

Starlight Ice Dance Club of the Twin Cities

2010 – 2011 Skating Season

Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in the Starlight Ice Dance Club of the Twin Cities (Starlight). As the only social ice dance club in the Twin Cities area, Starlight's focus is to provide social ice dance at a beginning level for those interested in staying in shape, exploring their artistic side and meeting others who share their enthusiasm for ice dance. Skill levels of our members range from beginner to advanced. Starlight began social ice dancing in 1993 and became a member club of U.S. Figure Skating in 1996.

Since the majority of Starlight members are adults, activities are scheduled as much as possible to allow a balance of work, family and skating. Board members choose to keep the club simple and focus on the key activities that promote ice dance. There are no attendance requirements or volunteer requirements, but you can contact any board member if you'd like to get involved.

You'll find the communication from the club is minimal. Generally, email is used due to its speed and low cost. The website, www.starlighticedanceclub.com is kept up-to-date with upcoming events. Starlight does not host test sessions or competitions, but we encourage members to take advantage of the many opportunities in the area.

Club bylaws are available on the Starlight website under "Club News." All Starlight members (including associate members) age 16 and over are eligible to vote on club matters. For members age 15 and under, votes may be submitted by a parent or guardian.

SOCIAL ICE DANCE at Parade Ice Garden

- Summers – Tuesday evenings, 7:15 – 8:15 p.m., June through August 2010.
- School year – Tentatively, Thursday evenings, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m., beginning September 2010.
- Come try ice dance. The contract price has been under \$7 per hour, so you can miss a few and still know you're getting a great deal!

ICE DANCE EVENTS

If you would like more information on any of the following, please ask a board member or check the Starlight website.

- Ice Dance Weekend 2010 – July 23-25, 2010 at Bloomington Ice Gardens.
- Special Social Ice Dance evenings – Halloween costumes, New Year's formal, etc.
- Ice Shows – Starlight is invited to participate in several ice shows. All ice dancers are welcome to participate.
- Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Ceremony – to be scheduled for May 2011.
- Ice Dance Weekend 2011 – Late July 2011 at Bloomington Ice Gardens.

GROUP LESSONS

The Board intends to purchase ad-hoc hours of ice, possibly 2-4 times during the year, for group lessons on a specific topic. Please contact a board member if you have any requests for these lessons.

Testing and Competing

- **Club permission is required for all tests or competitions in the U.S. Figure Skating system.** The form provided by the host club indicates who must sign the permission form. Generally, tests require the signature of the Test Chair, and competitions require the signature of a club officer (President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer), but there are exceptions. READ the form so you know who to contact. Plan ahead and allow time for telephone tag or mail transit.
- **Testing** – Starlight does not sponsor test sessions. You are welcome to test with any club that allows it. In addition, Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCFSA) hosts test sessions for dance, freestyle and moves periodically throughout the year. Check the TCFSA website for specific test dates and registration requirements.

Twin City Figure Skating Association (TCFSA)

Twin City Figure Skating Association is a group of clubs based primarily in the Twin Cities that work together on any cause that will benefit many or all member clubs. For example, TCFSA sponsors local test sessions, the Minnesota State Competition, and national/international skating events. TCFSA also worked to develop standards for high-school lettering in figure skating. For more information on TCFSA, visit www.tcfsa.org or contact Starlight delegates, Nancy Burke and Jenae Williams.

Club Jackets

Club jackets are black fleece zip-up jackets, with Starlight's name and logo. Jackets can be personalized with a name on the front and/or "Starlight" on the back. Contact Diane Geving if interested in ordering a jacket.

Becoming a Member

All memberships run from July 1 to June 30, regardless of when your membership requirements are submitted.

Membership Categories:

- **NEW: INTRODUCTORY MEMBER (FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN A MEMBER OF U.S. FIGURE SKATING)** – Skaters who have never been a member of U.S. Figure Skating can join at a discounted rate using the new Introductory membership. This membership is otherwise considered a full membership and includes Skating Magazine.
- **COLLEGIATE MEMBER** – If you are in or about to start college, university, vocational-technical or similar post-secondary education at any level, you are eligible for the collegiate membership. This category provides four years of USFS and Starlight membership with only one registration. You do not have to be in your first year of college and there is no age restriction; however, you may only use this membership category once. Provide a copy of your student ID (with effective date), or paid fee statement or letter of acceptance from the college you are or will be attending with the regular membership requirements. Collegiate members receive extra information on coaching, becoming an official and collegiate skating from USFS.
- **FIRST FAMILY MEMBER** – This is the standard membership; includes USFS and Starlight memberships plus Skating Magazine.
- **ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER** – For those with several skaters in the family, this membership provides a discount for all memberships after the first one. Multiple family members must all have the same mailing address. This membership does not receive Skating Magazine.
- **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** – Sometimes skaters want to be members of multiple clubs. This membership allows a skater to be a primary member of a club other than Starlight, but also be a Starlight member. The club you choose as your primary club (not Starlight, in this membership category) is your connection to USFS, and provides any permission you need for testing or competitions.

COACHES – Special Coach's Registration Required BEFORE Joining Starlight

U.S. Figure Skating requires that coaches complete the coach's registration process on www.usfsa.org prior to and in addition to having a club (or individual) U.S. Figure Skating membership. The coach's registration requires that you pass a background screening and provide proof of liability insurance. Coaches are also required to complete continuing education credits *each year*. After the coach's registration is complete, you must join U.S. Figure Skating as a regular member, generally through a club, such as Starlight. For more information, see the U.S. Figure Skating website.

Coaches must be a member of both U.S. Figure Skating and the Professional Skaters Association (PSA) and current on their continuing education credits to accompany a skater to **any test, competition (qualifying and nonqualifying) or other U.S. Figure Skating sanctioned event** (that is, to receive access to the skater areas or stand at the boards). Clubs have been instructed to view each coach's registration card at each event.

MEMBERSHIP CHECKLIST:

- Please VERIFY pre-printed data or FILL IN blank fields. Print clearly. The following information is required to process your membership: Name, Address, City, State, ZIP, Gender, Birth Date, and Citizenship.
- Name – The name you put on this form will be the name U.S. Figure Skating uses for items such as test certificates and announcements in Skating magazine.
- Email Address – An email address is not required for membership, but is required for online access to your personal test and competition history through the national organization. (U.S. Figure Skating sends password information via email to new members shortly after the registration process is complete.) Most Starlight communication will be sent via email only (using the blind cc line for confidentiality).
- Eligibility Status – This refers to your eligibility to compete in qualifying competitions. If you are unsure whether you are eligible, ineligible or restricted, please work with your coach or USFS to determine your status.
- Confirmation of Membership Status – You will receive a USFS membership card and number direct from USFS approximately 2-3 months after you submit your registration to Starlight. If you need your member number before the card arrives in the mail, please contact Kristine Galligan.
- CHANGING HOME CLUBS – If you joined a USFS club for the 2010-2011 season, and want to change your home club to or from Starlight mid-season, a "Notice of Change of Home Club" form is required. This is available from the Membership Chair of either club.

Contact Starlight Ice Dance Club

Board Members

Role	Name	Phone	Email
President	Diane Geving	651-464-8572	gevings@msn.com
Vice President	Caroline Gilbert	651-633-7539	c-gilb@umn.edu
Secretary	Kitty Warner	651-642-9971	kittwarn@aol.com
Treasurer	Chas Jensen	651-642-9971	chasjensen@aol.com
Board Member	Becky Evans	952-401-8776	rnetsak@aol.com
Board Member	Kristine Galligan	651-330-5372	kristine0012@gmail.com
Board Member	Glen Geving	651-464-8572	gevings@msn.com

Committee Positions

Role	Name	Phone	Email
Testing, Dance	Diane Geving	651-464-8572	gevings@msn.com
Testing, Moves/Freestyle	Sheila Thelen	651-257-1004	sk8thelen@aol.com
Membership	Kristine Galligan	651-330-5372	kristine0012@gmail.com
TCFSA Delegates	Jenae Williams	763-525-1172	jwilliams@usfamily.net
	Nancy Burke	612-799-5268	nancy.burke@gpmlaw.com
Social Dance Coordinators	Diane Geving	651-464-8572	gevings@msn.com
	Glen Geving		
Ice Dance Weekend	Jenae Williams	763-525-1172	jwilliams@usfamily.net
Show Coordinator	Kitty Warner	651-642-9971	kittwarn@aol.com
Webmasters	Marc Williams	763-525-1172	mwilliams@usfamily.net
	Becky Evans	952-401-8776	rnetsak@aol.com
Photographer	Chas Jensen	651-642-9971	chasjensen@aol.com

On the Internet:

- www.starlighticedanceclub.com
- www.usfsa.org (click Clubs > Find a Club)
- www.tcfsa.org
- <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Minneapolis-MN/Starlight-Ice-Dance-Club/66366861534>

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July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011 Membership Application

Personal Information		
U.S Figure Skating Member Number		
* Skater Last Name	* Skater First Name	
* Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	* Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	* U.S. Citizen: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
* Address		Check here if new address: <input type="checkbox"/>
* City	* State	* Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	
Parent/Guardian Name (If skater under age 18)	Email	

* Item is required for membership by U.S. Figure Skating.

Eligibility Status	Skating Motivation
<input type="checkbox"/> Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Ineligible (participated in unsanctioned activity) <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted (by reason of employment)	(✓ Check all that apply –AND– ◊ Circle the primary activity) <input type="checkbox"/> Competitive Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Coach <input type="checkbox"/> Synchronized Skater <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/Guardian <input type="checkbox"/> Club Officer/Board Member <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Figure Skating Officer/Official

Highest U.S. Figure Skating Test Passed:	Dance	Freestyle	Moves	Coach's Name, Phone #

Membership Type	Note: Annual dues are not prorated for a partial year membership
Home Club Member	
<input type="checkbox"/> First Family Member (good for 1 year; includes USFS dues and Skating Magazine)	\$70.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Family Member (good for 1 year; includes USFS dues)	\$45.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Introductory Membership (good for 1 year; includes USFS dues and Skating Magazine)	\$55.00 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Collegiate Member (good for 4 years; includes USFS dues and Skating Magazine)	\$150.00 _____
Associate Member	
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Member (good for 1 year of Starlight membership only)	\$30.00 _____
My Home Club for U.S. Figure Skating membership is: _____ <small>(Full U.S. Figure Skating Club Name Please)</small>	

I hereby apply for skating membership in the Starlight Ice Dance Club of the Twin Cities (Starlight). I agree to comply with the Starlight rules, as stated in the bylaws (available at www.starlighticedanceclub.com), when participating in any Starlight activities. I recognize that Starlight has been formed to promote ice dancing. It is understood that the Starlight will take reasonable means to provide a safe experience for its membership; however, it is further understood that ice skating is inherently dangerous and neither Starlight nor its officers or board members assume any financial responsibility for any accidents that may occur.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature if under 18

- Return:** ① This form
 ② Payment to **Starlight Ice Dance Club**
 ③ Photocopy of College ID (Collegiate Membership)

TO: Starlight Ice Dance Club
 c/o Kristine Galligan, Membership Chair
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 Woodbury, MN 55125
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