



Yarmouth Ice Club

May 2010

Dear Members and Friends

This past year has been a busy year for Yarmouth Ice Club: In addition to the Cranberry Open, with the Bog's Learn To Skate Program we held a Christmas Show and we also hosted a spring show. Both went well and were successful. This August will be the 30th birthday for the Cranberry Open. In April 2011 our club will host the International and National Theatre-On-Ice competitions. It looks to be an exciting year ahead – and we will need your assistance to make these events successful.

US Figure Skating has just approved an introductory membership. It is for skaters who have **not** been members of a club before and is only for one year. The cost will be \$25 (instead of the regular \$40). Just a reminder for college students, the collegiate membership fee is for 4 years.

Please note -- the club will again issue a Yarmouth Ice Club card as proof of membership to show at the Bog for your ice discount. The activity assessment fee of \$100.00 continues – it can be rolled over each year, or refunded once your volunteer commitments have been met

This year the club hopes to start a Theater On Ice team. Theater on Ice encompasses skaters of all ages and abilities. If you are interested, a Theater On Ice Form is included.

Enclosed are the forms you will need:

- A list of the various membership options
- Yarmouth Ice Club Membership Application
- Theater on Ice Application
- Member/Skater Rules Form - Code of Ethics (which must be read)
- Volunteer form (to be filled out and returned)
- Parents Code of Conduct
- Ice Etiquette
- Signature Page (read member rules, code of conduct, etiquette and sign this page and return with your application)
- Kingsbury Club application.

Please fill out the forms entirely and legibly. Most of our communications are done via e-mail, please include your e-mail address or indicate if you do not use e-mail. Checks should be made payable to **Yarmouth Ice Club**. The new skating season begins July 1st. To insure no lapse in your membership as a result of processing delays, please submit your application and payment as soon as possible to: Lee Murray, 644 Elm Street, Dartmouth, MA 02748

Your USFS membership card and Skating Magazine will be mailed directly to you at the address listed on your membership application. If for testing or competition purposes you need a temporary membership card, please let me know either by e-mail or phone. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any board member or me at 508-996-2275 or by e-mail at leemurray644@comcast.net. This coming year will be a busy and exciting skating season. Happy Skating!

Sincerely,
Lee Murray, Membership Chair

Yarmouth Ice Club
MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS & FEES
July 2010 - June 2011

1. FAMILY SKATING MEMBERSHIP * - \$250 (Plus USFS Fees: \$40-1st family member; \$15-each subsequent family member)

Includes membership of all family members you wish to register in the immediate family, residing at the same address. This category will accrue seniority and entitles the members to:

- Represent Yarmouth Ice Club
- U.S. Figure Skating Membership for skaters/parents (USFS fees)
- Ice reservation privileges on club session at Home Club rates & discount on Bog sessions
- YIC Ice Shows, Exhibitions and Social Events
- Testing privileges on all YIC Test Sessions at member rates
- Voting (2 votes per family)
- Eligible for club awards, grants and Scholarships (home club members only)
- YIC membership rates at the Kingsbury Club
- 15 hours volunteer shift required by both skater and parent at Cranberry Open and other events and fundraisers.

2. SINGLE HOME CLUB MEMBERSHIP * - \$200 (Plus USFS Fees: \$40 - 1st family member; \$15-one parent)

Membership is for one skater and one parent. This category will accrue seniority and entitles the member to:

- U.S. Figure Skating Membership for skater/parents (USFS fees)
- Ice reservation privileges on club sessions at Home Club Rates & discount on Bog sessions
- YIC Ice Shows, Exhibitions and Social Events
- Testing privileges on all YIC Test Sessions at member rates
- Voting (under 18 delegate to parent)
- Eligible for club awards, grants & scholarships (home club members only)
- YIC membership rates at the Kingsbury Club
- 15 hours volunteer shift required by both skater and parent at Cranberry Open and other events and fundraisers

3. JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP (BRIDGE)* - \$50 (Plus USFS Fee: \$40)

Membership for one skater for no more than 3 years unless board approved.

- Skater who has yet to test at the pre-preliminary level. If and when skater takes pre-preliminary tests, the Single Membership fee will be pro-rated and one parent membership will be added.
- U.S. Figure Skating membership for skater only (USFS fee)
- Ice reservation privileges on Club sessions at Home Club rates & discount on Bog sessions
- YIC Shows, Exhibitions and Social Events
- Represents YIC at Basic Skills competitions
- No voting privileges
- Eligible for club awards, grants & scholarships (home club members only)
- YIC membership rates at the Kingsbury Club
- 15 hours volunteer service required by both skater and parent at Cranberry Open and other events and fundraisers

4. ADULT MEMBERSHIP * - \$100 (Plus USFS Fee: \$40)

Skaters must be 21 years or older

- Represent Yarmouth Ice Club at Adult Competitions
- U.S. Figure Skating Membership for skater (USFS Fee)
- Ice reservation privileges on club sessions at Home Club rates & discount on Bog sessions
- YIC Ice Shows, Exhibitions and Social Events
- Voting privileges
- Eligible for club awards & grants (home club members only)
- YIC membership rates at the Kingsbury Club
- 15 hours of volunteer service across major club events (shows, exhibitions, Cranberry Open, etc.)

5. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP - \$100.00 (Includes USFS Fee of \$40 for home club membership)

Professional members must be approved by the YIC Board and agree to abide by the YIC Professional Code of Conduct.

This membership class is for the skating professional and entitles the member to:

- Teaching privileges on club ice
- Social Events
- Home club membership to include U.S. Figure Skating membership (USFS membership fee included)
- Shall participate in club Learn To Skate program by donating a minimum 2 hours per week of coaching time
- YIC membership rates at the Kingsbury Club
- Volunteer at competitions and shows. Failure to participate will result in \$100 fee.

Professionals will also have to register with USFS and PSA as a coach and complete the paperwork and fees involved with

the coach registration system which includes a CORI check. *This is in addition to membership fees.*

6. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$35 (Plus USFS Fee: \$40)

This membership is for supporters who wish to maintain YIC and U.S. Figure Skating membership and entitles the member to:

- U.S. Figure Skating Membership (USFS fee)
- No voting privileges

7. COLLEGIATE MEMBERSHIP - \$150 (Plus USFS Fee: \$70 – membership for 4 years) One time fee for 4 years!

This membership is for full time college students who wish to maintain YIC and U.S. Figure Skating membership.

This membership entitles the member to:

- US Figure Skating membership (USFS fee)
- No voting privileges

8. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP - No charge

This type of membership is appointed by the Board.

- Home Club Members enjoy home club privileges. Non-representing members do not.
- Voting privileges

9. THEATER-ON-ICE MEMBERSHIP - \$50

This membership fee is for non-home club skaters who wish to participate in a Theater-on-Ice Team. The team is open to skaters of all ages and abilities. This fee covers team membership only. Skaters should have passed the Pre-preliminary moves or Preliminary Compulsory Dance tests. All other costs of team membership will be covered separately. The cost of the season will be determined by the number of team members (minimum 8, maximum 30) and includes: all costumes (YIC retains ownership of all costumes), scenery, entry fees and practice ice, coaches fee and travel reimbursement to competitions, USFS TOI team membership.

*** \$100.00 ACTIVITY ASSESSMENT POLICY APPLIES.**

NOTE: Home Club Membership will be for the full skating year July 1st to June 30th (or the portion of the year remaining after joining). There will be no refunds of membership dues.

ALL MEMBERS in good standing agree to:

- Pay dues on time (a penalty will be assessed if late)
- Participate in all fund-raising activities
- Fulfill the eight or ten-hour shift required by all skaters and parent(s) at the Cranberry Open and other events
- An activity assessment of \$100 per representing skater/family membership is required at time of membership. This assessment may be returned or applied to next year's assessment upon completion of volunteer requirements.
- Abide by all the rules regarding Club Ice Sessions and Arena regulations and abide by the YIC Skater's Code of Conduct.

U.S. Figure Skating is the national organization governing amateur skating in this country. Your USFS Membership also includes a subscription to "Skating" magazine.



Yarmouth Ice Club Membership Application July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Candidate's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Male Female
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No
 U.S. Figure Skating # _____ MIF Level _____ FS Level _____
 Dance Level _____ Pairs Level _____
 Professional's Name _____ E-mail address _____

Additional Skaters

Name _____ Date of Birth _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No
 U.S. Figure Skating # _____ MIF Level _____ FS Level _____ Male Female
 Name _____ Date of Birth _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No
 U.S. Figure Skating # _____ MIF Level _____ FS Level _____ Male Female
 Name _____ Date of Birth _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No
 U.S. Figure Skating # _____ MIF Level _____ FS Level _____ Male Female

Parents/Guardians

Mother _____ USFS # _____ Date of Birth _____
 Father _____ USFS # _____ Date of Birth _____
 Telephone _____ Cell # _____ E-mail Address _____
 Address (if different from Skater's) _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No

Please Select by "X"	Type of Membership (Please select)	1st Member USFS Fee	Additional Member USFS Fee \$15 EACH (Multiply NUMBER of additional family members by \$15)	Please Mark "X" below if you wish to roll over last year's Activity Assessment (subject to confirmation of Member fulfilling volunteer requirements)	Activity Assessment Fee \$100	Total Membership Amount
	Family * \$250	\$40	___ x \$15 = \$ ___		\$100	\$
	Single Home Club * \$200	\$40	___ x \$15 = \$ ___		\$100	\$
	Junior * \$ 50	\$40			\$100	\$
	Adult * \$100	\$40			\$100	\$
	Professional \$100					\$100
	Associate \$ 35	\$40				\$75
	Collegiate \$150	\$70	(4 year membership)			\$220
	Honorary No Cost					No Cost
	Theater On Ice \$ 50					\$50

Current U.S. Figure Skating Status (Please check one):

- I am currently registered with the USFS as a YIC Home Club Member and wish to renew.
 I am registered with the USFS as a Home Club Member with _____
 I wish to become a registered member of the USFS as a YIC Home Club Member.

Signature _____ Date _____
 (If skater is under 18, parent or guardian must sign)

Make check payable to: **Yarmouth Ice Club.**
 Send application and payment (check or money orders only) to: **Lee Murray, Membership Chair, 644 Elm Street, Dartmouth, MA 02748.**

NOTE: There is no refund of membership fees.

Club Use Only: Date Received _____ Check # _____ Amount _____ Assessment _____ USFS _____
 All forms Returned: Application _____ Volunteer _____ YIC Rules, Parents Code of Conduct, & Ice Etiquette Signature Sheet _____
 Date Entered _____ Notes: _____

Yarmouth Ice Club

Member & Skater Rules and Code of Conduct

I have full understanding and take full responsibility for the following and by signing the signature page, agree that I will abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Yarmouth Ice Club.

1. As a member of the Yarmouth Ice Club I will abide by the following code of ethics as well as those put forward by the U.S.F.S. in its rulebook.
2. I will pay all fees owed to the Yarmouth Ice Club for ice times, dues, exhibitions, critiques, test sessions and any other events or purchases in a timely manner. I understand that if any debt owed to the club is not paid in full, the Board of Directors reserves the right to deny me, "member in good standing," status for competition and test forms. Also ice-contracting privileges will be suspended until all outstanding balances are cleared.
3. As a member, I will support and participate in Yarmouth Ice Club activities – to include but not to be limited to annual shows, competitions, awards dinners, seminars and club ice time.
4. I will encourage harmony, goodwill, and ethical behavior among my fellow members.
5. While skating on Yarmouth Ice Club ice or participating in club sponsored activities, I will conduct myself in a respectable manner.
6. I will respect the property and belongings of my fellow members.
7. I will not use vulgarity or make derogatory remarks about my fellow members.
8. While on the ice I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner; I will not yell or use inappropriate language; I will not stomp, kick or drag my toe on the ice. Acts of such nature will result in immediate removal from the ice surface without refund of fees.
9. I understand that at no time will physical contact of an abusive nature be tolerated. Such activities will result in immediate termination from the Yarmouth Ice Club with the understanding that all connections/contracts with the club will become null and void.
10. I will respect the facility, and agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Bog Arena or other rinks at which the club may purchase ice time.
11. Home Club members will represent the Yarmouth Ice Club until the end of the membership year (June 30, 2011).

Note: There is no refund of membership fees.

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Volunteer Form



Dear Parents, Skaters and Supporters,

The Yarmouth Ice Club is responsible for various events during the year which require many hours of volunteer work to be successful. Most people find it interesting and exciting to be involved in a club -- it offers you the opportunity to meet new people and learn more about the sport of Figure Skating. If you feel you might be able to help with some of these events or in specific areas, please indicate them below. Please keep in mind that your membership stipulates volunteer services.

_____ **HOSPITALITY:** Help organize or work meals for Judges' hospitality at our competitions. This might also include assisting at Yarmouth Ice Club Parties, Test sessions, Schools and shows.

_____ **ADMINISTRATION:** Help organize competitions, ice shows, and other club functions. I would be able to call vendors and suppliers as needed.

_____ **PROGRAMS:** Help with program layout and competition/club logo design.

_____ **PUBLICITY:** Print media publicity, prepare press releases, and contact local papers/news stations.

_____ **FUNDRAISING:** Approach potential advertisers for our competitions and shows.

_____ **FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS:** Bake for competitions, test sessions, shows, bake sales, etc.

_____ **CRANBERRY OPEN COMPETITION:** Takes place August 18th - 22nd, 2010.

_____ **TEST COMMITTEE:** Assist at test sessions.

_____ **ICE MONITOR:** Help check in skaters, collect monies and monitor at ice sessions.

_____ I would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors or head a committee.

_____ **OTHER** _____

NAME: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ **E-MAIL:** _____

OCCUPATION: _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

Thank You!

U.S. Figure Skating

Parents Code of Conduct

Codes of Conduct give everyone a guide to what is expected of us if we are part of an organization, participating in a sport, or as spectators of our child's events.

Preamble: The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, trustworthiness and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." (Arizona Sports Summit Accord)

I hereby agree that:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all skaters, coaches and officials at every practice session, competition and test session.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to skate in a safe and healthy environment.
4. I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the results of a competitive event.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake, or blame my child's teammates for placement in a competition.
7. I will do my best to make skating fun and will remember that my child participates in sports for his/her own enjoyment and satisfaction - not mine.
8. I will ask my child to treat other skaters, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sexual orientation, or ability.
9. I will applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat emphasizing the positive accomplishments and learning from the mistakes
10. I will teach my child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will be a positive role model for my child and other skaters.
12. I will demand a figure skating environment for my child that is free of drug or alcohol abuse and agree that I will not use or provide to a third party any drug proscribed by applicable federal, state or municipal law.
13. I will not assist or condone any competing athlete's use of a drug banned by the International Olympic committee, International Skating Union, United States Olympic Committee, or U. S. Figure Skating or, in case of athletes, to use such drugs or refuse to submit to properly conducted drug tests administered by one of these organizations.
14. I will not provide alcohol to, or condone the use of alcohol by minors, abuse alcohol in the presence of athlete members, or at U.S. Figure Skating activities or, in the case of athletes, consume alcoholic beverages while a minor.
15. I will encourage my child's coach to continue their education and training through programs offered by U.S. figure Skating, the Professional Skaters Association and other accredited organizations.
16. I will respect my child's coach and refrain from coaching my child or other skaters during competitions and practices because it may conflict with the coach's plan or strategies.
17. I will respect the decisions of officials and their authority during competitions and test sessions and teach my child to do likewise.
18. I will show appreciation and recognize the importance of volunteers and club officials.
19. I will study the rules of U.S. Figure Skating and teach my child accordingly so that we have an understanding and appreciation of the rules of competition and membership.
20. I will support all the opponents in my child's competition and respect the rights of all skaters to participate.

Ice Etiquette & Safety Guidelines

Skating is basically an individual sport, and activities during most practice sessions are pretty unstructured. It is important to know though, that some basic rules must be observed for safety, and to ensure that everyone can make effective use of their ice time. Your rink/club will have its own set of rules, and you should be sure to know and follow them. This section outlines some basic concepts that are common to most clubs.

Courtesy First and foremost is courtesy. It is essential to respect the rights of other skaters and be constantly aware of who is around you. If you seem to be surrounded by skaters of significantly greater or lesser skills, be especially careful! Strive to avoid collisions!

"On Program" and "In Lesson" Get Priority In most rinks, the skater who is "on program" (who's music is playing) has the right of way at all times, and other skaters are expected to give them free maneuvering room (*In many clubs, these persons will be given bright vests or belts to wear, to make them more noticeable*). Second in priority are those skaters who are currently in lessons with their pro. Always yield to these skaters as well.

Lutz Corners Because of the nature of the Lutz jump, it is most commonly performed in the 10:00 and 4:00 corners of the rink (unless you have a lot of clockwise jumpers in your club). These corners are informally called the "Lutz Corners", and can usually be identified by the unusually large concentration of divots in the ice. Strive to avoid long-term practice activities in these corners, and try to be especially aware of your surroundings when you are in them. Remember that the approach to a Lutz is long and blind. The skater doing the Lutz is not likely to see you.

Dangerous Singles Moves When you are practicing elements like camel spins and back spirals be especially aware of the danger your exposed blade poses to other skaters. Recognize that once you've started the element it will be hard for you to see those around you. Take a good look at your expected "space" before you start the element, and abort it if it looks like you could cause a problem.

Falls and Injuries If you should fall, get up quickly. Remember that the other skaters will have a much harder time seeing you when you are down low on the ice. Don't stay there any longer than you have to. While falling, remember to keep your fingers away from your blades. And learn to fall properly so that you can protect your head as much as possible. Learn to keep "loose" when you fall and this will help you to avoid breaking things.

If you see someone has fallen and may be injured, don't just drag them off without being certain that doing so won't hurt them further. If you suspect that someone is seriously hurt, the best thing to do is, 1) have someone stand "guard" over them to make sure that other skaters avoid collisions with them, and 2) get a qualified adult to come and help them. A blanket or warm-up jacket/sweatshirt laid over them might help to keep them warmer while waiting for qualified help to arrive.

Predictability As you skate more, you'll get to the point where you'll recognize that a practice session has a certain "rhythm" to it. People tend to do pretty "expectable" or "predictable" things, and you can usually pretty much guess where somebody else is going, based on what they're doing when you see them (the normal approaches to each jump or spin are pretty recognizable). If you're a "wrong way" skater (clockwise jumper) be aware that other skaters will probably guess wrong about your intentions pretty often. If you have clockwise jumpers in your rink, try to recognize them and adjust your expectations accordingly. Try not to skate or behave in a way that would surprise other skaters. If you're standing near the boards, don't enter the flow of skaters without checking to make sure you're not going to get into someone else's way.

Don't Stand Around Refrain from standing around and visiting on the ice. This wastes expensive ice and presents an additional hazard for other skaters to avoid.



Yarmouth Ice Club



Theater On Ice Application
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Skater:

Candidate's Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Male Female
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____ E-mail Address _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No
U.S. Figure Skating # _____ MIF Level _____ FS Level _____
Dance Level _____ Pairs Level _____
Professional's Name _____ E-mail address _____

Parents/Guardians:

Mother _____ USFS # _____ Date of Birth _____
Father _____ USFS # _____ Date of Birth _____
Telephone _____ Cell # _____ E-mail Address _____
Address (if different from Skater's) _____ U.S. Citizen: Yes No

Club Membership:

- I am currently registered with the USFS as a YIC Home Club Member.
- I am registered with the USFS as a Home Club Member with _____

The membership fee does not include the cost of the season. That price will be based on the number of team members (minimum 8, maximum 30) and will include all costumes (CE is all black, Free will be determined by theme. YIC retains ownership of all costumes), scenery, competition entry fees, practice ice, coaches fee, travel costs, and USFS team membership.

I agree to be fiscally responsible to the team for the costs incurred

Skater Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

(If skater is under 18, parent or guardian must sign)

| Make check payable to: **Yarmouth Ice Club.**
| Send application and payment (check or money orders only) to: **Lee Murray, Membership Chair, 644 Elm Street, Dartmouth, MA 02748.**

NOTE: There is no refund of membership fees.

Club Use Only: Date Received _____ Check # _____ Amount _____ USFS _____ All forms Returned: Application _____ Volunteer _____ YIC Rules, Parents Code of Conduct, & Ice Etiquette Signature Sheet _____ Date Entered _____ Notes: _____

SIGNATURE PAGE:

Good sportsmanship and ethics are important in sports and all walks of life. The Yarmouth Ice Club emphasizes these characteristics.

This form **must** be returned with your membership application. We suggest that you keep the Yarmouth Ice Club Member/Skater Rules and Code of Conduct, the Parents Code of Conduct and the Ice Etiquette for your reference and ask that you sign and return this page.

I have read the Yarmouth Ice Club Rules and Code of Conduct, the Parents Code of Conduct and the Ice Etiquette and I agree to abide by their principals.

Parent Signature

Date

Skater's Signature

Date

NOTE: This page must be returned with your membership application.