NEW SKATER/FAMILY INFORMATION

>> CONSIDERING JOINING THE WINDOM FIGURE SKATING CLUB

Thank you for considering joining our club! Below you will find some information that may make your decision easier as well as information on how to register and steps to take after registration.

SEASON: The figure skating season starts **October 14, 2025** and runs through our Ice Show on March 8th and 9th. We have our season broken up into 3 different sessions. The first and second session end with level testing for each skater. At the end of Session 1, skaters advance into their appropriate level based on testing. Ice Show costumes must be ordered in December, so although there is advancement testing at the end of Session 2, skaters remain together for Session 3 and advance the following season. Skaters who do not want to participate in performance skating have the option of doing Non-Ice Show lessons for the third session.

ELIGIBILITY: Skaters must be age 3 and not older than 18 on or before October 1 preceding the beginning of the season to be eligible to participate in the Windom Figure Skating Club.

<u>LEVELS</u>: All new skaters will start at the lowest level regardless of on-ice experience unless you choose to participate in our Pre-Lesson testing. All new skaters are encouraged to attend this pre-test with our coaches where they will evaluate skills and place the skater in the most appropriate level prior to the start of lessons. Pre-Test will be held on Sunday <u>October 12th</u> this year with a new parent meeting held at the same time.

FUNDRAISERS: The Club offers several OPTIONAL fundraisers throughout the year and all money raised goes directly into individual accounts to help offset expenses like costumes, etc.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: The Club has a limited number of Scholarships available to families enduring financial hardship. Approval and award of scholarships is done **prior** to lessons starting; if something drastically changes with your families financial ability mid-year, please complete this same application and submission process for a mid-year approval request. Please see the website under "Member Information" for more details.

FREE LESSONS: Lesson fees are free to NEW skaters of any age/level. Club dues (\$25family), costumes, optional private lessons, options specialized classes, and all other fees associated with the ice show session will be due to the family. We hope after a year of falling in love with skating that you will stay with us. Below is our current lesson fee structure for your reference.

	Session 1 All Skaters		Session 2		Session 3				Full Season			
			All Skaters		Non-Ice Show Skaters		Ice Show Skaters					
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	First Year Skaters	Returning Skaters	First Year Skaters	Returning Skaters	First Year Skaters	Returning Skaters	First Year Skaters	Returning Skaters	5 Monthly Installments (Oct 1, Nov 1, Dec 1, Jan 1, Feb 1)	3 Session Installments	Full Payment	
Club Membership Fee (per family)	\$25.00		х	х	x x		х	х	\$25.00 Due with 1st Paymer		\$25.00	
Group Lessons - All Levels (Mandatory participation)	FREE	\$60.00	FREE	\$60.00	FREE	\$60.00	FREE	\$60.00	\$36.00	\$60.00	\$180.00	
Power Team (Specialized Class available for Freeskate+)	\$50.00		\$50.00		N/A		\$50.00		\$30.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	
Jr. Line (Specialized Class available for Basic 5 +)	\$50.00		\$50.00		N/A		\$50.00		\$30.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	
Sr. Line (Specialized Class available for FS 1+ eligibility TBD by coaches)	\$50.00		\$50.00		N/A		\$50.00		\$30.00	\$50.00	\$150.00	
Private Lessons - One Skater (Optional: Based on coach availability)	\$68.00		\$68.00		N/A		\$68.00		\$40.80	\$68.00	\$204.00	
Semi-Private Lessons - 2 Skaters (Optional: Based on coach availability)	\$34.00		\$34.00		N/A		\$34.00		\$20.40	\$34.00	\$102.00	

NOTES:

- * Skaters are required to participate in group lessons, all other items are optional.
- * USFSA membership dues are included in first session lesson dues.
- * Prices (except for club membership fee) are per individual skater.
- * All lesson fees, ice time and private fees will be paid directly to the WFSC and are included in the prices reflected in the chart above.
- * Prices reflect lesson fees only. Costumes, skates and other accessories will be billed separately.
- *Ice Show Solos: Private lessons are required, but solo is not guaranteed. Coaches select soloists based on age, level, and number of eligible skaters.
- *To perform in Jr. Line, Sr. Line and/or Power Team in the Ice Show, skaters must participate in those classes all year. Exceptions may be made for skaters that pass into qualifying levels mid-season.

>>> HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE WINDOM FIGURE SKATING CLUB

REGISTRATION: Registration is open September 7 - October 13th; registrations starting on October 14th will incur a \$20 late charge for the additional administrative work needed for late registrants. Below you will find information for registering. During registration, you will only be charged the \$25 family membership dues; lesson fees and other charges will be communicated to you and be billed the first week of lessons with several payment options available for you to choose from.

Step 1: Log In to the Parent Portal

- 1. Visit our new website <u>www.windomfigureskating.com</u>
- 2. Click on Member Information on far top/right
- 3. Click the Pink New Member button
- 4. Click the "Create Account" under First time here? At the bottom of the screen.
- 5. Enter Your Account information this is YOUR (parent) information
- 6. When finished, Click on the blue box "Add a Student"
- 7. Add your student(s) information then click the Blue Box "Save Account and Login"

Step 2: Register for Classes

- 1. On the top teal bar, click Account then scroll down to "Register for Class"
- 2. Below your child's name, you will see Session 1 availability, click the check box in front of each item you would like to register for.
- 3. Directly above your child's name, you will see tabs for 1st Session, 2nd Session, and please choose ONE of the 3rd Session options (Ice Show participants and Non-Ice Show participants) It is important to select the desired choices for all sessions.
- 4. Click the Teal "Submit" Button
- 5. Click the Green "Finish Registration Now" at the top of the page
- 6. Read and agree to the terms and conditions for each waiver by clicking the checkbox.
- 7. Click the Teal "Make Payment" button
- 8. Choose to Pay with Card or Pay with Bank Account radial button *Please Note: If all possible, please choose the Bank Account option as it is a greatly reduced fee for our club*
- 9. Enter your account information, accept the terms and conditions and click the teal "Pay Now" button.
- 10. If you elect to register for private lessons or semi-private lessons, please email Sherri Negen (windomfigureskatingclub@gmail.com) with specific requirements such as preferred coach, preferred time and or lesson partner (for semi-privates).
- 11. If you have a NEW Skater Free lesson fees will be adjusted and reflected on your billing statements.

If you have any questions or problems with anything above, please reach out to Rashelle Weicherding (507-327-1298) or club email (windomfigureskatingclub@gmail.com)

NEXT STEPS AFTER REGISTRATION

- If you are new to the Windom Figure Skating Club, you will be tested on Pretest night and placed in the appropriate level based on skill.
- Our pretest day is set for Sunday, October 12th at 11:30pm. With our first day of skating to start the following Tuesday, October 14th.

SKATES: You have 2 options when it comes to your child's ice skates; rentals or purchasing. Please work ahead on this important step and don't wait until the last minute.

- Rental skates are available through the Windom Arena. If you are interested in renting skates, set up a time with Tim Hogan at the arena to schedule a fitting by calling 822-0514.
 The deadline is October 12th, 2025.
- Purchasing skates is an option many parents choose based on the specific needs of some skaters feet, quality, and convenience. Used or new skates are your option. We have a club swap on our private Facebook page where families can post outgrown equipment for sale/swap. Other options for skates would be Scheels, Play it Again Sports in Mankato or Sioux Falls, Hockey Headquarters in Sioux Falls or Pierce Skate & Ski in Bloomington.

<u>WEBSITE</u>: <u>www.WindomFigureSkating.com</u> We have a new website and will be using it for communicating with our families as well as storing informational items like our handbook, ice show jobs, and so on. We will be trying to go paperless as much as possible this year to avoid printing costs, and be environmentally friendly. If you prefer printed copies instead of digital, all of our online versions are printable.

FACEBOOK: Please join our facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/groups/622478254441643

HANDBOOK: Please make sure you have read and understand items in our handbook - most information is available to you there. You can find it on our website under "Member Information".

BILLING & PAYMENTS: The only amount due at registration is the \$25 per family Club Membership Dues – this amount will be deducted from your account within 3 business days so please plan accordingly. We are giving 2 options for lesson payments this year: Pay Upfront (One Payment) and Pay Monthly (5 payments). The due dates for each of these methods is listed in the fee schedule in the handbook and family statements will be emailed monthly. You will have the option to set up an Auto-Pay in the new Parent Portal now or later should you want to do auto pay; if not, payments can be processed at your convenience after receiving your statement. Should you choose to pay in full or a bulk payment upfront, you can do so at any time on the parent portal. All amounts paid will become a credit for your family and lesson fees, costumes, etc. will be run against that credit first before any amount is due to you. Account credits for fundraisers carried over will also be on your account and be reflective on your first statement as well. Please note that Private/Semi-Private Lessons will be billed Monthly based on the lessons your skater had and costume fees will be billed separately as well based on your skater's specific costume bill. All of these items will be able to be paid with one check on your monthly statements. Any questions or requests for special payment plans should be directed to the club email.

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

- September 14th October 12th Skater registration via Online Registration;
 - o A \$20 late fee will be assessed starting October 14th.
- October 12th- Final day to contact Tim at the Arena (507-822-0514) if renting skates.
- October 12th Mandatory Parent Meeting Windom Arena Community Room
 - 11:30-12:30 pm New Skater Testing
 - 12:30-1:00 pm Parent Meeting for **ALL** Skaters
 - 12:30-2:00 pm Free Ice Skating Party! Bring your Friends or Family!
- October 13th Schedule will be live for viewing on Parent Portal.
- October 14th First Session begins
- November 11th & 18th First Session testing
- November 18th Last day of First Session
 - Deadline for ice show drop-out. Once costumes are ordered, you will be responsible for payment.
- November 25th Second Session begins
- December 23rd & December 30th- NO SKATING Winter Break
- January 6th & 13th Second Session testing
- January 20th Third Session begins (Ice Show practice begins)
 - Costume Payment Due!
- Ice Show Pictures (TBD) Tuesday during Group lessons
- March 10th, 12th & 13th: New schedule to be announced
 - March 10th & 12th Ice show rehearsal
 - March 13th Dress rehearsal
- March 14th & 15th Ice Show!!
 - Saturday, March 14th 5:00 pm Ice Show (skaters arrive by 4:30pm)
 - Sunday, March 15th- 2:00 pm Ice Show (skaters arrive by 1:30pm)