



FIGURE SKATING CLUB

August 15, 2016
Welcome Back!

Dear Skater and Family:

It's time to get ready to figure skate! Welcome to the 2016-2017 Cortland Figure Skating Club season – which will begin this year on **Wednesday, September 7th**! 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.

Every year the ice cost goes up and this year is no exception. Rising costs of operations has resulted in ice fees increasing 6% 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 \$27,300 (\$175 an hour X 2 hour sessions x 3 times a week = \$990 a week x 26 weeks = \$27,300). That is just the price for our club ice time and does not include the ice cost for the test session, competition, Ice Show or Learn To Skate.

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 26 weeks in order to give 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 at the cost of \$351 (includes NYS Sales tax) per **13 week session**.

* No switching days once registered. This option allows you to skate from September - November. December - March will be a new 13 week session and an additional \$351 (including NYS Sales Tax).

Option 2 is the **ALL ACCESS PASS** for **all 3 days** of ice for the entire year: September - March (**26 weeks**) for \$864 (includes NYS Sales tax). The following payment option is available:

1 st Payment:	\$345 due September 7, 2016 (includes NYS Sales tax)
2 nd Payment:	\$173 due October 19, 2016 (includes NYS Sales tax)
3 rd Payment:	\$173 due November 16, 2016 (includes NYS Sales tax)
4 th Payment:	\$173 due January 18, 2017 (includes NYS Sales tax)

You have the option to pay the entire ice fee (\$864 including tax) at enrollment on 9/7/16.

We are kicking off our season with a Skating Extravaganza for all families who are receiving this letter. Please join us on **Tuesday, 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 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm while parents are meeting in the Classroom. Free Skate will be offered from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm. Coaches will be available at 7:00 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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► 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.

► Our website has been updated with information for the current season - cortlandskating.com. Please join our Facebook page for update to date information on Cortland Skating and general ice skating activities.

► Fundraising is an important part of our financial budget each year. Kristin Slavick has agreed to be our Fundraising Chairperson this year. She will be updating everyone at the Parent Meeting on our fundraising plans for this season

► This is a Show year (March 18/19, 2017) and all Club skaters will be invited to participate.

► We are planning two test sessions this season – December 11, 2016 and March 5, 2016.

▶ 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.

▶ USFSA has made changes to the Learn to Skate program which is now called Learn to Skate USA. We will be continuing to offer our Learn to Skate program this season. Information will be posted on our website and available at the August 30 Club Open House so you can help spread the word about this program.