

## Roseville Figure Skating Club

Roseville, Minnesota

## **About Us**

The purposes of the Roseville Figure Skating Club, as stated in our Articles of Incorporation, are to advance and promote figure skating, to foster national and international amateur figure skating competitions and to do anything which advances the above purposes.

Mission Statement: "To promote the sport of figure skating at the local, national, and international levels."

The Roseville Figure Skating Club is dedicated to helping its skaters work their way up the ladder of testing and competition. Skaters may choose the level to which they wish to aspire. Some skaters may test often and compete regularly. Others may choose a more leisurely pace. And some may test but never compete. The decision rests with each skater. Whatever the decision, each skater is a valued member of the Club.

The official name of the Club is the "Roseville Figure Skating Club" or the "RFSC".

The Club was organized in the Fall of 1974. It is affiliated with the United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA). On May 6, 1977, the Club was made a full member of the USFSA. Starting with an initial enrollment of 25, the Club has grown in membership to over 175. The Club is a non-profit corporation, organized under the laws of Minnesota and exempt from certain taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Club is governed by a Board of Directors. The Board appoints various committees and their Chairpersons to carry out the Club's programs. The Club prohibits gender-based discrimination. Reference: A list of the Board's Directors and the various Committee Chairpersons is found posted on the Club Bulletin Board.

The Club's programs, under the auspices of the USFSA, are comprehensive. Some of the Club's members are involved on a competitive level, while others are more interested in skating as a recreational sport. Some members place their emphasis on testing only, while others both test and compete. The Club's activities are designed to meet the needs of all its skaters. In so doing, the Club's programs, activities and benefits include: (1) providing practice ice time, (2) testing, (3) competitions, including our own Club-sponsored competition, (4) exhibitions, (5) an awards banquet, (6) publications and communications, (7) evaluation clinics, (8) an annual meeting, (9) special programs and clinics, and (10) social interaction with other skaters. These programs are described in the following Sections.

Our home arena, the Roseville Ice Arena, sponsors another skating program called the Roseville Figure Skating School. This causes some confusion, especially among new members. The Roseville Figure Skating Club (the "Club") has no connection with the Roseville Figure Skating School (the "School"). While good relations have existed between the Club and the School, skaters and their parents need to keep in mind the similarities and differences between the two organizations. In addition, we want to assure present School members that you may join our Club and participate in both programs. The main similarities between our Club and the School are three: (1) Many skaters skate in both programs, (2) some pros teach in both programs, and (3) the main facility for both programs is the Roseville Ice Arena. The main differences between the two programs include: The Club is a member of the USFSA; the School is a member of the ISI (Ice Skating Institute). The Club is not associated with ISI; the School is not associated with USFSA. The Club provides ice largely for individual practices and lessons; the School's program is based largely on class lessons and a yearly ice show production. The Club is a private non-profit corporation, run by a Board of Directors consisting mainly of skaters' parents; the

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School is run by the City of Roseville. Many other things including testing requirements, competition rules, membership, sponsorship, programs, and structure, among other things, are different between the two organizations. Just as the Club and the School have a good working relationship, the USFSA and the ISI have entered into joint Statements of Policy. The Statements of Policy can be found in your USFSA Rulebook. In short, these agreements allow skaters to participate fully in both organizations.

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