

Garden City Figure Skating Club

June 20th, 2018

Hello Garden City Figure Skaters and Club Members!

It's that time again...time to renew your membership! Memberships expire on **June 30th** each year. It is important to renew in a timely manner to avoid any problems registering for competitions and tests and to ensure that you are included in all GCFSC communications all year long. I have enclosed the 2018-2019 Membership Application to make it easy for you to renew. Please note that your application and membership fee should be sent to: **GCFSC Membership Chair, PO Box 917, Garden City, MI 48136.**

Don't forget: USFSA is offering an introductory membership for first-time Club members! If you have never been a member of a USFSA Figure Skating Club, you are eligible for a reduced rate of \$60!

Your membership allows you to participate in our club activities including outings, the Christmas Shows, the Holiday party, opening number of the annual Ice Show and our year-end banquet! You will also be able to purchase freestyle ice time at a discount. Adult members also have voting rights at our annual and semi-annual meeting each spring and fall.

Our club needs you! We need your time and participation to grow our club and to let the community know that our skaters are doing great things! If you shop at Kroger, an easy thing you can do to help our Club is to register your Kroger Card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and connect it to the Garden City Figure Skating Club organization number 90130. Each month, Kroger will send the Club a percentage of all the purchases made with Kroger Cards that are linked to GCFSC. We want to be able to offer more ice time and more activities; fundraising is one way we can do that and avoid additional costs to our skaters. Unfortunately, we have had issues with Club members not volunteering the required 10 hours. Therefore we have decided to collect a Volunteer Service Fee of \$50.00. This money is due with your 2018-2019 Membership application. You may either pay in cash, or by post dated check. When you turn in your completed Volunteer Form, your \$50.00 Volunteer Service Fee will be returned to you. Club Members have until June 30th, 2019 to complete their 10 hours and have their Volunteer Service Fee returned. Also, each adult member will be required to monitor our Saturday Freestyle Ice sessions once each year. On the day you monitor a two-hour ice session, your skater can skate for one-hour at no charge. Failure to ice monitor at least once during the 2018-2019 season will be assessed a \$50.00 fine. This is separate from the Volunteer Service Fee, however your 2 hours of ice monitoring can be used towards your 10 required hours.

The above changes DO NOT apply to Professional and Collegiate Memberships. We do require Collegiate Members to volunteer 4 hours, however they DO NOT have to pay the Volunteer Service Fee. If a Collegiate Member ice monitors, they will receive a voucher for an hour of Freestyle Ice to be used at a later date.

We look forward to receiving your membership application this summer. Don't hesitate to email or call with any questions you have about GCFSC Membership.

Have a great summer!

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