

August 2018

Dear Cortland Skating Members:

It is exciting to see many of our skaters heading back to the rink! As we prepare for school and our schedules and routines, we wanted to share some more information with you regarding the Cortland Figure Skating Club activities.

Why should you join the Cortland Figure Skating Club?

Your Cortland Figure Skating Club Membership provides you with many benefits including:

- *Lower Ice Package Costs from JM*
- *Exclusive Club Room Access*
- *Lower Test Session Fees*
- *Invitation to Participate in Club Celebrations and Events*
 - *Awards Recognition*
 - *End of the Year Production*
 - *Social Events*
 - *Fundraising Activities*
- *A voice and a vote in Club business*
- *Socialize with a fun group of parents and skaters!*

Here are some updates on additional areas and information.

* Ice Access - Skating Packages are available to purchase for September at the JM McDonald Sports Complex. You can visit their website to research which package works best for your skater. Be sure to talk with your coach before selecting your package to ensure you have a plan for success going into the season. If you have questions on package details, please contact JM Staff.

<https://www.jmmcomplex.com/figure-skating>

* Forms - CFSC Membership Package is available on our website and can be downloaded, filled out, and mailed (or delivered) to Stephanie Burns, Membership Director. We must have your membership package before you can take the ice on September 1 (or your first day of ice). If you are interested in our Associate Membership, please email Stephanie Burns (saburns67@gmail.com) to receive the forms via email.

* Open House - We are hosting a Parent Open House on September 10 at 7 pm at the JM McDonald Sports Complex. We encourage all parents to attend to get important information regarding changes to the Safe Sport Program, Special Events, Cortland Club Room, Fundraising, Annual Production, and CFSC Budget for 2018/2019 season. We will have light refreshments available so please join us and ask questions about the season!

* Board Members - Attached is a list of 2018/2019 Board Members. We encourage you to contact our board members with questions, feedback and concerns at any time.

* Safe Sport - All volunteers, officials, coaches or staff who have contact and/or authority over our skaters are required to complete the SafeSport training and to pass a background check. What does this mean? If you are volunteering in any capacity with the Club and have contact with our skaters, you are required to complete the training and background check. If you wish to enter the Locker Rooms or Club Room while skaters are present, you are required to complete the training and background check. Since we are a small club, most of our parents will need to meet these requirements. Please see Melissa LeVick, VP and SafeSport Compliance officer if you have questions. The following link takes you to the SafeSport information provided by USFSA. [CLICK HERE](#)

* Communications - We heard you and we are taking aggressive steps to improve. Communications was one of the biggest areas needing improvement coming out of the 2017/2018 season. We will be launching the use of the TEAM SNAP APP in September 2018. Once you OPT IN to use this APP, you will get up-to-date information regarding Club activities via Text Message and Email. You will be able to share photos of your skaters through this APP and even sign up to volunteer at our skating events. Please look for more information by our Open House on September 10!

We look forward to seeing all Soaring Stars and Club Parents at the Open House on 9/10/18 at 7 pm!!

Warm Regards,

Tamara Demeree
President CFSC