the Club has very few openings for members to make up missed sessions (or for guests to skate), it is in your best interest to sign "absent" for any sessions you will miss as early as possible. **If an effort is not made to sign "absent" ahead of time or notify the monitor the day of your scheduled ice time, skaters will not be allowed to make up those sessions.**
- A "p.m. M/D/FS" (\$11.00) can be used to make up on an "a.m. M/D/FS" (\$13.00) for a charge of \$2.00.
- Contract refunds for large blocks of missed skating can be considered by the Board of Directors and will be granted only for prolonged injury or illness. Any requests must be submitted in writing to the board of directors with a Doctor's note.

"NO Change Window Policy" for changing days already contracted:

NO changes will be accepted for the fall segment, only additions of contracted ice.

Changes in contracted days will be accepted for the Winter segment up until October 19, 2010.

Changes will be accepted for the Spring segment up to February 22, 2011.

Any changes in days outside of this time will need to be done as "make -ups"

Additions of contracted ice can be done anytime. No refunds for contracted ice.

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Annual Meeting: Club and Skating Requirements

The 2010 General Membership meetings will be held Thursday July 22nd and Tuesday July 27th. Each family in attendance receives 1 service hour toward their requirement. Attendance is required at one of these meetings.

Skater Recognition Banquet and Annual Election

In the Spring, GGBFSC holds a banquet to honor our skaters and elect a new Board of Directors.

Club and Skating Requirements

Each skating member must have passed his or her Basic 5 US Figure Skating test. Those skating on High M/D/Freestyle sessions must have passed their Juvenile Freestyle test or Intermediate MIF test by August 15th, 2010 for the fall segment or for the other 3 segments by the start of each of those segments. These levels will be strictly upheld.

Synchronized Skating

The Club offers opportunities for skaters on 3 synchronized skating teams: two competitive teams, High Kicks and Side Kicks, and one Learn-to-Skate team. Tryouts are held during the week of the annual ice show. For more information contact Lynnae Kolden at 920-819-7563.

Club Apparel

At various times, jackets, sweatshirts, and other items with Club logo may become available. Watch for information regarding Club apparel on the Club bulletin board, website and the newsletter.

Social Activities

See newsletter, website or bulletin board.

Regional Exhibition

GGBFSC Members who are competing in Regional competition will be given a party on Tuesday September 14th from 4:30-6:15 at the DePere Ice Center.

Holiday Exhibition

GGBFSC Members will perform a Holiday Exhibition on Saturday, December 13, 2010 from 1-3 pm. Mark your calendars and watch for details to follow.

Ice Show

The Club conducts an exciting ice show annually. All Club members have the opportunity to skate in the show along with the learn-to-skate participants. Registration for the ice show will be conducted later in the skating season. Dates: TBD

Additional Ice

Watch for additional ice availability.

Competitions

As a member of the GGBFSC and US Figure Skating, skaters may be eligible to skate in various competitions that are sanctioned by US Figure Skating.