

# Merrimack Valley Skating Club

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Dear Prospective Member:

It's now May and that means that it is time to renew your membership with the Merrimack Valley Skating Club or perhaps join for the first time! The MVSC Board is pleased to announce that we will not be raising our 2011-2012 membership prices. This will be our sixth year of offering membership with US Figure Skating. MVSC offers six different membership category options: full membership, introductory membership, basic adult membership, collegiate membership, social membership and associate membership (all explained further in the enclosed material).

If you would like to transfer your membership to MVSC please note your current USFS number and Club on your registration form. If you already represent another club you are more than welcome to join MVSC as an Associate member as well. Please note: Any skater who is age 18 or younger and plans to compete or test must be a **Full** member of MVSC. If your child is no longer taking basic skills lessons however they do plan to compete or take part in USFS test sessions, they will need to join MVSC as a Full member. A one-time introductory membership is available for skaters either involved in a Basic Skills program or who may be finishing a similar program shortly.

The Home Club is the club who issues the USFS registration card to the member and is the club represented when testing and competing. All test candidates, competitors and guests of other clubs must be a member in good standing with their Home Club and have approval from a Club Official to participate in USFS sanctioned events with MVSC.

Included in this packet you will find the information and forms needed to ensure your 2011-2012 membership with MVSC and US Figure Skating. Please be sure to complete all necessary information and include your membership payment with your registration form. Your check should be made out to **Merrimack Valley Skating Club**. All registration materials **must be returned no later than June 10, 2011**. You may leave your registration form in the Graf Rink office or mail it to the above address. Please remember that your USFS membership number will expire on June 30, 2011 unless you renew your membership.

Please note the new fundraising and volunteer section of our membership agreement. The MVSC Board has worked hard to make sure that our new policies are fair to all members. A skating Club relies greatly on fundraising and the support of our volunteers. The new policies listed in this packet are nothing more than an effort to ensure the longevity of the Merrimack Valley Skating Club.

Please understand that MVSC must register at least 25 skaters and/or adults each year in order to maintain an active status with US Figure Skating. Skaters, parents, coaches, family members and friends are all welcome to join. If you have any questions regarding MVSC membership please do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you in advance for your continued support of the Merrimack Valley Skating Club and its host facility, the Graf Rink.

Sincerely,

**NIKKI ROBERTS**

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Skating Director – Graf Rink  
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## 2011-2012 MVSC Membership Options

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### **Full Membership (Home Club Membership)**

Any skater who wishes to test or compete, and is **age 18 or under**, must be a Full member of MVSC. MVSC will be your home Club. Full membership with MVSC entitles the member to: represent MVSC at competitions and tests and receive priority status for shows, exhibitions and MVSC test sessions. Members will receive a subscription to Skating Magazine (one per family), a US Figure Skating registration number and certificates of accomplishment for passing proficiency tests and placing at USFS qualifying events. Full members are entitled to vote on all MVSC ballot issues. If the member is under the age of 18, one parent or guardian will be the voting representative for the member.

### **Introductory Membership**

The Introductory Membership carries the same privileges as a Full Membership. It is meant for a skater who is a new member to US Figure Skating. Please note that the Introductory Membership can only be used for first-time members and can only be used one time per person.

### **Basic Adult Membership (Home Club Membership)**

Basic Adult membership in the Merrimack Valley Skating Club is ideal for any adult skater who requires membership due to USFS compliance, testing and competing. **Basic Adult members must be at least 25 years of age.** MVSC will be your home club. Basic Adult membership with MVSC entitles the member to: represent MVSC at competitions and tests and receive priority status for shows, exhibitions and MVSC test sessions. Members will receive a subscription to Skating Magazine (one per family), a US Figure Skating registration number and certificates of accomplishment for passing proficiency tests and placing at USFS qualifying events. Basic Adult members are entitled to vote on all MVSC ballot issues.

### **Collegiate Membership (Home Club Membership)**

College students may sign up for the 4-year collegiate membership. This is a one time fee that will cover each college student for the consecutive 4 years that they are in school. This is a four-year Full membership with MVSC at a reduced rate for college members and all skating privileges apply for the four-year duration. **Each athlete may receive this option only once during their entire skating career and must be enrolled in college to receive this membership.** MVSC will be your home club. Collegiate membership with MVSC entitles the member to: represent MVSC at competitions and tests and receive priority status for shows, exhibitions and MVSC test sessions. Members will receive a subscription to Skating Magazine (one per family), a US Figure Skating registration number and certificates of accomplishment for passing proficiency tests and placing at USFS qualifying events. Collegiate members are entitled to vote on all MVSC ballot issues.

### **Social Membership (Home Club Membership)**

Social membership with MVSC is for individuals who wish to **support figure skating and MVSC** and also for those who are required to hold a home Club membership (such as skating professionals and MVSC Officers and Board members). MVSC will be your home club. Members will receive a subscription to Skating Magazine (one per family) and a US Figure Skating registration number. Social members are entitled to vote on all MVSC ballot issues.

### **Associate Membership**

Associate membership with MVSC entitles the member to priority status for MVSC shows, exhibitions and MVSC test sessions. MVSC will not be your Home club and Associate members do not receive USFS registration numbers through MVSC. Associate members with MVSC are entitled to vote on all ballot issues. If the member is under the age of 18, one parent or guardian will be the voting representative for the member. **You must be a Full Member of another USFS club to qualify for this category.**

***\*\*\*Please note: You may join MVSC at any point in time throughout the 2011-2012 season. You will be charged 1/2 of the original price if you join after December 31, 2011. If you have any questions regarding MVSC membership please contact Nikki Roberts at 978-462-8112 or nikhmrob@comcast.net\*\*\****

## MVSC Volunteer/Fundraising Policy

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*\*Please Note: This form must be signed and returned with your membership registration. Registrations submitted without a signature will not be renewed with US Figure Skating.\**

The Merrimack Valley Skating Club is sustained through the efforts of our volunteers and fundraising opportunities. Volunteers are necessary in order to ensure that our Club events run smoothly and that costs of such events are kept to an absolute minimum. In the past we have been able to turn to the few that have stepped up in order to help the Club. We can no longer rely on just a few and, in order to protect the longevity of MVSC, we are implementing a new volunteer policy.

### **Volunteer Requirement**

Each MVSC family is now required to volunteer a **minimum of 5 hours** of time within the 2011-2012 skating season (7/1/11-6/30/12). Please check off what committee you would like to help with. We will do our very best to only call upon you when your specific request comes up. Additional volunteer opportunities may come up within the year and you will always receive notice of such instances when they arise. Nikki will be keeping accurate track of all volunteer hours completed. Please make sure to let her know if you complete any amount of time throughout the year.

**Volunteer Options** (please check what categories you are interested in):

\_\_\_\_\_ **Basic Skills Registration Table:** Volunteers would be working at the registration table on the first day of each skating session. There are 3 Sundays, 1 Tuesday, 4 Thursdays and 1 Monday registration throughout the year. Approximate dates will be available from Nikki shortly. Volunteers will also be asked to assist with skaters entering the ice and making sure that no parents step on the ice during this process.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MVSC Mailings:** MVSC sends out several mailings throughout the year. Responsibilities will include stuffing envelopes and attaching mailing labels.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Show Registration Table:** MVSC will hold at least 2 show registrations in the Graf Rink lobby once show information is available. We will run the show DVD from the previous year and have a table set-up with all necessary information and dress samples.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Show Committee:** MVSC is forming a show committee to help plan the Winter Exhibition and Spring Show. Meetings will be kept to a minimum. Committee members will assist in general planning tasks such as raffle organization, reaching out to our community with show advertising, show staging/decorating, flower assembly (spring show).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Winter Exhibition:** Volunteers will be needed to work on the day of the Winter Exhibition (12/4/11) and assist with general tasks. A few examples: Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets, hand out show programs, help with the set-up, work any raffle or boutique tables and help with clean-up, etc.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Spring Show:** Volunteers will be needed to work on the day of the Spring Show (4/1/12) and assist with general tasks. A few examples: Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets, hand out show programs, help with the set-up, work any raffle, boutique or flower sale tables and help with clean-up, etc.

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\_\_\_\_\_ **Dress Sale/MVSC Clothing Sales:** Volunteers will be needed to organize two dress sales each skating season. In addition to assisting with the organization we are looking for volunteers to work during the dress sale hours (usually held during Freestyle sessions and Basic Skills classes). Volunteers are also needed to assist in the promotion and sales of any MVSC clothing (such as jackets or sweatshirts) that we decide to offer to our members and Basic Skills skaters.

\_\_\_\_\_ **MVSC Annual Party:** Volunteers are needed to organize the MVSC Annual Party. Our end-of-the-year party typically takes place each June.

\_\_\_\_\_ **On-Ice Volunteers (skaters):** Any skater who at least 12 years of age and working Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field is eligible to volunteer their time as a group helper during our Learn to Skate sessions. Classes run on Sunday and Thursday through the fall and winter and on Tuesday and Thursday during the spring. Summer classes take place on Monday. Volunteers must speak to Nikki before helping with their first class.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Newsletter:** MVSC will be starting a quarterly newsletter for its membership and is looking for a parent to take on this new project. The newsletter will be sent via email to all members.

The MVSC Board of Directors takes its positions very seriously and would like to thank you all in advance for being a part of our Club.

\*Please note: If you do not fulfill your 5 hour minimum you will be billed \$10 for each remaining hour at the end of the 2011-2012 season. Members who fail to fulfill their 5 hour volunteer minimum and do not pay their volunteer hourly charge will be registered with US Figure Skating as members in bad standing. Such members will not be allowed to test, compete or renew their membership with any USFS Club.

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#### **Fundraiser Buy-Out Option**

Each **full** member of MVSC is expected to raise **at least \$100** through fundraising opportunities over the course of the skating season. We do appreciate that not everyone has the time to devote to such fundraising and in an effort to make things easier for our members, we are now offering a buy-out option for those who do not want to participate in our fundraisers. If you would like to participate in this buy-out option please initial on the line below:

\_\_\_\_\_ (your initials) **Fundraiser Buy-Out Option**. Please enclose your \$100 check payable to MVSC with your membership registration and payment. Please note that this \$100 buy-out is **in addition** to your membership registration fee. You will not be expected to participate in any MVSC fundraisers throughout the year if you decide to pay this fee instead.

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I have read and agree to the volunteer/fundraising policy of the Merrimack Valley Skating Club. I understand my volunteer and fundraising obligations to the Club and will adhere to all policies.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

# MVSC Membership Registration (7/1/11 – 6/30/12)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First M.I. Last

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip Code

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (bus) \_\_\_\_\_

USFS #: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O. B. \_\_\_\_\_ USA Citizen: Y or N

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one: Renewal Member \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Transfer Member \_\_\_\_\_

Highest Tests Passes: Freestyle: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Moves: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dance: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pairs: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Basic Skills: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Passed: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a member of another USFS club, please state your home club below:  
 Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Category (check one):**

<b>Full Membership</b> – MVSC will be your home Club. Entitled to vote on all ballot issues. Skaters must be age 18 or younger.	\$90.00	
<b>Introductory Membership</b> – Same privileges as the Full Membership. Intended for first-time members and can only be used one time per person.	\$45.00	
<b>Basic Adult Membership</b> – MVSC will be your home Club. Entitled to vote on all ballot issues. Skaters must be at least 25 years old.	\$70.00	
<b>Collegiate Membership</b> – MVSC will be your home Club. Entitled to vote on all ballot issues. One time fee for a 4-year Collegiate membership. Each athlete may receive this option only once during their entire skating career and must be enrolled in college in order to receive this membership.	\$70.00	
<b>Social Membership</b> – MVSC will be your home Club. Entitled to vote on all ballot issues. Meant for skating professionals and those who wish to support the sport of figure skating and MVSC. All MVSC Officers and Board members must be Social members.	\$40.00	
<b>Associate Membership</b> – MVSC will not be your home Club. Entitled to vote on all ballot issues. Skaters must be a Full member of another USFS club to qualify for this category.	\$55.00	

Health Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Plan #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

MVSC is not responsible for any accident or injury incurred during any Club sponsored activity, during any Club contracted ice time or during any Graf Rink ice time, event or function. USFS membership obtained through MVSC is non-refundable. No exceptions will be made.

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 Parent Signature  
 (If applicant is under the age of 18.)

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 Applicant Signature  
 (If applicant is 18 years of age or older)

Please return your completed membership registration form, volunteer/fundraising pages and check(s) (payable to Merrimack Valley Skating Club) to:  
 Merrimack Valley Skating Club  
 Graf Skating Rink  
 28 Low St.  
 Newburyport, MA 01950

For office use only:  
 Payment:

Date/Check #:

Notes: