



1/7/2026

Dear Border Blades,

The Grand Forks Park District would like to extend an official invite to Border Blades Figure Skating Club to participate in the 2025-2026 Park District Ice Show with an allotted amount of numbers. The Park District Ice Show is March 7 and 8, 2026 and the theme is Skate into the Wild. Border Blades will be choosing the soloists/small groups and group numbers based on the following criteria:

Border Blades will be choosing their numbers based on the following criteria:

1. All Border Blades Synchronized Skating teams perform their program
- AND
2. Eleven (11) numbers may include the following:
 - a. Solos
 - b. Soloists must have passed Bronze Singles test, or higher OR two of the following: Gold Skating Skills, All Gold Dances, Gold Solo Free Dance by February 27th, 2026.
 - c.
 - i. Must have passed Juvenile Freestyle test or higher no later than February 27, 2026
OR
 - ii. Senior Moves in the Field **AND** Gold Dance Test **OR** Senior Solo Free Dance no later than February 27, 2026
 - d. Duets/Trios/Quartets
 - e. Small Groups: Open to skaters who have passed their Pre-Bronze Singles test, or higher OR two of the following; Silver Skating Skills, All Silver Dances, Pre-Gold Solo Free Dance by February 27, 2026
 - f.
 - i. Must have passed Pre-Juvenile Freestyle test or higher no later than February 27, 2026
OR
 - ii. Must have passed 2 of the following tests: Novice Moves in the Field, Silver Dance Test, Junior Solo Free Dance no later than February 27, 2026
 - g. Group numbers
 - i. Level of groups will be determined by Border Blades
 - ii. Groups must include all Border Blades skaters including Border Blades Academy skaters
 - h. Senior group number
 - i. This number must consist of two or more skaters and also consist of seniors only

Determining how soloists/small groups and group numbers are picked, based off of the criteria we have set, is the sole responsibility of Border Blades. Music from the Park District will be emailed to BBFSC for appropriate distribution by February 13, 2026.

A list of names for participants in all numbers (including synchro) as well as what song was assigned to them must be submitted to the Park District directors in writing by February 20, 2026. This will ensure their names



are printed in the ice show program. Additionally, soloists/small groups and synchronized teams must also submit a short biography by February 20, 2026. Synchro teams will also need to submit their program music. Please send all information in one email to the Park District LTS Directors at gfparkslts@gmail.com

Border Blades is responsible for arranging your own ice for practices for the ice show. All coaching is the responsibility of the individual or Border Blades to arrange and pay for.

This year all Border Blades' pictures for the Ice Show will all be taken on Tuesday, March 3rd from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at the Purpur Arena. Any Border Blades groups or soloist/small groups that would like photos will be able to have an Ice Show picture taken at this time. Border Blades will need to schedule their own group times within the allotted time and arrange to organize your own groups for the pictures as no Park District staff will be available to monitor pictures.

Border Blades may choose to have a senior recognition insert in the ice show program. Border Blades is responsible for the designing and printing of the insert. You may choose your paper and print color. It must be on 8 ½ x 11 letter paper and can be printed front and back. Border Blades may determine what they would like to include with the remaining space of the insert after senior bios. The programs will need to be stuffed by BBFSC during dress rehearsal. The programs will be printed at Northland Printing and our contact is Jeanne if you chose to use the same printer as us.

Due to time constraints, senior bios will not be read before the senior number and no time will be available right before intermission for coaches to talk about their senior students. Border Blades is welcome to have skaters bring flowers out for the seniors after the senior number. The bios for solos/duets/trios will be read regardless of grade and whether it's a solo or duo/trio.

It is Border Blades' responsibility to communicate the following ice show performance and warm up times as well as the running order (running order will be emailed to BBFSC by March 2nd). Border Blades must dictate the schedule for warm-up ice within the allotted times below. **NO ONE will be allowed to warm up behind the back drop or on the ice at any time before, during, or after the show. This means skaters will go directly to their designated starting area. We kindly request that the synchro groups refrain from the on ice huddle and cheering before their performance as this is not a competition. We appreciate your cooperation.**

Friday, March 6th Dress Rehearsal - First Half 5:30pm; Second Half 6:30pm

- 4:45-5:15pm - Warm up

Saturday, March 7th Performance - 4:00pm

- 3:00-3:30pm - Warm up

Sunday, March 8th Performance - 2:00pm

- 1:00-1:30pm - Warm up

It is the responsibility of Border Blades to ensure they are abiding by the most current SafeSport standards and to sanction the Ice Show so their skaters may participate in the show within the eligibility of USFS. A copy of the sanction must be emailed or given to the Learn To Skate Director by February 20, 2026.



After the March 2026 Park District Ice Show, Border Blades Board may submit in writing an email requesting changes or substitutions for consideration by the Grand Forks Park District for the 2027 show no later than April 20, 2026.

Sincerely,
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Park District Learn to Skate Director

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