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Membership Guide 2022

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FMC Skating Club

General Membership Information

All Membership Types

Why Join the FMC Skating Club?

Join FMC in creating a positive environment for skaters to thrive. Through a skating family and activities that promote camaraderie, good sportsmanship and teamwork, our club memberships provide guidelines and opportunities that support an individual's skating, their fellow skaters, and our skating community.

Full Skater Membership - \$50 Annually

Full Skater Membership is for skaters who wish to enhance their skating experience and take full advantage of programming opportunities FMC Ice Sports makes possible. Full Skater Members must represent FMC in ISI competition and receive unique member discounts and opportunities for additional programs, skating events and more. See the membership overview for more information.

FMC Group Class Skaters – Free while enrolled; \$8.50 per session otherwise

While enrolled, skaters in FMC Ice Sports Teen/Adult or Step 2 Youth classes and above who wish to utilize FMC Club Ice sessions and/or participate in ISI Testing or Competition, can receive a Full Skater Membership for no additional cost. To access this benefit, the skater should submit a membership application so that membership documents can be facilitated. Should a skater stop taking the class, membership will be prorated for the current and remaining sessions at \$8.50 per session.

Associate Skater Membership - \$100 Annually

Associate Membership is for skaters who represent a non-FMC ISI Club or Facility in ISI competition. Associate Skater Members provide their own current ISI Membership, and a copy of the membership card is required during the application process. Associate members receive access to FMC Club Ice sessions.

Professional Membership - \$40 / Session

Coaches must have an FMC Professional Membership to teach on FMC Club ice session. Staff Instructors may be able to have some if not all of the Professional Membership fee waived. All coaches will be asked to provide a copy of your current Liability Insurance certificate with Facility Management Corporation and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts named as additional insured in the application process. Please see the Professional Membership section for more information.

General Membership Requirements

- Prior to skating or coaching, potential members must
 - Apply for membership through our online application
 - Have membership approved by the Program Director
 - Pay all fees due and submit any required documents
- Maintain membership in good standing by fulfilling any requirements / commitments designated by your home club or division (see Club Divisions for more information)
- Abide by Arena Codes of Conduct and Freestyle Rules & Etiquette
- Abide by and support FMC Skating Club membership rules and guidelines and the FMC Skating Club Codes of Conduct

Additional Club Division Requirements

Additional requirements may be added to satisfy the Club Division's needs in an individual facility or a region of facilities. These requirements can pertain to any membership category and would be attached or outlined in relation to an event, program or activity. Some examples:

- Volunteer hours may be required for Club Members to participate in the annual ice show
- Membership type, event participation and/or donations of time or supplies may be needed to participate in an FMC Club Skater Party or social event
- Participation in Send Off Exhibition prior to a competition may require donations of time or supplies to receive the Club Member discount off the participation fee
- Coaches may be required to volunteer at an event or have students participate in order to maintain their membership status

Ice Sports Industry (ISI) Affiliation

FMC facilities are Ice Sports Industry (ISI) Administrative members. As a result, skaters utilizing FMC Club Ice or Freestyle sessions must be a current ISI member regardless of the skater's usual testing and competitive affiliations. FMC may be affiliated with local United States Figure Skating (USFS) Clubs, but these organizations are not responsible, nor do they run FMC Club Ice or Freestyle sessions. USFS membership does not meet the requirement for skaters to use FMC Club Ice or Freestyle sessions.

Fulfilling the ISI Membership Requirement

Skaters who are actively competing in ISI competitions for another ISI Administrative member must become FMC Skating Club Associate members and provide their ISI membership number upon application. Those who are willing or do represent an FMC facility in ISI competition can apply for Full Membership and have the ISI membership included.

Administrative Membership Obligations to ISI

The ISI recreational skating program is a key component to FMC Ice Sports programming and therefore, FMC Skating Club members have access to ISI Testing and Competition through our Administrative memberships. Many FMC programs will encourage and facilitate participation in ISI performance events and institutions for its skaters as a healthy way to develop solid skills and performance abilities within a reasonable commitment and cost.

ISI rules require a skater's Individual ISI membership to be associated with a facility's ISI Administrative membership. The association means that the Administrative Member is responsible for conducting and facilitating Individual Memberships and their actions through the ISI system. A few examples of these obligations:

- ISI tests must be registered and paid for by the Administrative Member
- Each Administrative Member will be obligated to send judges to an ISI competition if any Individual Members are representing it in competition.

FMC Skating Club Member Requirements to ISI

- Teams created outside of FMC Team Skating programs that would represent an FMC ISI Administrative Member facility in competition require approval from the Program Director overseeing the ISI Administrative Member Facility the team would be representing. **Coaches should approach the Program Director for approval before the team is created.**
- Any skater or teams that will be representing FMC in ISI competition should be reported to the FMC Program Director overseeing the ISI Administrative Member facility by the entry deadline of a competition.
- ISI Tests must be facilitated by the FMC Program Director overseeing the ISI Administrative Member facility the skater will represent
 - o If the skater is competing, requests should be made 30 days in advance of the competition entry deadline to sufficient time to administer and register the test
 - o The Program Director has the discretion to facilitate the test(s) as they see fit this includes but is not limited to, choosing judges, when, etc.
 - o Fees must be paid for in advance
- In the event that these requirements are not met, privileges and/or memberships of those involved may be suspended or revoked.

Full Skater Membership Overview

Skaters, parents and coaches are invited to join FMC in creating a positive environment for skaters to thrive. The club's purpose is to create a skating family and through activities that promote camaraderie, good sportsmanship and teamwork and to provide guidelines and opportunities to support the building of a skating community through individual and team skating activities.

Benefits of Full Skater Membership

For skaters who wish to enhance their skating experience, members can take full advantage of the programming and opportunities FMC makes possible. Competitions, performance opportunities, instructional and specialty classes, events and ISI testing and more!

- Use of FMC Club Ice sessions in any FMC facility
- Annual ISI Membership
- Access to ISI Testing, Badge Program and the ability to compete for FMC in ISI Competitions
- Preferred customer status for programs and events
- Discounts and special offers just for FMC Skating Club Full Skater Members

Other Benefits

Through FMC & Club programs and activities....

- Make new friends
- Learn about teamwork and good sportsmanship
- Experience valuable life lessons
- Skate in a welcoming, family-oriented environment
- Gain support from fellow skaters and parents
- Be the best skater you wish to be

Full Skater Membership Requirements

- Maintain membership in good standing
- **Abide by and support FMC Membership Guidelines & Rules**
- **Abide by FMC Codes of Conduct**
- Represent the appropriate the appropriate FMC Club in ISI Competition

FMC Skating Club Member Code of Conduct

All members should.....

- Support and encourage fellow teammates and all skaters at all times
- Be kind to all and in all ways
- Honor and respect the systems and institutions that allows skaters the opportunity to test, compete and perform
- Maintain focus on meeting personal goals, participation and enjoying the experience
- Refrain from participating in any behavior that would reflect poorly on yourself, fellow skaters, coaches, the facility or the sport
- Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat

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Annual ISI Membership

Your Club membership includes an annual Ice Sports Industry (ISI) membership. ISI is an international organization that does many things to support the Ice Skating Industry from professional trainings and seminars to organized recreational competition. An ISI membership provides you with a online subscription to Recreational Ice Skating magazine, additional insurance for the skater, the opportunity to test and compete, and much, much more.

Access to ISI Badge Program, Testing and Competition

ISI may be most known for its very successful recreational skating programs. ISI developed a skating school curriculum in 1959 to help arenas teach skating through a group lesson format which allowed skating to be accessible and affordable to many more people. As the years progressed, ISI developed a national and then international database of skaters and the levels they had passed. Schools would give skaters the branded badges or patches to show their achievement. Skaters who passed tests, could then compete the highest test passed creating competition with an “apples to apples” format, meaning, skaters were compared for their ability to do the same skills opposed to the most technically difficult.

In order to utilize the ISI programs, organizations, professionals and individuals must be members of ISI. Organizations and professionals must administer ISI institutions according to ISI guidelines. FMC Ice Sports skating programs incorporate the ISI curriculum in its teachings and as ISI Administrative members, are authorized to administer testing and prepare skaters for competition. ISI Competition is for skaters of all ages and abilities and promotes team and individual achievement. Every skater who competes earns points towards their representative team and the top team placements receive trophies to reward the team’s effort.

As a Full Member of the FMC Skating Club, your ISI membership will be registered or renewed with ISI and you will have access to ISI testing, ISI badges for passing tests and the ability to compete in ISI competitions, if desired.

FMC Representation in ISI Competition

Full skater members are required to represent FMC in ISI Competition. ISI requires competitors to represent an ISI Administrative Member in competition. If you are already representing another ISI Club or Administrative Member in competition, Associate Membership is the appropriate membership option for your skater.

For FMC, your Club Division will have a primary facility for that Club Division to represent. Please see your Program Director for the appropriate FMC facility to list when competing in an ISI competition.



Preferred Customer Status & Pricing for Programs, Events and More!

As a Full Skater member of the FMC Skating Club and participant in FMC programming, you are our priority. We achieve our mission, “**FMC exists to make our community a better place one skater at a time,**” when customers and participants find a lifelong love of ice sports and benefit from the many wonderful things skating provides such as life lessons and skills, friendships, personal growth and fitness and more. As a thank you for your continued support, many FMC programs and events will offer club members special opportunities, priority placement or participation and special or discount pricing.

Additional Opportunities

Many clubs host social activities and parties to help skaters and families to get to know each other. These activities are often attached to performance events or class days. In addition, different locations often have their own club apparel. Efforts and offerings vary by location.

Club Divisions

To make sure that each FMC Skating Club is servicing the needs of the local skating community using FMC facilities, the FMC Skating Club is further divided into smaller sections. As each community is a little different, some of the club activities and/or requirements to participate will vary.

Often we rely on membership to help make events happen, be organized and provide opportunities for our family to connect. Requirements will be noted separately and as a condition of participation. For example, in order for skaters to participate in the Full Skater Member of the annual show, we may ask for donations of time or supplies for the show or events leading up to it.

Club Divisions determine the requirements and commitments needed for memberships to be maintained. If you skate in facilities represented by different Club Divisions, the rink of which you purchase the most ice will be considered your Home Club and the corresponding Club Division will dictate your requirements. In the event that ice sessions are purchased equally between two Divisions, Program Directors will determine appropriate guidelines to satisfy each Division's needs.

Each Club Division is supported by a Booster Club and represented by a singular FMC Administrative membership in ISI competition as outlined in the chart below. If multiple facilities belong to the same Division, one year-round facility is chosen so that the skaters within a Club Division can remain a singular competitive unit at ISI competitive events.

Location(s)	Booster Club	Represents in Competition
Auburn, Marlboro & Worcester	Central Mass Sparks	FMC Navin Arena
Franklin / Hopedale	Franklin Finesse	FMC Pirelli Veterans Arena
Gardner	Ice Evolution	FMC Gardner Veterans Arena
FMC Plymouth in collaboration with Winterland Skating School	Plymouth Skating Club	FMC Armstrong Arena
Natick	Natick Supernovas	FMC William L Chase Arena
FMC Revere in collaboration with Premier Pick Skating	Revere Skating	FMC Cronin Arena
Fall River, Raynham & Taunton	South Shore Stars	FMC Raynham Iceplex

Burlington, East Boston and Springfield do not require membership at this time and do not fall into a specific Division. Other unlisted facilities do not offer Club Ice sessions at this time.

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Professional Membership Overview

Professional Membership Benefits

- Teach on FMC Club Ice sessions and the potential to do so on FMC Club Ice sessions in any FMC facility with approval from neighboring Program Directors
- Enjoyable, respectful and trustworthy teaching environment
- Program, event and specialty class opportunities for students from beginner to advanced, recreational to elite

Professional Membership Requirements

Coaches who wish to teach on FMC Freestyle or Club Ice sessions must be positive ambassadors and role models of figure skating, the arena and all programs within. Any violation of the conditions outlined in membership guidelines or behavior deemed inappropriate or unprofessional may result in teaching privileges on FMC Club Ice or Freestyle (Revere) sessions to be suspended or revoked entirely. In order to apply for membership, coaches must be:

- Of legal age and able to legally enter into a contract
- A Professional Member of USFS, ISI or PSA in good standing
- Free and clear of any fees due to FMC Ice Sports or their affiliates; Membership cannot be approved or reinstated until debts are paid
- Abide by and support FMC Membership Guidelines & Rules
- Abide by FMC Codes of Conduct

In addition, in advance of teaching on any session, coaches must:

- provide a copy of their current Liability Insurance certificate with Facility Management Corporation and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts named as additional insured during the application process and as requested by a Program Director or FMC staff member
- pay membership dues; payment will signify agreement to all membership guidelines and rules

Professional Membership Fees - \$40 / session

May be partially or fully waived for coaches currently on staff with FMC Ice Sports and/or partnering organizations. The definition of being on staff with FMC Ice Sports is:

Employees who have worked or are scheduled to work a complete session.

- A "session" is defined as the 8-week spans by which we organize classes.
- "Work" is defined as being assigned to a program for the span of a session, or, being put on the sub list if enrollment did not allow the Program Director to provide an assignment. Choosing to be on the sub list does not qualify.
- "Completion" of a session is defined as working at least 75% of the dates of required and receiving a more than satisfactory review of that session.
- Working less than 75% or receiving a less than satisfactory review may require the coach to pay Professional Memberships fees may to continue teaching on FMC Club Ice sessions.
- **Waiving of fees is at the discretion of the Program Director and not guaranteed**

FMC Skating Club Professional Code of Conduct

Coaches must....

- Be supportive and respectful of facility, staff, coaches and skaters and the institutions the facility provides to facilitate goals of the sport
- Promote a trustful environment and respect fellow coaches and their student relationships; Solicitation and/or skater migration of any kind, by a coach or their affiliated parties, will result in immediate revocation of club membership and any fees paid to be forfeited
- Educate students and/or parents in regard to session requirements, etiquette, rules and proper behavior
- Ensure that requirements, for professionals and students, are satisfied before sessions are utilized and Club Ice Rules & Etiquette are upheld at all times
- Coaches must be a positive role model for students, including but not limited to
 - Professional dress, appropriate language and conduct; only FMC or unbranded attire is acceptable on sessions; wearing apparel associated with non-FMC industry facilities or organizations is prohibited
 - Refraining from any behavior that negatively impacts the program or participants, illegal acts, etc.
 - Displaying good sportsmanship and honoring the game
 - Making the rink a "safe zone"; Behaviors that resemble abuse of another person or that can be construed as abuse will be reported to appropriate authorities
 - Refraining from bashing others, gossiping, being overly negative or venting inappropriately
 - Being considerate and respectful of rink staff and property
 - Non-staff coaches must change skates and all coaches must conduct business in common areas of the facility only

Club Divisions and Professional Membership

Different Club Divisions may have additional requirements / conditions. It is the coach's responsibility to educate themselves on any requirements needed and provide full compliance in order to retain privileges.