



August 11,

**Welcome Back!**

Dear Skater and Family:

It's time to get ready to figure skate! Welcome to the 2017-2018 Cortland Figure Skating Club season – which will begin this year on **Saturday, September 9!** The following letter provides you with some valuable information to help plan for the skating season ahead.

As we all know, Figure Skating is a rewarding experience for the entire family that provides our children with a lifelong skill, positive memories and healthy activity. The entire experience requires a financial commitment to support our athlete(s), unlike many other sports. The CFSC understands this financial commitment and is working hard to keep participation fees manageable for all its' members.

Despite our negotiations with the Sports Complex, rising costs of operations has resulted in ice fees increasing again this year. At the same time, we do not anticipate a significant change in our Club enrollment and hope to have approximately the same number of Club skaters as last year. The total number of skaters is a key component in our budget since this is what we use to spread our total ice fees across to determine the price per family.

This year's Club Ice fees are going to be \$27,000 (\$180 an hour X 2 hour sessions x 3 times a week= \$1080 a week x 25 weeks = \$27,000). That is just the price for our club ice time and does not include the ice cost for the test sessions, Ice Shows or Learn To Skate.

Pending how many Club skaters sign up this season, we will likely fall short of having enough money to pay for the \$27,000 in ice fees from our club membership fees. In order to make up the deficit between membership fees paid and the ice costs, we must **all** continue to fundraise. We estimate each family will need to raise approximately \$400 this season to break even on our Club Skating Activities. With more people contributing, this number will be less of a burden on each individual family. Michelle Anderson is our Fundraising Chairperson this season and has some new ideas for our club.

Taking all this information into consideration, the Board of Directors has decided to offer three (3) Club Skating sessions per week of 2.0 hours each. We will again offer practice time to our Club Skaters during the December holiday season when our Club Skaters are typically preparing for competitions. We will be skating on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings (10:15 am - 12:15 pm). Specific dates are found on the Club Calendar attached.

Over the past couple years, we received a positive response from the skating registration options that were offered so we are bringing back this program again this year. Please review the following two registration options:

**Option 1** is for **1 day** of ice per week for **one session** at the cost of \$369 (includes NYS Sales tax).

- Session One runs September 9, 2017 - December 2, 2017 (\$369)
- Session Two runs December 9, 2017 - March 3, 2018 (\$369)
- TOTAL for 2 Sessions is \$738 (includes NYS Sales Tax)

**Option 2** is the **ALL ACCESS PASS** for **all 3 days** of ice per week for the entire year: 9/9/17 – 3/3/18 for \$908 (includes NYS Sales tax). The following payment option is available:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Payment: \$368 due September 9, 2017 (includes NYS Sales tax)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Payment: \$180 due October 18, 2017 (includes NYS Sales tax)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Payment: \$180 due November 15, 2017 (includes NYS Sales tax)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Payment: \$180 due January 17, 2018 (includes NYS Sales tax)

We are kicking off our season with a Skating Extravaganza for all club families. Please join us on **Wednesday August 30 at 6:30 pm** at the J.M. McDonald Sports Complex for important information regarding the skating season. Your skater will be required to take part in Ice Etiquette training (on ice) provided by the local coaches from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm while parents are meeting in the Classroom. Free Skate will be offered from 7:30 pm – 8:00 pm. Coaches will be available at 7:30 pm to meet with parents regarding plans for the upcoming Skating Season.

We look forward to seeing everyone on August 30!

Sincerely,

**Cortland Figure Skating Board**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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- Regarding the membership form: Please note that all skaters are required to pay IN FULL on or before their first night of skating or the due dates for the payment plan. Unfortunately, skaters will not be allowed on the ice until payment received.
  - Re payment plan: if the payment is not received by the due date then the skater will not be allowed to skate until payment is received.
  - Re payment by mail: the club cannot be responsible for lost checks or US Postal service. Board members will be available to collect fees/forms and answer questions nightly.
- Enclosed with this letter you will find a Club calendar for the upcoming season. Remember that the calendar DOES change through the season – when this happens, new versions of the calendar will be available on our bulletin board at the Sports Complex and on our website. We also have a club Calendar on Google at: Cortland Figure Skating Club.
- Our website has been updated with information for the current season - [cortlandskating.com](http://cortlandskating.com). Please join our Facebook page for update to date information on Cortland Skating and general ice- skating activities.
- We are planning two test sessions this season – December 10, 2017 and March 4, 2018.
- In the interest of skater safety, the Board is continuing the following Club rule: **No skater age 14 or under may be left unattended at the rink.** A parent or designated family member/ representative **must** stay at the rink with that skater.