

## Basic Skills Important Information ‘TO KNOW’

All of the following information, and more, can be found in the WFSC Handbook. This information was pulled out and categorized for each skating level as quick reference tool. Please see the WFSC Handbook for more detail. Any additional questions can be answered by the Club Officers, Directors and Professional Staff. This is your club and we hope you enjoy skating with us.

- **Skaters/Parents stay informed:** WFSC information changes throughout the season. Use the following tools to stay informed: Read this Handbook, Get a Club Calendar, Visit the website ([www.wallacefsc.com](http://www.wallacefsc.com)), Read the monthly Newsletter, Check the bulletin boards in the Clubroom, Attend General Membership Meetings, Become a Volunteer, Visit the Clubroom and ask questions.
- **Attendance:** During group lessons attendance is taken. All other skaters **MUST check-in in the Clubroom**. If a skater is using a Make-Up, doing a Walk-On, or using Music you **MUST** tell the Clubroom Worker(s). It is the skater's responsibility to tell us what you're doing.
- **Badges:** If a skater passes a level, the passing certificate is to be brought to the Clubroom. The skater will receive a badge and recognition will then be submitted to the Newsletter coordinator.
- **Change of Membership or Ice Times:** If a skater advances in membership level (BS to FS) or ice times change this must be reported to a Board Member in the Clubroom. Billing and schedules will then be updated.
- **Badge Programs and Group Lessons:** The Basic Skills Program used by the WFSC was created by U.S. Figure Skating, the governing body of figure skating in the United States of America. All boys and girls progress at their own pace, and each level contains several skills to be learned. Lessons are taught by our Professional Instructors and assisted by Junior Helpers. As skaters pass each level, they are awarded a colorful sew-on badge available in the clubroom.
- **Basic Skills:** The Basic Skills program is designed to give skaters the fundamentals necessary to enjoy the sport of figure skating and to develop skills required in mastering more advanced spins and jumps. Classes are grouped by skating level and given ½ lesson with a club Professional Coach and ½ of practice session which may be supervised by a Junior Helper. Basics Skills badges 1-8 are awarded to skaters as they pass through each level.
- **Make-up Policy:** *Make-ups are permitted for all options for any reason. Makeup cards will expire at the end of each season. Cards cannot be redeemed for cash or credit.* The skater or parent **must** call or visit the clubroom **prior** to the missed option, or lose the opportunity to make up the missed option. All requests will be recorded by a Board member on a make-up card, which will be kept in our file for future use. When using a make-up, the skater will report to the clubroom that they are intending to use a make-up. The skater will skate as a walk-on and will adhere to the same rules as other walk-on skaters purchasing ice. Learn to Skate member make-ups will expire at the end of the LTS Session which the lesson was missed.
- **Walk-on Policy:** WFSC members will always have priority over non-club members. Skaters who have an option will not be replaced unless they have notified the clubroom that they are not skating. If a skater does not arrive within 10 minutes of the start of their session and sign-in in the clubroom, they may be replaced, unless they have notified the clubroom that they will be late. Phone reservations will be accepted on the day of the session and will only be held until the session begins. A request for a walk-on skater present in the clubroom will take priority over a phone request, if they are received at the same time.
- **Private Lessons:** WFSC has Professional Coaches available for private lessons. Arrangements can be done directly with them. A resume book can be found in the clubroom.

- **SPECIAL EVENTS:**
- **Halloween Party:** Our club will celebrate this holiday by hosting a Halloween Party in conjunction with the General Membership Meeting in October. Skaters may come in costume. Details will be forthcoming.
- **Basic Skills Competitions:** Applications for upcoming Basic Skills Competitions are posted on the bulletin board in the clubroom when they are received. The purpose of the basic skills competitions is to provide skaters in the badge programs an opportunity to compete against other skaters at their own level. Medals or ribbons are usually awarded to all participants. A skater is allowed to compete in their last badge level passed and/or one level higher. All skaters who have not passed any USFS tests, including Pre-Preliminary Moves in the Field and pre-preliminary Freeskate, are eligible to compete. Skaters who have passed some of these tests may be eligible to compete. Please see the individual competition requirements for details.
- **Exhibition and Open House:** Each year our club will host an exhibition and open house. The day and time will be announced in the calendar and newsletter. During our exhibition, all of our skaters may perform individual or small group programs. This event serves as an opportunity for our skaters to gain experience performing in front of an audience. Family and friends are encouraged to attend, and admission is free. An open house will immediately follow our exhibition
- **Annual Show:** Show preparations start in November. If your skater wants to participate in the annual show please keep informed and abide by deadlines. A BS Annual Show Packet is enclosed with the BS Packet with more information.